Message from the Principal

Eisteddfod excitement is mounting! The vast majority of our students are performing at the Grafton Eisteddfod on Wednesday 28 May and Thursday 29 May! Westlawn PS will be represented on Wednesday by an Infants Verse Speaking Group (KL), the Year 1 Choir and the Year 2 Choir. On Thursday 29 May, Westlawn will be represented by students in the Junior Primary Choir, the Senior Primary Choir, the Creative Dance Group, the Guitar Group and the School Band. What a fabulous effort by our dedicated teachers! We look forward to seeing all of the students perform.

P&C Lamington Drive
Please support the Westlawn P&C Lamington Drive which last year was a great success. The lamingtons were delicious and their sale helps raise funds for the school. An order form was sent home last week for families to place orders. The lamingtons are made by a local bakery so we are supporting a local business to keep profit in the community, rather than use an outside provider. The cost is $5 per half dozen. We hope that our families are able to get behind this fund raiser as all money raised will benefit every student in the school. Last year many families took forms to work and to friends for orders which was fabulous.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition
On Wednesday 28 May Westlawn will hold our school’s finals in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. The winners of Stage 2 and Stage 3 sections will represent Westlawn Public School at the area finals to be held on Wednesday 18 June. We are proudly hosting the area finals here at Westlawn PS. Thanks to Mr Dixon and Ms McKenna for their work in preparing the students.

School Contribution
Thanks to all the families who have paid the School Contribution of $60 per child (for the year) since the reminder in last week’s Newsletter. At the end of this Term, we will have a lucky draw of all the families who have paid the School Contribution. Two lucky families will each win a $100 voucher from ‘Athletes Foot’. $60 per child for the year is used to cover some of the growing costs including books, paper, art supplies, membership of Mathletics, classroom supplies etc. Thank you to those families who have paid. Pay before the end of Term to have a chance to win the lucky draw!

Kinder Enrolment for 2015
We are accepting enrolments for 2015 now. If you know anyone who has children who are beginning Kindergarten in 2015, please invite them to a Parent Information Evening for prospective Kindergarten parents on Tuesday 17 June at 6pm in the KA Kindergarten classroom. The meeting will conclude at approximately 7pm and enable parents to gain information about the Kindergarten learning program, our school’s values and ethos, and being part of a supportive school community. We welcome any prospective parents to attend. They can also arrange to visit the school so that I can show them around.

P&C Trivia Night
Our P&C Trivia Night this year will be held on Friday 25 July at the South Grafton Ex-Services Club. This is not for a while so add the date to your calendar now so you can join parents, community members and staff for a great night out. Each year the numbers of people at this event are growing as people hear how much fun is involved.

Narelle Twigg
Principal

Diary Dates

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Tues 10 Jun  Canteen Meeting at 2pm
Wed 11 Jun  P&C Meeting at 6pm
Fri 13 Jun  Lamington Drive delivery after midday

Week 8
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
Thurs 19 Jun  SRC Mufti Day – Gold coin donation
Fri 20 Jun  Closing date for International English and Maths Competition entries
Fri 20 Jun  Reports go home

Week 9
Mon 23 Jun  NAIDOC Week begins
Tues 24 Jun  Primary Disco 6:30-8pm
Wed 25 Jun  NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition for Grafton Community of Schools at Westlawn PS
Wed 25 Jun  Award Assembly at 1pm
Thurs 26 Jun  NAIDOC Week Assembly at WPS
Fri 27 Jun  Last day of Term and K-2 Disco

TERM 3
Week 1
Mon 14 Jul  Students return
Wed 16 Jul  WPS Athletics Carnival
Fri 18 Jul  Staff Development Day

School Photos
The school photos have arrived and have been handed out. If you would like to order any of the group photos you can order them at the office at a cost of $15 each. Photos available: Sports House Captain/Vice Captain, SRC, Band, Library Monitors.

GIVE THE SCREEN A REST. ACTIVE PLAY IS BEST.
Screen time refers to the amount of time spent watching TV including videos and DVD’s; playing computer games on video consoles or on computers and using computers for other purposes.
Research now indicates that for every hour of television children watch each day, their risk of developing attention-related problems later increases by 10 % e.g. three hours of TV a day means 30% more likelihood of developing problems with paying attention!
Simple ideas to reduce screen time are:
- Move any TV or other screen out of your child’s bedroom
- Turn off the screens at dinner time
- Encourage outside play while there’s daylight.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Week 4 Infants Molly Wiles 2C

Week 4 Jason Durrington 6K

Portfolios
Please return the green Portfolio folders to the class teacher so that the Semester 1 reports can be placed in them. Reports go home Friday 20th June.

Grafton Truck Show
Grafton Truck Show will be holding a parade down Prince Street starting at 10am Saturday 7th June. This parade will conclude at the racecourse this year with free kids activities all afternoon eg. Sand wizard, jumping castle, face painting and a race track with pedal cars.
OTITIS MEDIA AWARENESS DAY
Otitis Media or middle ear disease affects up to 30% of Kindergarten children at any time. It can result in reduced hearing, leading to problems with learning and the development of social skills. The 16th annual Otitis Media Awareness Day will be held on Thursday 12th June, 10am to 5pm at Grafton ShoppingWorld. Free ear health checks for children will be available on the day as well as information on Otitis Media and its effects on children.
Enquiries – Beverly Walls 0427 251627 beverly.walls@det.nsw.edu.au

Sporting News

Mid North Coast Cross Country Results
Congratulations to William Pope and Mason Beadman who have now qualified for the North Coast Cross Country carnival. I am yet to receive official results from the Mid North Coast organiser therefore I will attempt to publish all of our athlete’s results in next week’s Newsletter.

