Message from the Principal

Last Thursday we had a huge crowd at our Education Week Open Day with family and community members enjoying visits to classrooms, watching our Education Day Concert and enjoying a picnic lunch with the children. My thanks to Davina Green and her canteen helpers who made sandwiches, tea and coffee for our visitors. The choirs, the school band, guitar group and the dance group performed brilliantly for the audience providing great entertainment. It is so pleasing to see that our band is four times the size it was last year and their improvement this year has been outstanding. Kris Edwards from the Conservatorium, and Ms Ellem, have done a fabulous job in encouraging children and parents to see the benefits of learning to play an instrument. Kris has commented on how well our school band works as a team, which has enhanced the depth and talent of the group, resulting in a stronger and more polished sound. The guitar group has also grown considerably in size and has shown a corresponding improvement in their performance skills under the tuition of Luke Gough. It is so good to see our students benefit from the opportunities they have at Westlawn PS.

Congratulations to the students who represented Westlawn at the Clarence District Athletics Carnival last Friday, our school returning as District Champions, and proudly bringing the large trophy which will be displayed in our foyer for the year. Also, well done to Josh Weatherstone who returned as Senior Boy District Champion. Well done to the students for their achievement, efforts and sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr Ogilvy and Mrs Taylor for organising the carnival. Also thanks to Darren McMahon and Jeremy Cone who kindly volunteered in manning the barbecue. Thanks to Davina Green and helpers who volunteered in the canteen.

Infants and Primary Concerts Concert
A note was sent home with all children in the school today to give details of Infants and Primary Concert dates and ticket sales. ‘That’s Entertainment’ is the theme for our Infants Concert for 2014! Tickets for the Infants Concert are being sold from tomorrow. Seating is limited so get in early to secure your seating. Primary Concert tickets will be sold from 28 August.

Canteen and P&C Meetings
The next Canteen Meeting will be on Monday 11 August at 2pm and the P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 13 August at 6pm. Parents and community are most welcome to attend.

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 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

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### Hot Dog Day

Hot Dog Day is this Friday. This event raises funds for our Year 6 farewell. Children need to have their hot dog orders in by Wednesday **(tomorrow)**. We desperately need helpers in the canteen on Friday morning. If you could help from 10.30-11.30, it would be greatly appreciated.

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### 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*.

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### Sizzling Strings Tour - Bruce Mathiske

Performing Saturday 16 August – 7.00pm

**TICKETS $25 Adults, $10 Students (U18)**

Available from Clarence Valley Conservatorium, 8 Villiers Street, Grafton

Fiery fretwork, delicate harmonics, notes exploding from both hands to the tenderly caressed instrument, all culminating in the rhythmic virtuosity of Guitar Maestro Bruce mathiske. With a dexterous finger span, he plays lead, rhythm and bass at the same time. The technique gives a solid impression of more than one guitarist playing and has made him one of Australia’s stars of the instrument.
Students of the Week

Summah Chevalley - KD
Beau Hartmann – 2G

Sporting News

PSSA Netball Knockout
The girls played a tough game of netball against Grafton today. Our girls performed well in defence staying tight on their player which led to a few early turn overs. Eden Annesley, Maddy Osborne and Tayla Everson were able to pluck the ball out of the air on many occasions. Grace Ford and Makayla Richards played a strong attacking game. Both girls made great breaks for the ball and placed many well thought passes down the court. Unfortunately Grafton's defence was too strong making it difficult for our girls to push our passes through to the shooters. Westlawn went down to Grafton 16 - 11. The girls should hold their head high knowing that they have played extremely well throughout the PSSA challenge. I'm sure I speak for more than one when I say, "I am very proud of you girls."
Well done!
Jodie Ellem & Therese Revell

PSSA Boys Soccer Knockout
Our boys recently played Woolgoolga PS and went down 1 nil. Westlawn had many opportunities to score more goals but just couldn't finish them off. A great effort boys.

PSSA Girls Soccer Knockout
The girls will play Korora PS this Friday at Korora. Good luck girls.

