Message from the Principal

Infants and Primary Concerts

The children are getting very excited about their concerts and having the opportunity to perform on stage before an audience. A note was sent home with all children last week to give details of Infants and Primary Concert dates and ticket sales. ‘That’s Entertainment’ is the theme for our Infants Concert for 2014. More than half of all tickets for the Infants Concert for the two evening concerts have been sold. Seating is limited so get in early to secure your seating. Tickets will not be available at the door on the concert nights. Due to safety laws we cannot crowd the hall with extra people. Numbers are strictly limited to seating allocation. Primary Concert tickets will be sold from 28 August.

- **Infants concert (for children in Kindergarten to Year 2): Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th August.**
  - Matinee Performance: Wednesday 27 August at 12:00 midday
  - Two evening performances: Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 August at 6:30pm

- **Primary Concert (for children in Years 3 to 6): Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th September.**
  - Matinee Performance: Wednesday 17 September at 12:00 midday.
  - Two evening performances: Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 September at 6:30pm.

Ticket cost:

- **Matinee Tickets** are $4 for adults, $2 for children. Family tickets are $10.
- **Evening Tickets** are $5 for adults, $2 for children. Family tickets are $12.

Our Fabulous Dads

As Fathers Day approaches, we see it as an important time to acknowledge that fathers, grandfathers and uncles can play a highly significant and valuable role in children’s lives. Children learn so much from parents and other relatives and family friends. These male adults can be positive role models to teach children about developing positive relationships, how to care for others, and set an example in the way they speak and act around children. They can also have a major influence on teaching children the importance of education and in particular, reading. Children mirror the behaviours of those adults in their play, their learning at school, and in their general attitude towards others. While children might admire particular sporting identities, it has been shown that the influence of family is far more significant.

To celebrate Fathers Day we have organised a Fathers Visit for Wednesday 3 September. We would like our Dads and grandfathers to visit classrooms to read to the students then join the children for lunch. Dads and grandfathers might like to bring along a book they enjoyed as a child or otherwise there will be a selection of books in the classrooms. The classroom visiting time is from 12:50pm. Lunch begins at 1:30pm. You can bring a picnic lunch to share with your children or you might like to order a sausage sandwich. A note will be sent home for ordering. Please come along and celebrate Fathers Day with your children on Wednesday 3 September. Those children who do not have a Dad or grandfather who can visit, might like to invite an uncle or other significant male, or Mum.
You are also invited to visit our Book Fair which is held from Monday 1st September to Wednesday 3rd September. Books can be purchased from 12:00 midday until 2pm on this special Dads’ Day.

**Canteen and P&C Meetings**
The next Canteen Meeting has been postponed until Wednesday 13 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**
- Wed 13 Aug: Canteen Meeting 2.00pm in Mrs Twiggs office and 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

**Hot Dog Day**
Thank you to all the children and their families that supported our Hotdog day last Friday. Over 400 hotdogs were served which was a very successful fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell.

Thank you so much for all the help given by the parents on the day: Sharyn Ellem, Kylie Lavender, Davina Green, Lana Elward, Kelly and Rod Ford, Kristy Marchant, Caryn Dunston and Sue-Ellen Dean.

Thank you also to Mrs Alford, Mrs Acevedo-White, Mrs Barnier, Mr Alford and all the other teachers who helped to get the hotdogs out quickly to the students. The year 6 students were also very reliable in helping out with the poppers and the sauce. We also really appreciated Anita Jackson for counting the money and organising all the lunch orders.
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.

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.

Free Come and Try BMX
Saturday the 16th of August – 1.00pm to 3.00pm at the Clarence Valley BMX Club’s race track at the corner of Abbott and Vere Streets in South Grafton.
Visit Clarence Valley BMX Club on Facebook for the latest updates.

Students of the Week

Shani Firth – 1L  Taj O’Mahony – 3O  Mason Beadman – 4W
**Sporting News**

**PSSA Girls Soccer Knockout**

A nail biting game of soccer against Korora Public School was played at Korora last Friday. The girls came up against another side that is as passionate about the game as themselves. The girls held their positions well in defence keeping Korora scoreless at half time, however, Korora also defended well with the score being 0 - 0 at the half time whistle.

My nerves began to rattle at half time. If the full time score was a draw, the winner of the game would be decided on the counting of corner kicks. Since Korora had 2 corners and we hadn’t any, my half time pep talk was to get the girls to push up closer to the box in attack ensuring options to cross the ball to the centre of the field and to force some corners if they were unable to hit the back of the net. The girls were instructed to return to the field with fight and hunger for the ball.

