Message from the Principal
Welcome back to Term 2. Our students look refreshed and re-charged ready for a busy term ahead. Last term finished on a high with children enjoying a Primary disco, an Infants disco and the Easter Hat Parade. My thanks to the teachers who coordinated these fun activities, and to the staff and helping parents who volunteered their time for the Primary disco.

Thanks to Kylie Lavender and Naomi Heyman for organising the P&C Easter raffle and to the parents who helped on the day. Thanks to the fabulous generosity of our school community in donating so many eggs, there were 68 prizes won on the day, the major winners being: 1st Brent Slack, 2nd Sophie Johnson, 3rd Eden Annesley, 4th Nilon family, 5th Aaron Larkin. Four prizes were given to the students who sold the most tickets: Billy Woods who sold $150 worth of tickets, Harry Ashenden $55, Lachlan Clark $45 and Ethan Johnston $45. A top effort by everyone which raised $2500. Thanks to everyone.

Thanks to Kylie Lavender and Sharyn Ellem for organising the catering for a number of school events recently. Great job!

Anzac March
The Anzac March was very well attended by Westlawn PS students who once again proudly marched behind our banner and showed respect for those who have served our country. Jessica Walters, one of our School Captains read a speech she had prepared about the significance of Anzac Day. She did a marvellous job. Well done and thank you to our parents and staff for supporting this important community event. Our other Captain, Joseph Lynch will be presenting an Anzac speech later this week to another group linked to the Returned Services Club.

Mothers Day Stall
Our P&C Mothers Day Stall is coming up soon on Thursday 8 May. Lisa Giddins and her helpers have been busy preparing gifts for children to buy for their mothers or the special lady in their lives. Thanks Lisa! Lisa will require helpers to assist on the day. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Our Artistic Kids
The Grafton Show is fast approaching and some of our students will have their artwork displayed. Keep an eye open for it.

Take a visit to the Grafton Art Gallery where there is a display of artwork from students across the Grafton Community of Schools including Westlawn. Congratulations to our students who had their work selected for viewing.

NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 Students
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students at Westlawn PS in Years 3 and 5 will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.
An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information, in conjunction with mid-year and end of year School Reports to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to discuss progress with teachers. NAPLAN is just one part of the information that we use to measure student learning.

**International Writing and Spelling Competitions**
Each year Students in Years 3 to 6 are given the opportunity to take part in the International Competitions, with notes for the Writing and Spelling Competitions having been given to students today. Entries close on Monday 12 May. We encourage our more capable students to challenge themselves by entering these competitions. Students who achieve a High Distinction, Distinction or Credit will receive these certificates at our Presentation Day in Term 4. All participating students receive a certificate.

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Narelle Twigg  
*Principal*

**Diary Dates**
- Fri 2 May      Clarence District Cross Country  
- Tues 6 May    CSI begins for T2  
- Thur 8 May    Mothers Day Stall  
- Mon 12 May    Canteen Meeting at 2pm  
- Mon 12 May    Closing date for International Spelling and Writing Competitions  
- Tues 13, Wed 14, Thurs 15 May  NAPLAN tests for Years 3 and 5  
- Wed 14 May    P&C Meeting at 6pm  

**MULTI CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.**
Westlawn Public School have once again entered the state wide Multi Cultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition this year. Quite a number of children from Year 3 to Year 6 have been attending public speaking workshops every Wednesday afternoon in Term 1 in preparation for the event to be held later this term. The emphasis for our participation in this competition is participation and experience. While the quality of the speakers will be quite high the emphasis will always be participation. Learning to speak in public is a life skill and the more experience our children get speaking in front of an audience now the more confident and capable they will be in their latter years.

While a number of children have attended the workshops it is not compulsory to do so. A number of children who attended the workshops last year have chosen not to attend this year and are still competing in the competition. If your child has not been able to attend the workshops due to other commitments and would still like to participate in the competition please let me know as soon as possible so I can register them. Details and topics are available online by Googling 2014 NSW Multi Cultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

School finals for this competition will be held on Wednesday 28th May, 2014 in the school hall. Year 3 & 4 competitors will speak in the morning from 9 to 12. The seniors will speak from 12:30 to 2:55. Two Stage 2 and two Stage 3 speakers will be chosen to move on to the District level later in the term. Parents are welcome to attend. Westlawn Public School will then host the District final in the school hall on Wednesday June 18th, 2014. The format is the same as the school final except the best speakers from the Coffs Harbour/Clarence district will be competing against the best two speakers from our school. The best Stage 2 and the best Stage 3 speaker will then be selected to go on to the Regional final and, hopefully from there, to the State finals. Once again parents are welcome to attend the District finals.

Ms McKenna and I would like to thank the many supportive parents who have helped their children to prepare for this competition. We would like to wish every child well and look forward to hearing them speak at the school finals on May 28th, 2014.

Mr Colin Dixon  
*Organising Teacher*
Stewart House
2014 Donation Drive Envelopes will be sent home today. Please return envelopes by Monday 12th May.

Sporting News
Clarence Cross Country Carnival
Good luck to our athletes competing at the Clarence Cross Country Carnival at Westward Park this Friday. Permission notes should have been returned to the office.
8/9 Yrs Boys – William Pope, George Tooth, Keaton Stutt, Oscar Phelps, Daniel Lavender, Hamish Speed.
8/9 Yrs Girls – Takiree Manhire, Sunnyvar Gorrying, Tanika Crispin, Gracie Whitton, Letitia Black, Jessica Sear.
10 Yrs Boys – Mason Beadman, Harry Watts, Keaton Roe, Myles Hartmann, Oliver Westman, Michael Lucket.
10 Yrs Girls – Laneah Williams, Raina Singh, Arabella Labao, Chloe Winters, Tahlia Rediger, Elle Cone.
11 Yrs Boys – Bodhi Mears-Furner, Jake Hyatt, Deklin Mills, Ayden Elward, Nash Cooper, Riley Power, Keegan Pope.
11 Yrs Girls – Tara McRae, Krystal McMahon, Tahlia Marsh, Lucy Sear, Laini Casserly, Bridget Walters.
Good luck to you all.

