Message from the Principal

Education Week

NSW Public Schools are celebrating Education Week this week. Please join us!

Thursday 31 July: Our school will host a special celebration of Education Week at Westlawn. We invite parents and community members to visit our school.
  11:50am: Classrooms will open for parents and community to visit.
  12:40pm: Performances by groups of our wonderful students
  1:30pm: We invite parents to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with your children until 1:55pm. We hope you can come along and visit your children for Education Week!

Tea, coffee, cake and sandwiches will be available at the canteen. (We are not sure how many sandwiches will be required so be early in case they run out.)

Retirement of Mrs Annette Hicks

Education Week is an appropriate time to acknowledge those teachers who have contributed much to Public education throughout their careers. Mrs Annette Hicks retired in June of this year after having worked in Public schools since 1975, spanning a 38 year period, with some time given rearing her children. Mrs Hicks was teaching at Westlawn for 28 of those years, mostly in the Library. She encouraged children to love reading and particularly, to enjoy quality literature. She ran the Checkers Competition, the Premier’s Reading Challenge, Book Fairs, encouraged children to develop leadership skills as Library Monitors, and above all, ran a great library. At our Term 2 Award assembly, the students acknowledged the contribution Mrs Hicks had made to Westlawn over the years, by presenting her with congratulatory cards that each class had made and the children also gave her a floral tribute. The Library Monitors and I spoke of her dedication to the students of the school, and of the opportunities she provided for students beyond her Library role. Throughout her career, Mrs Hicks represented the dedication shown by teachers in Public schools across NSW, and we thank her for all she did for Westlawn PS. Education Week is a timely opportunity to recognise Mrs Hicks’ and to wish her well in retirement. We wish Annette and Graham a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival ran smoothly on a fine, sunny day last Friday. Mr Ogilvy and Mrs Taylor did a fabulous job organising everything. Thanks to Davina Green, Sue Ulrick, Jeremy Cone and Darren McMahon for helping on the barbecue and in the Canteen at the Athletics Carnival. Thanks to parents who helped with time-keeping and helped out in the canteen to give Davina and Sue a break.

P&C Trivia Night

The P&C Trivia Night was an outstanding success with the room filled with tables of people having a great time. It was a fabulous social evening for our community and there were loads of prizes. Mr Alford and Mr Pereira did a great job as MCs and in preparing the questions and music. Thank you to them both for their time and enthusiasm. Thanks to Miss Bradley for helping with the scoring. Thanks to the organising P&C members: Rebecca Ashenden, Caryn Dunston, Robyn McGregor, Renee Nilon and Tanja Cone. Thanks also to our sponsors: Grafton Travel Agency, South Grafton Ex-Services Club, Telstra, Grafton Wellbeing Centre, Go-Vita, Leah Bultitude Beauty Therapy, Grafton Fast Photo, Red Hot Hair, Studio 1 Academy of Dance, Campbell Kenneally Chiropractor, Hanks Kitchen, Book Warehouse,
Gold Class and Scholarships
Each year Grafton High School offers Year 6 students the opportunity to apply for scholarships and entry to the Gold Class for Year 7. Year 6 students have taken notes home. We strongly encourage students to apply.

Clarence Science Initiative (CSI)
Each year students in Years 4 and 5 have an opportunity to apply to do the CSI Program (Clarence Science Initiative) the following year at South Grafton High School. This program runs one day per fortnight on the high school site. It is a great way to further develop children’s scientific knowledge and skills. Applications are being sent home to interested students and need to be returned to South Grafton High School no later than Monday 25 August at 3:20 pm. For further details, please ask your child for the notes which are being sent home.

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.

Narelle Twigg
Principal

Diary Dates
TERM 3
Week 3
EDUCATION WEEK
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
Week 5
Mon 11 Aug  Canteen Meeting at 2pm in Principal’s office
Tues 12 Aug  International Maths Competition
Wed 13 Aug  P&C Meeting at 6pm in the old hall
Fri 15 Aug  MNC Athletics Carnival
Week 7
Tues 26 Aug  Infants Concert: evening performance
Wed 27 Aug  Infants Concert: matinee and evening performance
Fri 29 Aug  NC Athletics Carnival
Week 8
Mon 1 Sep to Wed 3 Sep: Book Fair
Wed 3 Sep  Fathers Visit and Book Fair
Thurs 4 Sep  Fathers Day Stall
Week 9
Mon 8 Sep  Canteen Meeting at 2pm
Wed 10 Sep  P&C Meeting at 6pm
Wed 10 Sep  Grafton Community of Schools Choir singing with James Hill Band at the Saraton Theatre
Week 10
Tues 16 Sep  Primary Concert: evening performance
Wed 17 Sep  Primary Concert: matinee and evening performance
Thurs 18 Sep  Award Assembly at 1pm
Fri 19 Sep  Last day of Term and Infants Disco
TERM 4
Week 1
Tues 7 Oct  School begins for Term 4
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.

