Message from the Principal

Grandparents Day
We are inviting all of our grandparents to visit our school on Thursday 19th March for Seniors Week. At 10:30 grandparents are welcome to visit their grandchildren in their classrooms to read stories and grandparents might like to talk about the books they enjoyed as a child. At 10:55 grandparents are asked to bring a picnic lunch to share with their grandchildren in the playground. Make sure the children have decided on a meeting place if there are a few from the one family. Tea and coffee can be purchased for $2 and a piece of cake for $2 near the Canteen.

School Photos Tomorrow
School photos will be taken tomorrow Wednesday 11th March. All children are photographed regardless of whether or not photos are purchased. It is important that all children are in full school uniform with no extra or out-of-uniform jewellery please. Children are asked to remove jumpers and jackets for the photo. It is a good idea to pack a brush and/or comb so children can tidy their hair before the photo. Dark green and/or yellow ribbons/headbands can be worn but no other coloured hair bands, ribbons etc. please. Black shoes with white socks for girls and grey socks for boys.

Easter Raffle
Today the tickets were sent home with our students for the P&C Easter Raffle. Each year we ask families to send in donations of Easter eggs for prizes. The eggs do not have to be expensive, just whatever parents can afford. The eggs get bundled up into prize packs. Last year we were able to give about 40 prize packs plus we gave a prize to the student who sold the most tickets. Any tickets sold or unsold must be returned to school as an audit requirement so if you are unable to sell the tickets please return them immediately so we can re-issue them to someone else. Please send any Easter egg or chocolate donations to the school office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2nd April after the Infants Easter Hat Parade which starts at 11:45am. Our thanks to Mrs Kylie Lavender for coordinating the raffle.

School Contributions
Thank you to those families who have paid their School Contributions. If the School Contributions are yet unpaid, it would be appreciated if you could please pay the School Contribution at the school office as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your School Contribution or have special circumstances, please contact the Principal or Mrs Taylor in the office.

School Fence
The last stages of the new school fence and gates are underway. The school grounds will be locked until shortly after 8am each morning. We wish to remind parents that children should not be at school before 8:25am. Supervision begins at 8:25am. All children, except those catching a school bus should be collected from school at 2:55pm when the bell goes. We will be locking the gates shortly after this time. Please make arrangements for OoSH or other suitable care for you children before 8:25am or after 2:55pm.

Westlawn Tigers Soccer Teams which have a signed agreement with the school to use the grounds will need to access the school grounds via the North St entrance. This entrance will be locked shortly after 4:30pm. No other groups should be on the school grounds.

Narelle Twigg
Principal
Diary Dates

Week 7
Wed 11 Mar  School photos
Wed 11 Mar  Canteen meeting at 5:15pm in the library
Wed 11 Mar  P&C AGM at 6pm in the library. The P&C General Meeting will follow. Tea, coffee and refreshments from 5:30pm
Thurs 12 Mar  Selective High School placement test at Grafton HS for Y6 students who have applied for Y7 placement in a selective class
Fri 13 Mar  4L and 4T to Art Gallery and Schaeffer House

Week 8
Thurs 19 Mar  Grandparents Day
Fri 20 Mar  30 and 4K to Art Gallery and Schaeffer House

Week 9
Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 10
Mon 23 Mar  Y6 Leadership training day
Wed 25 Mar  School Cross Country
Fri 27 Mar  Closing date for International Digital Technologies and Science Competitions

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Sporting News

North Coast Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to Will Wallace and Beau Hartmann who have qualified to represent North Coast at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships on March 25 and 26!!!!!

