Message from the Principal
The vast majority of our students at Westlawn show the highest levels of respect and courtesy to fellow students, staff and visitors at all times. We are very proud of them. Well done! Thank you to you, their parents, for supporting our students and our school in ensuring our children promote these values to make our school a positive and productive learning environment. Our school is held in high regard because of the students, the staff and the community working together to achieve this end.

Mothers Day Stall
Our P&C Mothers Day Stall is this Thursday 8 May. Children can buy a gift for their mother or carer or a special female in their life. 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.

Staff Development Day
Next Term our Staff Development Day will be on the Friday of the first week of Term instead of the Monday. That means that Friday 18 July will be the day children will not attend school, and Monday 14 July will be a normal school day. The four Primary schools of Westlawn, Grafton PS, South Grafton PS and Gillwinga PS will be combining to undertake professional learning presented by Mr Michael Murray, a Sydney based educational consultant who has worked on the development of curriculum. Teachers in regional areas rarely have the chance to receive information from one of the experts in the field of curriculum, so by combining with the other schools and securing the services of this busy professional, we hope to keep our teachers abreast of the latest in education. Mr Murray was not available on any usual staff development day for quite some time, hence the need for the date to be changed. We are providing early notice so that parents have the chance to make arrangements around these dates. I have informed OoSH of the change and bus companies have also been informed. Just to reiterate, school will be operational on Monday 14 July with all students in attendance. Our Term 3 Staff Development Day will be moved to Friday 18 July requiring students to be supervised by their parents/carers on that day.

Art Displays
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 the ten students who had their work selected for viewing.

Canteen and P&C Meetings
Next Monday 12 May at 2pm is our Canteen meeting in the Principal’s office. The P&C Meeting will be Wednesday 14 May at 6pm, in the old hall. Please feel welcome to come and join us.

AECG Meeting
Westlawn PS will be hosting the next Grafton AECG meeting (Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group) on Monday 12 May at 4pm in the old hall. The meetings are held once or twice each term in schools or at the TAFE. Staff, parents and community members are most welcome to attend. The current President is Kerry Skinner, Vice President is Terrie Lowe, Secretary is Lesley Taylor and Treasurer is Helen Skinner. The group aims to support and promote the educational opportunities for Aboriginal students.
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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Year 6 Careers Expo

Year 6 students will be attending a Careers Expo in Coffs Harbour on Thursday 15 May to give them opportunities to consider a broader range of possibilities for their future. You might ask, why in Year 6 and not high school? Research has shown that children start thinking about their future in the Primary years and can even rule out educational or career choices which should be considered by them. For example, a child whose parents have not studied at a university might think that university is for wealthy people so they might never consider it as a possibility. We want to encourage students to see that there is a whole big world out there with so many choices for them to consider for a fulfilling working life. Children often think only in terms of their known world, that is the jobs that their parents or close family carry out. Living in a rural area does not need to limit children’s choices, in fact, it is fabulous for them to learn about and consider the diversity for future training and education available through TAFE and universities on the North Coast and beyond.

Donation for End of Year Raffle

Thank you to Sacha Goldsworthy’s grandmother for putting our school’s name in the lucky draw at ‘Grafton Paint and Colour’ in Pound St. We now have a very large white fluffy toy dog which delights the children every time they see it. He is gorgeous and will be used as a prize for the end of year raffle.

Narelle Twigg
Principal

Stewart House

2014 Donation Drive Envelopes were sent home last week. Please return envelopes by Monday 12th May. Additional envelopes are available at the office.

Blitz Bom Bom

Junior and Senior Dross Country MTB Races Sunday 18 May Bom Bom State Forest Lilypool Road South Grafton.
Registration 8.30am $5 children $10 adults. Sausage sizzle $2 Kids skills session with Morgan Pilley Australian mtb champion. Eliminator Age Races – U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U18, Open, VET, Masters, Super Masters.
Diary Dates
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
Thur 15 May  Year 6 to Career Expo
Tues 20 May  International Computer Competition
Fri 23 May  MNC District Cross Country
Tues 27 May  NRMA Science and Road Safety Day
Fri 30 May  Infants Athletics Carnival
Tues 10 Jun  Canteen Meeting at 2pm
Wed 11 Jun  P&C Meeting at 6pm
Mon 16 Jun  International Writing Comp. this week
Tues 17 Jun  International Spelling Competition
Tues 17 Jun  Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Meeting at 6pm
Fri 20 Jun  Reports go home
Mon 23 Jun  NAIDOC Week
Fri 27 Jun  Last day of Term
TERM 3
Mon 14 Jul  Students return
Fri 18 Jul  Staff Development Day