Library News

Book Week 2014

During Book Week students will be exploring the theme Connect to Reading-Reading to Connect.

What a fantastic theme! Firstly we want to help our children connect to reading by simply participating in the act of reading. How will you connect or help your child connect to reading?

- Share a story. What is your favourite story or author?
- Read a book or magazine
- Look at maps or signs around your area. Maybe a treasure hunt or going orienteering.
- Help your child become a member of our local town library.

Next we want to help our children to understand the prevalence of reading in their lives, and how important it is to both enjoy reading and develop reading skills. Delving deeper, we encourage children to MAKE connections between what they read, and other things they think, feel and know of.

How do I make connections?

- There are two incredibly simple questions we can ask to help kids better understand what they read, and to better connect to reading:

  1. What happened?
  2. Why?

We will conclude Book Week with our annual book fair. This will be held in Week 7 and 8 this term. This event is the main fundraiser for the library. We need volunteers to help run this fair smoothly. If anyone who is able to assist in volunteering can they please come and see Mrs Palmer in the library so a roster can be drawn up.

Happy Reading

Alisa Palmer

Sporting News

The Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 25th July. It was a lovely sunny day and Jupiter was the Champion House. Josh Weatherstone broke the Senior Discus Record with a throw of 24.65. The aged Champions are:

Junior Girls   Laneah Williams
Girls 11 years  Krystal McMahon

Junior Boys   Myles Hartmann
Boys 11 years  Riley Power

Senior Girls   Gabby Marshall
Senior Boys   Josh Weatherstone

Reminder that students who finished in the first 3 of running races and first tow in field events will be participating at Clarence Athletics Carnival this Friday at Terry West Athletics Field. Permission notes went home yesterday and need to be returned to the front office.

PSSA Boys Hockey
Our boys went down to Grafton PS 2-1.

PSSA Boys Soccer
Our boys were beaten by Woolgoolga PS 2-1.

Regards, Scott Ogilvy
TRIVIA NIGHT

Our trivia night was held last Friday night and it was a huge success. It was a night full of fun, laughter and prizes galore. We raised an huge $1,300.

A huge thank you to the local businesses who donated prizes. Without your generosity our night would not have been as successful. Thanks also to Rebecca Ashenden, Tanya Cone & Caryn Dunstan for organising all the wonderful prizes.

Please read the list of businesses and support them where you can.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Preparation for the Father's Day stall is well under way. Tanya Cone is looking for people to help make gifts & put gift packs together. If you can help please contact Tanya on 0437 710 713.

PRIMARY DISTRICT SPORTS CARNIVAL

We are looking for volunteers to help in the canteen at the District Sports Carnival this Friday, August 1, at Barnier Park, Junction Hill. Davina will be there setting up from 8:30am so please come along and lend a hand where you can. 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

We require a couple of volunteers to help sell refreshments for an Educaton Week function on Thursday, July 31, for half an hour starting at 1:30pm. If you can help please contact Davina Green on 0423 741 820.

BOOKCLUB ORDERS

Please return all bookclub orders to school by this Friday, August 1.

P&C FEDERATION

The new P&C Federation constitution was gazetted on Friday, June 27 2014. This Constitution makes provision for a range of matters including the procedures for the conduct of election of councillors and delegates. The Constitution will allow elections to proceed in November this year for a new Board of Management and delegates to the annual general meeting. If you would like to read over the new constitution please go to www.pandc.org.au and find it in Publications.

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
Bookclub Orders Due
Friday, 1 August
Canteen Meeting
Monday, 11 August – 2:00pm Mrs Twigg’s Office
P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 13 August – 6:00pm Old Hall
Westlawn Trivia Night Sponsors

South Grafton Ex-Servicemen’s Club
Studio 1 Academy of Dance
Big River Squash & Fitness Centre
Telstra
Dan Murphy’s
Grafton Fast Photo
Red Hot Hair
Leeah Bultitude Beauty Therapy & Cosmetic Tattooing
Book Warehouse
Bunnings
Brian Ellis Lawn Mowing
The Publishers Book Clearance Centre
ESP Espresso Bar
Just Cuts
Grafton Travel Agency
Grafton Cleaning
Grafton Wellbeing Centre
The Coffee Club
Campbell Kenneally Chiropractor
Hanks Kitchen
Go-Vita

Thank you!!
**Canteen Roster:**

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

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☐ Weekly  ☐ Fortnightly  ☐ Monthly  ☐ Other – indicate below

☐ 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.