Luckily for Westlawn, the girls returned to the field with the passion to win and were able to even the corner kicks within the first 10 minutes of the second half. So now the corner kicks were even, I was unsure as to what would happen if the final score was still a draw. Needless to say my stomach was still filled with nervous energy...

In the last 10 minutes of the game, Eilish Bender made a great run down the left side of the field, passing many defenders, before crossing the ball to the centre of the field where it found Grace Ford on the far post. Grace, being in the right place at the right time, pushed the ball into the net, finally giving Westlawn a 1 - 0 advantage.

Still nervous, I cheered the girls on and called for them to continue their fight. Georgia Watts made another brilliant run down the centre of the field and launched the ball from the top of the 18 yard box which sailed over the top of the goalie into the back of the net. 2 - 0 and a sigh of relief!

What an amazing game of soccer! The girls are all playing great soccer and we have our fingers crossed as we await the news of who our next opposing team will be.

*Karen Barnier & Therese Revell*

**PSSA Girls Hockey Knockout**

Last Thursday our girls played Terranora Public School in the next round for the PSSA Hockey knockout. We travelled to Murwillumbah for the game.

The girls started out nervously but scored a goal within the first 5 minutes when Emma Firth, who was standing on the post, received a ball across the circle and deflected it into the goal. Terranora attacked strongly and scored just before half time.

The second half started out in a similar manner when Krystal McMahon received the ball in the circle and she was able to hit the ball past the goalie. Within 10 minutes, Terranora had levelled the score.

With the game at 2 all at full time, we had to play 7 minutes of extra time with only 9 players. No goal was scored so the game went into the second period of extra time with only 7 players. Westlawn were attacking and Georgia Watts was close to scoring when time was up and so a third period of time was needed. By this time, we were down to 5 players. The girls were exhausted and very red faced. Krystal McMahon ran down a loose ball in the defensive quarter, passed a tackler and ran up the wing. She hit the ball across to Chloe Winters who was alone at the top of the circle and she hit the ball in to win the game. What a game!! Rick Winters and Mrs Anderson were thrilled by the girls’ efforts.

Congratulations to all players for their efforts on the day – especially to Kashaan Winters and the backs (Katelyn and Paige) for defending so well. Tahlia, Georgina, Zoe and Alissa were great in the halves and Laini, Krystal, Chloe, Ele, Brooke and Emma. Thanks also to all the parents who drove up to Murwillumbah to support us.

We are looking forward to our next game.

*Robyn Anderson*
National Hockey Championships

Elliott Speed travelled to Hobart last week play hockey for NSW. On Day 1 of competition, NSW lost to Victoria 1 – 0 and then had a huge 8 -1 victory over the ACT, with Elliott scoring three cracking good goals. On Day 2 NSW defeated SA 5 – 0. Elliott didn’t get on the score sheet but caused havoc in the middle for the opposition. Day 3 was a rest day and the team went on excursion. Day 4 saw NSW draw 1 all with WA before thrashing Tasmania 11 – 0. On the final day of competition, NSW were up against the old enemy QLD. This was the game Elliott had been waiting for!!! A tight game finished in a 1 all draw and the NSW team collected the bronze medal.

Congratulations to you Elliott. You have accomplished a very rare sporting achievement and the Westlawn staff and students are extremely proud of your success in hockey this year. Thanks to Mrs Speed for the updates during the trip away.

2014 MNC Athletics Carnival

Good luck to all our athletes who’ll travel to Coffs Harbour this Friday to compete in the MNC Athletics Carnival. Permission notes need to be returned to the office as soon as possible please.

Westlawn Athletics team to compete at the MNC Athletics Carnival:

CANTENE NEWS
We are still 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.

FATHERS 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
Wednesday, 13 August – 2:00pm Mrs Twigg’s Office

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

Canteen Roster:
Wednesday 13th August – Sue Ulrick, Sandra Woods, Vanessa Berrick
Thursday 14th August – Sue Ulrick, Davina Green
Friday 15th August – Sharyn Ellem, Kylie Lavender, Jo Palmer
Monday 18th August – Claire Johnson, Davina Green
Tuesday 19th August – Carly Rigoni, Davina Green
Wednesday 20th August – Sue Ulrick, Davina Green

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.