Message from the Principal

Welcome back to the new school term. We have much to look forward to with our Infants and Primary concerts later in the term. Thank you to all of the parents and friends who have helped in many ways across the school in the first half of this year. We are very supportive of our parents playing an active role in our school, and we encourage families to get involved.

Please encourage your children to make reading a daily habit because their school learning will be greatly enhanced. Children benefit substantially when parents take the time to read to or with their children on a regular basis. It is highly recommended to arrange a quiet time with some good books at bedtime to settle children into a peaceful sleep and to allow them to gain pleasure from reading. As expected, the mid-year student reports proved that those children who regularly complete homework and home reading make the most significant progress due to practising those skills.

P&C Trivia Night

Only a week and a half to go!! Our P&C Trivia Night is fast approaching and is to be held on Friday 25 July at South Grafton Ex-Services Club. Come along at 6:30pm for a 7pm start for a fun night with other parents, community members and staff. Each year the numbers of people at this event are growing as people hear how much fun is involved. Tickets are now on sale at the school office at $10 per person with up to eight people per table. If any businesses would like to donate prizes, big or small, they will be gladly accepted.

Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival

If we need to postpone tomorrow’s Athletics Carnival due to inclement weather, we will put an announcement on local radio 2GF and on our school’s website by 7am. Please come along to our Primary Athletics Carnival to cheer on our students. It is at the Pine Street Oval at Junction Hill. All students from Years 3 to 6 are expected to attend. All Primary staff will be at the Carnival so classes are not held back at school for Primary students. Thanks to Mr Ogilvy and Mrs Taylor for organising the carnival.
Volunteers are needed for the barbecue and canteen at the school Athletics Carnival tomorrow. We would love to see some new faces even if you can only help for half an hour. Many hands make light work. Please complete the tear-off at the end of the Newsletter or phone the office if you can help. Even an hour on the day would give someone else a break.

**Reminder: Staff Development Day**
Our Staff Development Day will be this Friday. That means that **Friday 18 July will be the day children will not attend school.** All teachers will be attending professional learning about the English Syllabus at Grafton PS. **OoSH will be operating for the day from their new site at the old squash courts across the road from the school.** Their contact phone numbers remain the same.

**Community OoSH**
Community OoSH has operated successfully from our school site for almost 6 years. Due to their need for larger premises, owners David Bourke and Katrina Adams, have been searching for a larger building. Fortunately they found premises right across the road from our school in Hoof St, in the squash courts. This is very convenient for Westlawn PS students and their families. Each afternoon, any children going to OoSH need to sit on the silver seats near our school canteen, where an OoSH staff member will call the roll and then escort the students across the road. The squash courts have been converted to offer a variety of activities for the children. Contact details are still the same.

**P&C Meeting**
Please come along to the P&C meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday 18 July at 6pm in the old hall. New members are always welcome.

**Canteen Manager**
Laurianna Ramsay, who has been the Canteen Manager for the past three months, has resigned due to work commitments. Thank you Laurianna for your support and assistance in running our canteen during this period. An election for the position will be held at tomorrow night’s P&C meeting.

**Kinder Enrolments for 2015**
If your child is enrolling in Kindergarten at Westlawn PS in 2015 please leave details of name, address and birth date at the office. We will be sending out information at a later date, so need names and addresses now please.

**National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability - 2014**
Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. Some parents will receive a letter in the coming weeks with further details. The information will help the Government and our school plan for students with special needs.

Narelle Twigg
*Principal*

**Diary Dates**

**TERM 3**

**Week 1**
- Wed 16 Jul: WPS Athletics Carnival
- Wed 16 Jul: P&C Meeting at 6pm in old hall
- Fri 18 Jul: Staff Development Day

**Week 2**
- Fri 25 Jul: P&C Trivia Night

**Week 3**

**EDUCATION WEEK**
- Tues 29 Jul: International English Competition
- Tues 29 Jul: Clarence Discus
- Thurs 31 Jul: Education Week Open Day at Westlawn PS, 11:50 – 2pm, (11:50 Visit classrooms, 12:40 Concert, 1:30-1:55 Picnic Lunch)
- Fri 1 Aug: Clarence District Athletics Carnival
**Year 6 Farewell**
A Year 6 Farewell meeting will be held in 5-6R’s classroom on Thursday 24th July at 5pm. We are keen to start organising the Year 6 Farewell and fundraising for the night. Any help is gratefully accepted.
If you are unable to attend the meeting but could help in some ways, please send along a note and we will let you know the plans. With thanks, Robyn Anderson, Karen Barnier and Brendan Alford.

**Creative Youth**
Creative Youth, is a group held monthly for creative kids who are in Year 3 and up. This month your child is invited to “Top Tips for Acting” – hear tips and see ‘how to’ demonstrations! Also enjoy pizza, games and cool Bible topics.
**Friday 18th July – Time 6.00-7.30pm – Place: 126 Prince Street, Uniting Church (across from the old Video Ezy)**
**Cost - $3.00** Contact Ellie on 0422 567 859 for more information.
*(This is an activity of the Uniting Church in Grafton)*

**The Knitting Club**
During this term, we will be holding the Knitting Club at lunch times. We would appreciate if most of the wool could be donated by interested families. We had about 50 children from Kindergarten to Year 6 in the Knitting Club last year. Many thanks. Gwenda Lewis.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Sporting News**

**ELLIOTT SPEED SELECTED TO PLAY HOCKEY FOR NSW!!!**
NORTH COAST FINISH 4TH AT NSW PSSA HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS!!!!
Elliott Speed, Tyler Gaddes, Logan Trivett and Cody Hinterholzl travelled to Canberra to play for the North Coast Boys Hockey team at the NSW PSSA Hockey Championships during the last week of term 2. The boys played outstanding hockey to help North Coast finish fourth overall, losing a playoff for third to Western District 2 – 1. At the end of the tournament, selectors announced the NSW squad with Elliott’s name being read out.
What a magnificent achievement by all the boys. We are extremely proud of their results at such a high level of competition.
Elliott will now travel to Hobart with the NSW team on August 3rd to play in the National Hockey Championships. The best of luck to you Elliott.