Student of the Week
Week 11
Infants
Eve Tully KD

Can Breakfast Make Kids Smarter?
Last year the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing published findings from their research that says it does. The research found that children who regularly have breakfast on a near-daily basis had significantly higher full scale, verbal, and performance IQ test scores. Why? After a whole night of fasting, breakfast serves as a means to supply “fuel” to the brain. Meanwhile, social interaction at breakfast time with others may promote brain development. Mealtime discussions may facilitate cognitive development by offering children the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, practice synthesizing and comprehending stories, and acquire general knowledge, noted the authors. So the advice is eat breakfast – it may make you smarter. http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/sia/Pages/Can-Breakfast-Make-Kids-Smarter.aspx
During Term 1 the following students were rewarded with awards:

**TEACHERS AWARDS**
- Makayla Shipway 1P
- Ryan Prasad 2T
- Ivory Robertson 2T
- Zane Maddock 2T
- Eli Jones 1P
- Alina Crosbie 2T
- Caitlin Buist 1W
- Jack Deleforce 1P
- Savannah Bursle 1P
- Tobi Simpson-Ramsey 1P
- Jack Oriel 1P
- Breanna Robertson 1P
- Luke Harwood 1P
- Reece Winters 1P
- Molly Wiles 2C
- Scott See 1P
- Lily Phelps 1P
- Danika Broomfield 1P
- Jarvis McPhee 1L
- Riley Morris 1L
- Kippa Mauler 1L
- Teleya Nercessian 1L
- Oneil Brown 1L
- Dean Larkin 1L
- Nikkita Burley-Williams 1L
- Ella Gauci 1L
- Dustin Sullivan 1L
- Reece McLaughlan 1L
- Asher Moran 2C
- Tyson Norris 1W
- Arnez Kearns 1W
- Sam Buggy 1W

**BRONZE**
- Shayne Johnson 2G
- Jett Barrett 2C
- Shawn Harwood 2C
- Yasmin Doushabchizadeh 2C
- Jordan Scherbarth 3O

**SILVER**
- Elanah Dunston 3DR
- Jayden Hunt 4W
- Ashley Ellem 3D/R
- Abel Warren 3D/R
- Jamaica Yager 3C/S
- Bodhi Mears 5/6R
- Laynie Lynch 4L
- Joseph Nilon 3O
- Olivia Harris 4L
- Lee Morris 4L
- Violet Campbell 3O
- Jake Hyatt 5J
- Sean Rodgers 3C/S

**GOLD**
- Maddy Osborne 4W
- Harry Watts 4W
- Nicholas Godwin 4W
- Cairo Wilson 6K
- Jackson Nilon 6K
- Cooper Johnson 56R
- Angus Hebblewhite 56R
- Isabel Taylor 56R
- Willow Calvert 6K
- Cody Hinterholzl 5M
- Mackinley Cable 5M
- Ayden Elward 5M
- Arabela Labao 4L
- Nathanael Harwood 4L

**DIAMOND**
- Laini Casserly 5M
- Oliver Westman 5M
- Byron Maddock 5M
- Kashaan Winters 6K
- Lilly Green-Powell 6K
- Eilish Bender 56R
- Layla Stevens 56R
- Paige Ellem 6K
- Joshua Godwin 6K
- Zahlia Tibbs 6K
- Katelyn Philp 6K

Zoe Thompson was presented with the School Spirit Award by Lois Robinson of Ray White Real Estate.
**Sporting News**

**Clarence Cross Country Carnival Results**

The Clarence Cross Country Carnival was held at Westward Park last Friday. The first ten over the finish line in each age division will now compete at the Mid North Coast Cross Country Carnival to be held in Grafton on Friday 23rd of May, also at Westward Park. The junior course is 2km (8, 9 and 10 year olds). The senior course is 3km (11 years and then 12&13 year olds).