MNC Netball Trials
We wish Grace Ford, Sally Alford and Eden Annesley the best of luck when they play for the Clarence Netball team at the Mid North Coast Netball trials tomorrow in Woolgoolga.

MNC Rugby League Trials
Good luck to the following boys who will travel to Coffs Harbour to participate in the Mid North Coast Rugby League trials this Thursday.

Clarence Opens – Lochlan Elward, Joshua Weatherstone, Elliott Speed, Josh Gilbert and Logan Trivett.

Clarence 11’s – Myles Hartmann, Tyler Gaddes, Ethan Lucas, Cooper Makings and the Riley Power.

North Coast Soccer Trials
Josh Gilbert, Tyler Gaddes, Josh Weatherstone, Eilish Bender and Caitlin Bell will play for their MNC Football Squads at the NC Soccer Trails this Friday in Grafton. The best of luck to you all.

MNC Boys and Girls Hockey Trial Results
Congratulations to Katelyn Philp, Georgia Watts, Chloe Winters, Krystal McMahon, Tyler Gaddess, Elliott Speed, Riley Power, Jono Pollock, Chris Lecchi, Logan Trivet, Jason Durrington, Angus Hebblewhite, Tim McGregor and Cody Hinterholzl who all gained selection in the MNC Hockey teams at the end of last term.
Kashaan Winters and Lucy Sear were unlucky to miss out this year.

Gabby Marshall –NSWPSSA Tennis Championships
Gabby Marshall will travel to Newcastle next week to play for the North Coast Tennis team at the NSWPSSA Tennis Championships. We wish her the best of luck.

Primary Sport
Community Sport finished last term.
This term our Friday sport focus is on athletics. Our athletics carnival will be Friday 18th July (T3, W1). In preparation for this, our primary students will rotate around a number of disciplines including long jump, high jump, shot put, 100m, 200m and relays. After four weeks of training we will then begin our trial process for the following events: long jump, high jump, shot put and 200m sprint. There are limited entries for these events on the day of the carnival. Training will occur every Friday during our allocated Sport time. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear for these activities.
Scott Ogilvy
MOTHER'S DAY STALL
The Mother's Day stall will take place next Thursday. There will be a variety of items to purchase ranging from 50c to $5. If you have anything you would like to donate to the stall please contact Lisa Giddins on 0439488829. If anyone would be interested in helping out on the day also contact Lisa.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UNIFORMS
The P&C agreed to purchase new sports uniforms for our netball, football & soccer teams. Mr Ogilvy has placed the order last term and we are looking forward to them turning up.

SCHOOL BANKING
We are looking for more volunteers to help out with the school banking. If you're interested in helping you would be required to be at school Friday mornings from 8:30 - 10:00. It's a simple task of collecting the kids bank books and take the money out and stamp them give them a token. When they have collected 10 tokens they are eligible for a rewarded. We then count money then go into the library and process it on the computer and then it gets taken to the bank. If this is something you would like to help with please contact Kristie Marchant on 0413 140 849 or meet at the bottom of the library steps Friday morning.

EASTER RAFFLE
Once again the Easter Raffle was a huge success with 65 prizes being handed out and a whopping $2,500 being raised. A massive thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought and sold tickets. Also many thanks to Kylie Lavender, Naomi Heyman and their helpers for making it the success it was.

CANTEEN NEWS
Late last term Davina Green stepped down as Canteen Manager. We would like to thank Davina for all her dedication and hard work and look forward to her continued support. At the last General Meeting Laurianna Ramsay was voted in as Canteen Manager. We thank Laurianna and wish her all the best in the role. With Laurianna stepping up that leaves the position of Canteen Deputy Manager vacant. If you are interested in taking on this role please come along to the next General Meeting.

At the last meeting it was decided that the canteen would start charging 10c for spoons. The canteen is using a lot of these items every day and are not cheap.

We are looking for a volunteer for the following days:
April 30, May 7, 13, 20, 22, 27, 29, June 4, 18, 19, 24, 26.

If you are able to help out on any of those days please contact Laurianna Ramsay on 0431129767. If we can not get volunteers for those days the canteen may be forced to close those days.

New Canteen Prices List will go out today and the new prices will be effective from Monday 5 May.

Canteen Roster
Wednesday 30 April
Sue Ulrick, Nikita Looker, Naomi Heyman
Thursday 1 May
Sue Ulrick, Sharon McLaughlan, Josephine Spriggs
Friday 2 May
Davina Green, Vanessa Waterhouse, Breanna Moran
Monday 5 May
Cindy Mitchell, Di Luxton, Melissa Johnston
Tuesday 6 May
Carly Rigoni, Rebecca Ashenden, Davina Green
Wednesday 7 May
Sue Ulrick, Josephine Spriggs, Davina Green

Clothing Pool Hours 2013
Mondays & Thursdays – 8:30am to 9:00am
Wednesdays – 2:30pm to 3:00pm
Sharyn Ellem – Clothing Pool Co-Ordinator

Dates for the Calendar
Mother's Day Stall
Thursday, 8 May 2014 – Old Hall
Canteen Meeting
Monday, 12 May 2014 – 2:00pm Mrs Twigg's Office
P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 14 May 2014 – 6:00pm Old Hall