

Weston Public School

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School Purpose - to create a happy, secure and successful school environment through effective teaching and learning.



A newsletter for the community of Weston Public School

Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday December 11, 2012

Quote for the Week

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

~ Norman Vincent Peale ~

Important Dates for Term 4 2012

DECEMBER

Wednesday 12	Presentation Day
Thursday 13	Yr 6 Farewell - (See flyer page 3)
Monday 17	Carols - 1.30pm
Monday 17	Volunteer/Helpers Afternoon Tea - 2.00pm
Wednesday 19	Last day for students

JANUARY 2013

Tuesday 29	Staff return— (Staff Dev. Day)
Wednesday 30	Students Yrs1-6 return
Thursday 31	New Kinders arrive.

School shirts may be purchased on Presentation Day (tomorrow), this will be the last day to buy school shirts (\$22).

NO school shirts will sold on Staff

Development Days.

****No sun safe hat play in the shade****

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

End of Year—Picnic/Pool Day

Unfortunately yesterday our end-of-year Picnic/Party Day was cancelled due to inclement weather. With the amount of sickness of late it was felt that it would be in the best interest of the children to cancel the activity. Thank you for your understanding. Refunds will go home on Presentation Day. Parents can collect

refunds from class teachers once the Presentation Ceremony is finished.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day is on Wednesday (**TOMORROW**) commencing at 9.30am. The gate behind the Hall will be open for people who may choose to park in Fifth Street.

K-6 Picnic

On Monday of next week (17th December) **ALL** classes will be having a Picnic outside for lunch. Children are able to bring along some special Christmas treats/sweets that they may like to have or share for lunch.

Semester 2 Reports

Children will bring home their Semester 2 Reports on Wednesday (Presentation Day). Please contact your child's class teacher to make an alternate arrangement if your child is going to be absent on the day.

Canteen—Cease Trading

The canteen is now **CLOSED**. Children will need to bring their Lunch and Recess from home each day.

Helpers Afternoon Tea and Carol Singing

On Monday, 17th December we will be singing Christmas Carols in the Hall from 1.30pm. Our Helpers Afternoon Tea will follow in the Staffroom at 2.00pm. We hope to see all of our wonderful helpers and volunteers on Monday for a delicious "THANK YOU" Afternoon Tea from the Staff.



"Through our gates pass the nicest people."

"Carols by Candlelight"

Congratulations to the wonderful children who sang on Sunday night at the 'Carols by Candlelight' at Kurri Kurri Public School. You sang beautifully!



Thank you to the parents who, despite the Uncomfortable weather, brought their children along. Thank you to Miss Brown and Mrs Manderson on your wonderful efforts.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs R. Callinan - Relieving Principal

**Carols by Candlelight**

On Sunday a group of the Infants and Senior Choir performed at the Rotary Carols by Candlelight at Kurri Kurri. A big "THANK YOU" to the families and performers that braved the wind and rain, especially Samantha and Paul Howard who kindly went out of their way to accommodate Weston Public School families by providing additional shelter. Congratulations to the students on a great performance. Spectators were singing your praises backstage. The staff were very proud! Thank you to Mrs Manderson and Miss Brown.

P & C NEWS**P & C Meeting**

The next P & C meeting will be our Annual General Meeting and will be held in the staffroom on February 11, 2013. All welcome.

Mandy Johnson (P & C Secretary)

Everyone is invited to join us for our

Christmas Messy Church

Christmas craft • Short, fun, casual service • Sausage sizzle

Young families, newcomers and all denominations welcome!

St. Paul's Anglican Church (Church of England),

Lang St, opposite Kurri Fire Station

11:30am Sunday 23rd December

UNTANGLE SOME TALES AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER!

Want to win prizes just by reading books? Join this year's Summer Reading Program at Cessnock City Library! The Summer Reading Program is a literacy project run by libraries all over Australia over the summer months to keep up the momentum built up during the school year. Its main focus is child literacy, but adults are also welcome to take on the challenge!

We're kicking off this year on December 10th, so come into Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Library anytime on or after that date, register at the front counter, pick up your summer reading kit, grab a pile of books, and you're on your way! The theme for this year is "Untangled Tales", so keep your eye out for some magic and mayhem at the library during the holidays, particularly at the Summer Reading Party at the end of the holidays! There'll be some great prizes this year, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, who include Rover Motors, Austar Mine and Millbrook Estate. So come on in to the library and be a part of this Australia-wide celebration of reading - how many tales can you "untangle" this summer?



WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY

















WHEN: Wednesday 12th December, 2012






















WHERE: School Assembly Hall

TIME: 9.30am

All parents, family and community members are invited to our Annual Presentation Day. We hope you are able to join us on this special day when we recognise the outstanding efforts of our students for 2012.

Principal and Staff, Weston Public School






Yes I will be attending the Volunteer/ Helper
Thankyou Gathering on Monday December 17.

Name: _____

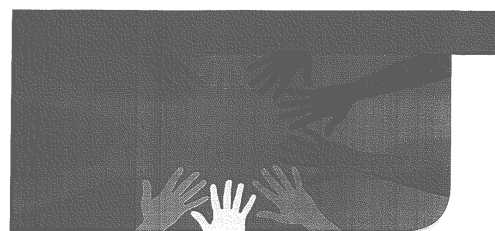


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**CAREER SKILLS EDUCATION
FACULTY**



MID-HUNTER OUTREACH

SEMESTER ONE - 2013 FREE INTRODUCTORY COURSES

Courses on offer include:

- Accommodation Services
- Animal Care
- Cafe Operations
- Floristry
- Greenkeeping
- Horticulture
- Information Technology
- Vineyard Operations

**FREE
Courses**

**COURSES COMMENCE
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2013**

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safeTALK

suicide alertness for everyone

**Tuesday 5th March 2013 or
Wednesday 22 May 2013
9am-12.30pm**

**Catherine McAuley Building
Rear 841 Hunter St Newcastle West**

Seasons for Growth® has partnered with Lifeline Newcastle & Hunter to present safeTALK to companions.

safeTALK is a half-day presentation to increase suicide alertness

Suicide alert helpers contribute to a suicide safer community

This program alerts community members to signs that a person may be considering suicide.

It acknowledges that while most people at risk of suicide signal their distress and invite help, these intervention opportunities are often overlooked. Participants learn to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and to respond in ways that link them with further suicide intervention help.

The safeTALK is being offered for free but please bring a gold coin donation to cover the costs of morning tea

Booking is ESSENTIAL

Please Register by 1st March or 17th May 2013

Seasons for Growth Companions please register @ www.goodgrief.org.au

All other participants: Phone 4979 1355 or email jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

Lifeline Newcastle & Hunter is offering this half day workshop as part of their Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Service and acknowledges the funding support provided by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

