Message from the Principal

Congratulations to all of our students who are excelling in sport, academic and cultural areas. Last week at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition, Eden Annesley won the Stage 3 section and Jayden Hunt won Highly Commended in the Stage 2 section. Eden will go on to represent the Coffs/Clarence area in the next level of competition. Well done Eden and Jayden! Thank you to Mr Dixon for doing such a great job and thank you to Ms McKenna for helping him. The adjudicator, Joanna O’Donald, told Mr Dixon that the speeches of the students in the competition on that day were the best she had heard in her nine years of adjudication! That is a great credit to the students and teachers in this area.

Our sporting teams continue to excel. The details are always in the Sport section of the Newsletter. Well done to each team that is still competing, thank you to the teachers who are training and managing them, and thank you to the parents for providing transport to the games.

Daily Examiner: Newspapers In Education
Last week some of our budding journalists published work in the Daily Examiner in the page “Newspapers In Education”. Hopefully you had a chance to read their interesting articles and view their photographs. Thanks to Mrs Barnier and Mrs Anderson for their work in helping the children prepare the page. Well done to all students who contributed to the page.

Primary Disco
Tonight is our Primary Disco. Cost is $2.50. Please make sure children are collected at 8pm. The theme for the disco is ‘Crazy Hair’. The proceeds, as always, go to the Year 6 Farewell. At each disco, refreshments are sold. We always ask parents of years 5 and 6 students to volunteer for selling the refreshments, if possible, as their children will benefit that year or the following year from the discos, by covering the cost of the Farewell. If you can assist, it would be appreciated.

Mid-year Reports
Hopefully you enjoyed receiving your child’s mid-year report. Please take this as an opportunity to discuss with your child their strengths and achievements that were identified in the report, as well as areas which need to be worked on for further improvement. Setting small goals with your children and keeping track of their efforts to achieve the goals will help them to remain focussed and to reach their potential. It also shows your child that you see their learning as important, and it will lead to them doing the same.

NAIDOC Week
This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week. We would like to invite our parents, particularly parents of Aboriginal students, to join us at our NAIDOC Week assembly at 2pm on Thursday 26 June in the new hall or any of the other events.

P&C Trivia Night
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.

**Kinder Enrolments for 2015**
Tonight is our Parent Information Evening for prospective Kindergarten 2015 parents. If you know anyone who has children who are beginning Kindergarten in 2015, please invite them to the meeting tonight 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.

**Reminder: 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.**

**Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival**
Volunteers are needed for the barbecue and canteen at the school Athletics Carnival. We would love to see some new faces even if you can only help for half an hour. Lately we seem to see the same people volunteering all the time and we need to give them a break. 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.

**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.

**School Contribution**
We request that parents please pay the School Contribution of $60 per child (for the year). We hope that all parents can pay before the end of Term to cover our costs. 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!

**Canteen and P&C Meetings**
Please come along to the Canteen Meeting on Monday 14 July at 2pm in the Principal’s office or the P&C meeting at 6pm in the old hall. New members are always welcome.

Narelle Twigg
Principal

**Diary Dates**

**Week 9**
- Tues 24 Jun Primary Disco 6:30-8pm, theme is ‘Crazy Hair’
- Wed 25 Jun NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition for Grafton Community of Schools at Westlawn PS at 9:30am.
- 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
- Mon 14 Jul Canteen meeting at 2pm in Principal’s office
- 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
**Band**
Band will be on TUESDAY afternoon Week 1 – Term 3 because of the sports carnival.
EVERYONE PLEASE REMEMBER THEIR INSTRUMENT AND MUSIC FOR THIS TUESDAY PRACTICE.

**The Knitting Club**
During Term 3, 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.

**Piano**
For any children interested in learning the piano, Erik from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium has three spots available on Monday mornings between 8.25am and 9.55am. Please obtain enrolment form from the school office.

**Sporting News**

**NSW PSSA Boys Hockey Championships**
Good luck to Elliott Speed, Tyler Gaddes, Logan Trivett and Cody Hinterholzl who have travelled to Canberra to play for the North Coast Boys Hockey team at the NSWPSSA Hockey Championships starting today.

**NSWPSSA Girls Soccer Championships**
Eilish Bender has travelled to Nelson Bay this week to play for the North Coast team at the NSWPSSA Soccer Championships. We wish her all the best.

**PSSA Rugby League Knockout Result**
Westlawn PS defeated Woolgoolga PS 10 – 4 yesterday in a cracking good game. Well done boys!

**PSSA Boys and Girls Basketball Knockout Teams**
The girls played Urunga PS at the Grafton Basketball Stadium last Wednesday and were beaten 55 to 5. The boys travelled to Port Macquarie last Friday to play Kendall PS and went down 13 to 10 in a very tough game. Congratulations to both sides and a big thank you to Mrs Lewis for taking on the role of coach for both sides.