Results from the North Coast Swimming Carnival held in Lismore last Wednesday. The top 3 in individual events qualified for the state carnival:

Individual Events
Boys 8 Year Olds 50m Freestyle Beau Hartmann – 2nd
Boys 8-10 50m Breaststroke Junior William Wallace – 3rd
Boys 11 Year Olds 50m Freestyle Myles Hartmann – 4th
Boys 11 Year Olds 50m Backstroke Myles Hartmann – 12th
Boys 8-10 200m IM Junior William Wallace – 10th

Relay Teams
Boys 8-10 200m Freestyle Junior Relay Team – William Wallace, Beau Hartmann, Jimmy Ford and Taj O’Mahony – 8th
Boys 11-13 200m Freestyle Senior Relay Team – Myles Hartmann, Callum Martin, Cody Hinterholzl and Oliver Westman – 10th

Congratulations to all our students for their wonderful achievements in swimming this year. The best of luck to Will and Beau at the NSW PSSA Carnival.

Primary Sport
We had dry weather for the second week in a row last Friday and Community Sport was able to go ahead. Thank you to our primary students for their outstanding behavior and participation and for remembering their money.

All students will need to bring their sport money this Thursday please.

The final day of Community Sport will be Friday 27th March.

Looking Ahead - Westlawn Cross Country Carnival

Our cross country carnival will be held on Wednesday 25th March (Term 1, Week 9). The junior course is 2km (8, 9 and 10 year olds). The senior course is 3km (11 years and then 12 & 13 year olds). More information about this carnival will filter home later in the term.
Students in years 3 and 4 have begun training for the carnival by running a course here at school during PE lessons every Tuesday. Students may bring a pair of joggers to wear on that day. They can change into the joggers at the end of first break, before our PE lesson commences at 11:45 and change back if they so wish at the end of the run.

The Clarence Cross Country carnival will be held early in term 2.

Scott Ogilvy

**Transition to High School**

Just a reminder that the Expression of Interest form needs to be completed and returned to your child’s class teacher no later than **20th March 2015**. Even if your child is not attending a Government School could you please complete Section E of the Expression of Interest form and return it to school. This is not an Enrolment Form. The Expression of Interest form enables local High Schools to reserve enough places within their school for local area students. Schools may then accept extra students from outside the designated enrolment area depending on resources.

Please read the information in the booklet carefully before completing the form.

**Selective High School Placement Test for entry to Year 7 in 2016**

The Selective High School Test for students who applied last year will be held at Grafton High School on Thursday 12th March 2015. Students must arrive at Grafton High School by 9:00am. Information was sent to me last week with the students concerned. Please read the information carefully.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Ellis at Westlawn or Grafton High School.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Infants – Cohen Lynch

Primary – Lucie Eichman
WESTLAWN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C COMMITTEE

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SCHOOL BANKING
We are in desperate need of helpers to assist with the school banking. If you are available Friday mornings from 8:30-10:00 please come along & let Kristy know. Even once a month would be a great help.

CLOTHING POOL
Volunteers are still needed for helping run the clothing pool. If there is no one to help out the clothing pool will be forced to reduce the opening hours.

CANTEEN NEWS
We are looking for helpers on Grandparent's Day on Thursday, March 19, helping with tea & coffee etc. If you can help please contact Davina on 0423741820. There are also a few spots to fill on Tuesdays.

A few reminders:
- Orders are only to be placed in the green box when the canteen is closed
- Write out drink & frozen food tags
- If you don't have the correct money the change will be sticky taped to the front of the lunch bag
- Kids must follow directions from the year 6 monitors
- Kids are not to come to the canteen during first break until the play bell has gone

FAMILY PORTRAITS
It's Family Portrait time again. This year sittings will cost $20 and will take place Saturday, March 28. For bookings you can text your name and preferred time to Justine Pereira on 0407447450. For more information refer to the leaflet.

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub orders are due back Friday, March 13. No late orders will be taken.

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, 11 March 2015 – 5:30pm Old Hall

P&C AGM
Wednesday, 11 March 2015 – 6:00pm Old Hall

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday March 11 Sue Ulrick, Diane Moran, Ann Finn, Angie Miller
Thursday March 12 Mel Kingsley, Sue Ulrick, Sharron Robertson
Friday March 13 Justine Pereira, Sue Ulrick, Allen Shanley, Vanessa Waterhouse
Monday March 16 Kathy Alcock, Davina Green, Kirran Ensby
Tuesday March 17 Davina Green, HELP NEEDED