PSSA Rugby League Knockout Result
The team travelled to Nambucca to play Kendall PS last week and were beaten 26 – 0. The boys are now out of the competition.

PSSA Boys Hockey Knockout
The boys were always going to be in for a tough game against Grafton PS last Monday. A the end of the game Grafton were just a little too good for us winning 2-1.
**PSSA Girls Hockey Knockout**
The girls played Wyrallah Road PS in Grafton in their last match winning 5 nil. They now play Terranora PS at Terranora this Thursday. The best of luck to you girls.

**National Hockey Championships**
We wish Elliott Speed the best of luck as he travels to Hobart to play hockey for NSW this week!!! All the best Elliott.

**2014 CLARENCE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS**

Results from last week’s Clarence Athletics Carnival:

Winning school: Westlawn PS
Snr Boy Champion: Josh Weatherstone

Athletes who finished in the first four in track events, first three in field events and were part of the first two teams in the relays will now progress to the MNC Athletics Carnival to be held at Coffs Harbour next Friday 15th of August. The following students have qualified:


Good luck to you all next Friday.

Westlawn PS Netball Team 2014
CANTEEN NEWS
A big thank you to Carly and Nicole for making the sandwiches for Education Week Open Day and Shelly, Claire and Taree for your help.

Thank you to the carnival helpers in the canteen and BBQ, Carly, Rebbeca, Katrina, Lana, Paul, Jeremy and Darren. Also thank you to all the wonderful people who offered.

We are looking for two volunteers to help in the canteen on Friday, August 15, as the ladies rostered on that day will be attending the Mid North Coast Carnival.

If you can help please let Davina Green know on 0423 741 820.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Preparation for the Father’s Day stall is well under way with only four weeks to go. 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.

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

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

Canteen Roster:
Wednesday 6th August
Sue Ulrick, Davina Green, Ann Finn

Thursday 7th August
Mel Kingsley, Sue Ulrick, Sharron Robertson

Friday 8th August
Justine Pereira, Allen Shanley, Sue Ulrick, Angela Hinterholzl

Monday 11th August
Kathy Alcock, Davina Green

Tuesday 12th August
Rebecca Ashenden, Davina Green

Wednesday 13th August
Sue Ulrick, Sandra Woods, Vanessa Berrick

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

Date I am available: ________________________________________________________________

I would volunteer if: _______________________________________________________________

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Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you.
**Free Come and Try BMX**

*Saturday the 16th of August 1.00pm to 3.00pm*

At the Clarence Valley BMX Club’s race track located at the corner of Abbott and Vere Streets in South Grafton.

**This will be a great opportunity** for anyone who rides a bike and is interested in having a ride on a BMX race track. Riders and spectators will experience the thrills and excitement of this family orientated sport.

**Riders from 2 years** and up can join in the fun and have a ride around the BMX track. **Free coaching and training** will be available from 1.00pm to 3.00pm to help new riders gain basic bike skills and confidence.

Anyone that signs up can join in the open practice starting from 3.00pm
At 4.10pm the BMX club riders will be showing how it is done by putting on some BMX races.

**BMX is not just for the boy’s** as the number of girls riding and racing BMX bikes is on the increase throughout Australia.

The great thing about BMX as a sport is that the whole family can get involved, no matter what age the kids are they all can do the same sport at the one time and place.

**The canteen will be open** during the day for cold drinks and hot food.
**Come and meet club’s mascot “Clarence” the BMX Cougar.**

**Bring along a good working order bike.** Bikes sizes can be from a 16 inch BMX to 26 inch mountain bike, 2 to 4 year olds can bring a balance bike. For your protection you will also need a good bike helmet (preferred full face) long pants and long sleeve shirt, shoes and socks that cover the ankle, gloves (any type will do)

**If you do not have a BMX bike** or some of the safety gear just ask at the canteen on the day. The club will have someone on hand to checkout your bike and help with making it safe to ride.

**Tell all your friends and your parents.**
Visit *Clarence Valley BMX Club* on Facebook for the latest updates.