**NSWPSSA Girls Soccer Championships**
Eilish Bender travelled to Nelson Bay at the end of last term to play for the North Coast team at the NSWPSSA Soccer Championships. North Coast finished 10th overall. Eilish played centre midfielder and loved the experience. She also had the opportunity to participate in a training session with a Matilda’s player. Congratulations on your wonderful achievements in soccer this year Eilish.

**PSSA Netball Knockout**
Our girls play Gillwinga PS here at school today in the next round of the netball knockout. We wish them the best of luck.

**PSSA Boys Soccer Knockout**
Our boys will do battle with Gillwinga PS today at Rushforth Park. Good luck boys!
PSSA Rugby League Knockout Result
Westlawn will play Toormina PS at Frank McGurren Field this Thursday. The game will start at 11am. All the best boys.

NSWPSSA Netball Championships
Grace Ford will play for the North Coast Netball Team at the NSWPSSA Netball Championship in Sydney starting next Tuesday. We wish her all the best.

2014 PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The WPS Athletics Carnival will be tomorrow Wednesday, 16th July 2014 at Pine St Oval, Junction Hill. The carnival commences at 9.10 am sharp so all children are asked to be at the ground by 8.45 am.

A bus will leave Westlawn School at 8.50 am for children who arrive at school by bus to link up with the rest of the school at Junction Hill. The same bus will bring children back to school at approximately 2.30pm. Parents should have indicated on the permission note whether their child/children will need bus transport to Junction Hill. If you are picking your child up from the carnival please be at the oval before 2:20pm, otherwise they will catch the bus back to school.

As with all sports days, the children are encouraged to take part in as many activities as possible. The 100m age races and 800m event are open to all. Novelty relays/events will operate to enable more children to participate on the day. Family members are invited to have a day out and cheer on the children.

The annual carnival provides the children with the opportunity to feel part of their House Team so full attendance at the carnival is expected.

There is no seating at Pine St Oval, so parents who are attending will need to bring their own. Children are to bring their own food and water or purchase from the canteen which will be in operation.

All children are asked to wear their sports uniform. However, if they have a T-shirt in the colour of their house team this can be worn. Otherwise, a coloured ribbon or the like can be worn. Parents are not required to put themselves to any expense in providing the house colours. There is a Department directive that shoes must be worn in all events. No spikes to be worn in the 800m.

HOUSE COLOURS

- JUPITER - RED
- MERCURY - YELLOW
- NEPTUNE - BLUE
- SATURN - GREEN

Please remember to ensure that your children have a hat, sunscreen and a jumper or tracksuit in case it turns cool. Students who suffer from asthma should follow their asthma management plan on this day.

Children need a note to go home with other parents.

Please see Mrs Twigg’s report on the first page of this Newsletter for the arrangements should there be wet weather tomorrow.

Regards
Scott Ogilvy

Westlawn PS
CANTEEN AT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

I can help at the canteen at the Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 16 July at Barnier Park at Junction Hill.
Name: ____________________ Child’s class: ___________________
Time available: ____________________ Contact number: ____________________
TRIVIA NIGHT

Final reminder the Trivia Night will be this Friday, 25 July at South Grafton Ex-Servicemen's Club. Tickets are $10 per person and available from the office. The night of laughs will commence at 6:30pm with the questions starting at 7:00pm. Last chance to put your team of 8 together for a night of fun.

If anyone has items you would like to donate for prizes on the night please bring in to the office.

Huge thank yous to the local businesses who have already donated prizes. Without your generousity our night would not be as successful.


WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY

The school canteen will only be open for first break this Wednesday, 16 July, and the clothing pool will not open. The canteen will be open out at the athletics carnival. Please be aware the parents working the canteen have children competing and would like to watch them so if you could spare 15-30 minutes to help out in the canteen would be appreciated.

CANTEEN NEWS

This week Laurianna Ramsay has resigned as Canteen Manager due to work commitments. Davina Green as offered to step into the role until a new Canteen Manager is elected. If you are interested in taking on the role please come along to tomorrow night's P&C General meeting at 6:00pm in the old hall. The P&C would like to thank Laurianna for the great job she has done and look forward to her continued support. Also we thank Davina for temporarily stepping into the role.

Clothing Pool Hours 2014

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, 16 July 2014 – 6:00pm Old Hall

Trivia Night
Friday, 25 July 2014 - 7:00pm South Club

Canteen Meeting
Monday, 11 August 2014 – 2:00pm Mrs Twigg’s Office

P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 13 August 2014 – 6:00pm Old Hall
**Canteen Roster:**

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I would prefer to volunteer for a half day

Date I am available: ______________________________________________________________

I would volunteer if: _____________________________________________________________

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Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you.