**Primary Sport**
All permission notes must be returned to class teachers before this Friday. The date for the primary athletics carnival is **Wednesday 16th of July (T3, W1)**. Look forward to see as many parents and family members as possible on the day.
Scott Ogilvy

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**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: __________________
My Hockey Trip to Narellan

On Monday morning I had to wake up at 4.30am and get ready to travel to Narellan in Sydney. It was a long trip but we made it. When I got there we went and explored the hockey fields. It was freezing, and the wind was cold.

On Tuesday we played three games. At 8.00am we had team photos. Our first game was against Sydney South West. They were a tough team but we marked as a team and managed to get a 4-0 win. Our second game was against Sydney West. The score was 3-0. We won. Our third and final game for the day was against Western. They were a very good team. I scored the one goal but unfortunately we lost 2-1.

On Wednesday our team spirit was high. We had to play three games again. The first game was against Riverina. The score was 3-1. It was a great game. The next game we played we had to VS Sydney North. They had good skills. Our attacking ability got a 4-1 win including one goal by myself. The last game of the day was against Hunter. They were a great team and had a very good goalie. Sadly we went down 1-0.

Thursday was the finals day. We only had to play 2 games. Our first game was the semi-final against Polding who was the best team in the competition. It was a very hard game and at half time it was 0-0 which was great. Our defence was excellent. Sadly in the last few minutes they popped 2 goals past our goalie Tamara so that left the score at 2-0. Our last game of the tournament was the playoff for 3rd and 4th game against CIS. They won 5-0. Overall our team did really well to come 4th overall out of 13 teams.

After our game, we stuck around and watched the final. The 2 teams playing were Polding and Hunter. At 1.00pm was the presentation. After the presentation we drove home. It was a long and boring trip home.

I had a great week and I am sure my team did too. My favourite bits were playing hockey and making new friends. I want to thank the school for allowing me to represent Westlawn, my coach Miss Buckley and my family for taking me there.

Written by Chloe Winters

Students of the Week

Brooke Jackson  Tyla Radin  Rhys Gallagher
ATTENTION!! IMPORTANT!!
The canteen will only be open for first break on Wednesday, 16 July, the day of the primary athletics carnival.

The clothing pool will not open this day.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The time has come to purchase your tickets for the Trivia Night being held on 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. Start putting 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.

CANTEEN NEWS
There has been a price rise in the canteen, please check the new menu. If you require a copy of the menu please contact the office.

The Canteen Committee is made up of four positions, Canteen Manager, Assistant Canteen Manager, Canteen Bookkeeper and Canteen Minute Taker. The P&C's Secretary, Rebecca Ashenden, is also the Canteen Minute Taker. The P&C's Treasurer, Robyn McGregor, is also the Canteen Bookkeeper. These two ladies put their hands up to take on these roles as there was no one else who volunteered. The position of Assistant Canteen Manager is vacant. This leaves the Canteen Manager, Laurianna Ramsay, as the canteen’s one executive member.

The canteen does not run itself and the role of the Canteen Manager is quite extensive. The Canteen Manager is a volunteer position and some of the responsibilities include organising the volunteer roster, keeping the volunteers up to date on procedures and conducting the volunteer induction, conduct stocktakes, order stock, receive stock, ensure we get what we are charged for, manage any issues that may arise, ensure the canteen is kept clean and safe, ensure all items on the menu are healthy and in line with standards set by Department of Education.

Kylie Lavender has had to give up her role as Functions Co-ordinator due to work commitments. This is another role that now falls back onto Laurianna. The Functions Co-ordinator is responsible for organising refreshments for our school functions such as parent information days/night, discos, carnivals, teacher workshops etc. We are looking for someone to take on this role to lighten the load for Laurianna. We thank Kylie for all her hard work.

There are times when things happen and our volunteers are unable to make it in on their day. One thing the canteen desperately needs is a list of people who can fill in for our volunteers when this occurs. We dont expect people on this list to be available every single day, but they will need to be available at short notice. If the volunteers cannot get a fill-in this also falls back on Laurianna. So if you would like to help out in the canteen but don’t wish to commit on a regular basis, being on this list could be the way you help. To be added to this list please contact Laurianna or the office.

For months we have continually asked for helpers for the canteen. We would ultimately like to have four members of the Canteen Committee to help lighten the load for the Canteen Manager. If you would like to be a member of the committee simply bring $1 to the next P&C meeting. Canteen meetings take place in Mrs Twigg’s office at 2pm on the second Monday of each month.

If you are interested in helping out in the canteen please contact Laurianna Ramsay on 0431129767. If we can not get more volunteers the canteen may be forced to close more days.

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

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
Canteen Meeting
Monday, 14 July 2014 – 2:00pm Mrs Twigg's Office
P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 16 July 2014 – 6:00pm Old Hall
Trivia Night
Friday, 25 July 2014 - 7:00pm South Club
Canteen Roster:
Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} June \quad Sue Ulrick, Naomi Heyman
Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} June \quad Sue Ulrick, Davina Green
Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} June \quad Shelley Thompson, Vanessa Waterhouse, Davina Green
Monday 14\textsuperscript{th} July \quad Kathy Alcock, Davina Green
Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} July \quad Rebecca Ashenden, Davina Green
Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} July \quad Sue Ulrick, Sandra Woods, Vanessa Berrick

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

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Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you.