**Message from the Principal**

It’s Week 3 already and we are fast approaching a number of school events and excursions for which notes will be sent home. Please keep an eye on the Diary Dates in the newsletter and check if your child has brought home notes. Everything runs much more smoothly when notes and money are returned on time and children arrive with the things they need for events and excursions. Thank you to those parents who always make the effort to keep on top of everything. We know it is difficult when families are juggling work and family responsibilities but the extra effort is worth it in the end.

**P&C Mothers Day Stall**

The P&C Mothers Day Stall was a great success with so many beautiful gifts for our Mums. Thanks to Lisa Giddins and her helpers for their hard work. The children were very pleased to be able to choose from a large selection of beautiful gifts for Mothers Day. Thank you to the parents who donated gifts as well. I hope the day was enjoyed by all of our mothers, grandmothers, carers and other special women who play a part in children’s lives. Final figures of funds raised will be available soon.

**Grafton Show**

Many families enjoyed the Grafton Show last weekend. Hopefully those students who went to the Show had a chance to see the art display of work done by Westlawn students. Thanks to Mrs Johnson for organising the display. Other students entered competition sections related to animals, cake decorating, horse riding and art, making the show experience a strong community event.

**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN assessments this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These assessments are completed by Year 3 and 5 students across Australia in all schools.

**P&C Meeting**

The next P&C Meeting will be tomorrow Wednesday 14 May at 6pm, in the old hall. Please feel welcome to come and join us.

**Canteen**

The new Canteen Roster is included in today’s newsletter. Thank you to all of the parents and friends who have volunteered. We have some spots where we still need more volunteers. If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated. Otherwise, without sufficient volunteers we will have to close on those days. If you are on the Canteen Roster, and unable to do your rostered day, please arrange a replacement by phoning the volunteers listed on the back of the roster. The rostered Canteen volunteers have had difficulty on a number of occasions this year when the other volunteer has not arranged a replacement or let the Canteen Manager know. Your support is greatly appreciated. The new Canteen Manager is Laurianna Ramsay.

**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. 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.

Narelle Twigg
Principal
Diary Dates
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
Wed 21 May Y4 Excursion to Grafton library
Thur 22 May Netball WPS vs Grafton PS
Fri 23 May MNC District Cross Country
Tues 27 May NRMA Science and Road Safety Day
Fri 30 May Infants Sport Fun Day
Wed 4 Jun International Science Competition
Fri 6 Jun NC Cross Country
Tues 10 Jun Canteen Meeting at 2pm
Wed 11 Jun P&C Meeting at 6pm
Mon 16 Jun International Writing Competition during this week
Tues 17 Jun International Spelling Competition
Tues 17 Jun Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Meeting at 6pm
Wed 18 Jun Area Multicultural Public Speaking Competition Finals to be hosted by WPS
Fri 20 Jun Closing date for International English and Maths Competition entries
Fri 20 Jun Reports go home
Mon 23 Jun NAIDOC Week
Tues 24 Jun Primary Disco 6:30-8pm
Wed 25 Jun Award Assembly
Fri 27 Jun Last day of Term and K-2 Disco
TERM 3
Mon 14 Jul Students return
Fri 18 Jul Staff Development Day

National Walk Safely to School

National Walk Safely to School Day is being held on Friday 23rd May.

Walk Safely to School Day is designed to promote the healthy benefits of walking and to encourage children and their parents to develop a healthy lifestyle. Nearly every child at our school could participate in some way:

- Walking to school with a parent, neighbour or trusted adult.
- Children, who catch the bus, could walk with a parent to a different bus stop.
- If you do drive your child to school, you could park a reasonable distance from the school and walk the last few blocks.

Participating in this day is an event to encourage parents and children to be active and to enjoy physical activity. By leaving the car at home and walking to school, our community will help the environment, save petrol, reduce the traffic congestion around the school and provide the children with a healthy start to the day.

Creative Youth, is a group held monthly for creative kids who are in Years 3 and up. This month it’s Art Night In - Create n’ Paint. Also enjoy pizza, games, and cool Bible topics.