8/9 Yrs Boys – **William Pope 1st**, **George Tooth 9th**, **Keaton Stutt 10th**, Oscar Phelps 11th, Daniel Lavender 13th, Hamish Speed 15th

8/9 Yrs Girls – **Sunnivar Gorrow 5th**, Tanika Crispin 14th, Gracie Whitton 21st, Letitia Black 23rd, Jessica Sear 20th.

10 Yrs Boys – **Mason Beadman 1st**, **Harry Watts 4th**, **Keaton Roe 9th**, Myles Hartmann (unsure), Oliver Westman (unsure), Michael Luxton 13th.


11 Yrs Boys – **Keegan Pope 2nd**, Bodhi Mears-Furner 8th, **Jake Hyatt 10th**, Deklin Mills 17th, Ayden Elward 20th, Riley Power 27th.

11 Yrs Girls – **Tara McRae 4th**, Krystal McMahon 5th, Bridie White 9th, Lucy Sear 18th, Laini Casserly 17th, Bridget Walters 25th.


**MNC Netball Trial Results**

Grace Ford, Sally Alford and Eden Annesley played for the Clarence netball team at the Mid North Coast Netball Trials in Woolgoolga last Wednesday. All three girls played very well and at the end of the day Grace Ford was selected to play for the MNC team at the North Coast trials to be held in Grafton on Monday 26th of May.

Congratulations girls.

**MNC Rugby League Trial Results**

The following boys travelled to Coffs Harbour to participate in the Mid North Coast Rugby League trials last 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.

Congratulations to Josh Weatherstone and Elliott Speed who gained selection into the MNC Open’s team. The boys will now play in the NC Rugby League trials in Grafton this Friday. Good luck boys!

**North Coast Soccer (Football) Trial Results**

Josh Gilbert, Tyler Gaddes, Josh Weatherstone, Eilish Bender and Caitlin Bell played for their MNC Football Squads at the NC Soccer Trails last Friday in Grafton. Tyler Gaddes, Josh Weatherstone and Eilish Bender impressed selectors enough to gain a spot in the NC teams. Congratulations!!! A magnificent achievement.

**Gabby Marshall –NSWPSSA Tennis Championships**

Gabby Marshall is today in Newcastle playing for the North Coast Tennis team at the NSWPSSA Tennis Championships. We will report on Gabby’s experience in next week’s Newsletter.

**Primary Sport**

Community Sport finished last term.

This term our Friday sport focus is on athletics. **Please note the change of date for our carnival. It will now be held on Wednesday 16th of 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
WESTLAWN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C COMMITTEE
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MOTHER'S DAY STALL
The Mother's Day stall is this Thursday. There will be a variety of items to purchase ranging from 50c to $10. The kindergarten students will be helped at the stall by their year 6 buddies.

Tickets for Mother's Day raffle will be on sale at the stall for 50c each. The prizes will be on display at the stall.

If you have anything you would like to donate to the stall please take to the office. If you are interested in helping on the day please contact Lisa Giddins on 0439488829.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated items so far, it is greatly appreciated.

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 Merchant on 0413 140 849 or meet at the bottom of the library steps Friday morning.

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

CANTEEN NEWS
If you are interested in taking on the role of Canteen Assistant Manager please come along to the next General Meeting. For more information on the role you can speak with Mrs Twigg, Laurianna Ramsay or any of the P&C executive.

A reminder the canteen menu went out last week and there are price rises. Please check this before ordering.

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.

Canteen Roster
Wednesday 7 May
Sue Ulrick, Josephine Spriggs, Davina Green
Thursday 8 May
Sonia Bell, Leanne Godwin, Narelle Graham-Firth
Friday 9 May Crystal Grant, Shayna Delaforce, Shelley Thompson, Renae Barnes
Monday 12 May
Davina Green, Taree Brearley
Tuesday 13 May
Sue Tobin, Michelle Kearns, Josephine Spriggs
Wednesday 14 May
Sue Ulrick, Ann Finn, Angie Miller

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
Book Club Orders Due
Friday, 16 May 2014