NSWPSSA Soccer Championships
We wish Tyler Gaddes and Joshua Weatherstone all the best at the NSWPSSA Soccer Championships this week. I will have a full report of their experiences in next week’s Newsletter.

Mid North Coast Boys and Girls Touch Footy Trials
Good luck to the following boys and girls who will travel to Coffs Harbour to trial for selection in the MNC Touch Footy teams: Elliott Speed, Riley Power, Josh Gilbert, Andrei Labao, Logan Trivett, Jason Durrington, Tyler Gaddes, Joshua Weatherstone, Katelyn Philp, Eilish Bender, Caitlyn Bell, Gabby Marshall, Alyssa Jackson and Georgia Watts.

PSSA Netball Knockout Team
Good luck to our girls when they play Gulmurrad PS at Maclean this Friday.

North Coast Netball Trial Results
Grace Ford played for the Mid North Coast Netball team at the North Coast trials here in Grafton yesterday. She played super and was good enough to be chosen as part of the North Coast squad that will play at the NSWPSSA Netball Championship in Sydney starting July 22nd. Congratulation Grace!!!!

PSSA Girls Soccer Knockout Team Report
A great display of teamwork, sportsmanship and determination got the girls to a good start in their match against Grafton Primary on Thursday 22nd May. Eilish Bender, our captain, guided the girls throughout the game well. She encouraged them to spread out and run down the field in attack, and called for them to mark up and stay tight in defence.

The girls put away a few quick goals early in the game which lifted their confidence, therefore making them unstoppable to Grafton Primary. Goal scorers were Gabby Marshall, Eilish Bender, Sally Alford, Caitlin Bell, Krystal McMahon, Alissa Jackson and Grace Ford. Georgia Watts made a great run up front to put the ball in the back of the net, however, her goal was unfortunately disallowed as she was off side (just!)

Later in the first half Paige Wetzler was faced with a 'dot shot' as Westlawn were penalised for hand ball in the goal box. Staying strong and confident, Paige deflected the ball away from goals and with the help of Westlawn defenders, Taliah Marsh, Chloe Winters, Shumani Stratford, Tara McCrae and Bridget Walters they left Grafton scoreless throughout the game. The end results being 9 - 0.

Well done Girls
Karen Barnier & Therese Revell

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 are currently rotating 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
INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL
The Infants Sports Carnival is on this Friday, 30 May and we're looking for some volunteers to help with the BBQ. All Nans, Pops, Aunties, Uncles, special persons welcome. The more we have the less time each person will be needed. Please contact Laurianna Ramsay.

If any parents or helpers would like to order lunch please have the order in by 9:00am.

LAMINGTON DRIVE
The order forms for the annual lamington drive went home last week. If you didn’t receive one, or require another one, please contact the office to have one sent home. Lamingtons are $5 per 6 pack. Orders due back by Wednesday, 4 June 2014, and will be available for pick up after midday on Friday, 13 June 2014. Orders not collected will be sent home with nominated child.

UNIFORM NEWS
The clothing pool has received more boys size 8 polo shirts. If you can not make it to school during the clothing pool hours please go to the office or send in your order and money.

The results are in for the sock survey with the majority of responses voting to keep the boys sock colour GREY. For the time being the uniform requirement will stay grey socks for boys. Thank you to all that took part.

CANTEEN NEWS
We are urgently looking for volunteers for the following days:


One of our regular volunteers has gone back to work so we need someone to fill a spot on Thursday week 1 and Wednesday week 2 of the roster.

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.

Please complete the canteen survey below. Your feedback is vital for our canteen to remain open 5 full days per week.

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at:

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
Infants Sports Carnival
Friday, 30 May 2014
Lamington Orders Due
Wednesday, 4 June 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

Lamington Pick Up
Friday, 13 June 2014

Canteen Roster
Wednesday 28 May  Sue Ulrick, Naomi Heyman
Thursday  29 May  Sue Ulrick, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Friday  30 May  Shelley Thompson, Vanessa Waterhouse
Monday  2 June  Cindy Mitchell, Di Luxton, Melissa Johnston
Tuesday  3 June  Carly Rigoni, Nicole Turnbull
Wednesday  4 June VOLUNTEER NEEDED, Sue Ulrick

I would like to volunteer to help in the canteen. I can do the following days:

- [ ] Monday
- [ ] Tuesday
- [ ] Wednesday
- [ ] Thursday
- [ ] Friday

- [ ] Weekly
- [ ] Fortnightly
- [ ] Monthly
- [ ] Other – indicate below

- [ ] I would prefer to volunteer for a half day

Dates I am available: ____________________________________________________________

I would volunteer if: ____________________________________________________________

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Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you