Friday 16th May Time 6.00-7.30pm
Place 126 Prince Street, Uniting Church (across from the old Video Ezy)
Cost $3; Contact Ellie on 0422567859 for more information.
This is an activity of the Uniting Church in Grafton
Sporting News
Mid North Coast Rugby Union Trials

Good luck to the following boys who will travel to Toormina this Friday to trial for a spot in the MNC Rugby Union Team: Tyler Gaddes, Elliott Speed, Angus Hebblewhite, Lochlan Elward, Riley Power, Cooper Makings, Ayden Elward, Jake Hyatt, Tom Conners and Cody Hinterholzl.

We wish them all the best of luck.

NC Rugby League Trial Results
Josh Weatherstone and Elliott Speed played for the MNC Open’s rugby league team at the North Coast Rugby League trials in Grafton last Friday. Elliott impressed enough to gain selection and will now play for the NC team at the NSWPSSA Rugby League Championships to be held Cudgen Rugby League Fields from Tuesday 17th June to Thursday 19th June 2014. Congratulations to both Elliott and Josh for their fantastic achievements in rugby league this year.

North Coast Hockey Trials
Our best wishes to Tyler Gaddes, Elliott Speed, Riley Power, Jono Pollock, Chris Lecchi, Logan Trivet, Jason Durrington, Angus Hebblewhite, Tim McGregor, Cody Hinterholzl, Katelyn Philp, Kashaan Winters, Georgia Watts, Chloe Winters and Krystal McMahon who will all play for their MNC Hockey teams at the North Coast trials to be held in Grafton next Monday 19th of May.

Gabby Marshall – NSWPSSA Tennis Championships
Gabby Marshall travelled to Newcastle last week to play for the North Coast Tennis team at the NSWPSSA Tennis Championships. Gabby played 3 singles and 3 doubles matches on day 1, winning all of them!!!! On day 2, North Coast had a bye in the morning before Gabby played 2 singles and 2 doubles matches in the afternoon, winning 1 of each and helping North Coast to a playoff for 5th spot, which they won against Sydney East. This was a huge improvement on last year, where NC finished 10th. Congratulations Gabby on your unbelievable results in tennis this year.

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
Once again the Mother's Day stall was a huge success with loads of beautiful gifts for the kids to purchase. A massive thank you to Lisa Giddins and all her helpers on the day and to all who donated their time and items to sell.
We’re sure there were many happy mums, nans and special ladies on Sunday.

UNIFORM NEWS
We have received our delivery of size 4 & 6 dresses.
If you cannot make it into the school during the clothing pool opening hours please come and see the ladies in the office or send your order in along with payment with your child and your order will be filled and sent home.

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.

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

We are looking for a volunteer for the following days:
May 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.

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
P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 14 May 2014 – 6:00pm Old Hall

Book Club Orders Due
Friday, 16 May 2014

Canteen Meeting
Monday, 9 June 2014 – 2:00pm Mrs Twigg's Office

P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 11 June 2014 – 6:00pm Old Hall

Canteen Roster
Wednesday 14 May Sue Ulrick, Ann Finn,
Thursday 15 May Mel Kingsley, Sharron Robertson, Sue Ulrick
Friday 16 May Justine Pereira, Allen Shanley, Angela Hinterholzl, Sue Ulrick
Monday 19 May Kathy Alcock, Davina Green
Tuesday 20 May VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Rebecca Ashenden, Carly Rigoni
Wednesday 21 May Sue Ulrick, Sandra Woods, Vanessa Berrick
SUITCASE RUMMAGE & CRAFT MARKETS

Sunday 19th May @ The Grafton Sports Centre
8:00am–1:00pm

ALL THINGS HAND MADE, HAND CRAFTED AND PRE-LOVED

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING
JEWELLERY
BOOKS
ART

MILLINERY
HAND MADE CRAFTS
CANDLES
FOOD STALLS

Come and enjoy a morning of rummaging, mingling and find yourself a bargain.

Stall Fee: $15 for a 3x3mtr site
Maximum 2 people per rummage site
Stallholders must register their stall by Monday 12th May

To register a stall or for more information please contact Levi at the Grafton Sports Centre
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