



## Weston Bulletin

*A newsletter for the community of Weston Public School*

Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 15th May, 2012

### *Quote for the Week*

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."

### Important Dates for Term 2 2012

**Note: Kinders finish at 3.15pm**

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15, 16, 17 Naplan Testing Years 3 & 5

Friday 25th Athletics Carnival

**\*\*\*\* Please Note: the Canteen is only open on a Thursday and Friday at this time. \*\*\*\***

**\*\* School Bucket hats are now \$5.00 \*\*\*\***

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

### *Dear Parents, Carers and Community*

"Walk to school this Friday, May 18th - this idea is not new; fewer and fewer children do this now for many reasons such as safety, distance, parents drive etc. However there are good reasons for everyone to walk more.

SAVE THE DATE & MARK YOUR TERM DIARY - Friday 18th May 2012 is National Walk safely to School Day (WSTSD)

WSTSD promotes the vitally important message - Active Kids are Healthy Kids

All Primary School children will be encouraged to walk safely to school on Friday May 18 to:

Promote the health benefits of walking

To reduce the level of traffic congestion

To help create regular walking habits at an early age

To reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour

To reduce the car dependency habits

To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles

Did you know according to latest research announced in the media last week 60% of children are being driven to and from school so participation in Walk Safely to School Day 2012 is more important than ever.

The NAPLAN testing program began today and will continue on Wednesday and Thursday. The children seem to be coping with the activity. Well done boys and girls!

The school does get some useful curriculum data from the testing and this can help to guide curriculum instruction and parent information.

### **NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION HAS PROPOSED STOP WORK MEETING**

For all schools Friday 18th May.

Time: 9.00am till 11.00am

Purpose to further clarify changes re: school security staffing and salary changes inherent in government proposals for schooling. As further information is released we will inform our parents.

### **Helmets**

All Children are expected to wear helmets when riding their bikes and scooters.

***Thank you for your continued support  
Mr A. Withers - Principal***

## Weston Public School Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 25th May, 2012 (Week 5). If we have poor weather our back up day for the carnival is Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June (Week 7). The carnival will be held at **Birralee Oval** near Kurri Kurri High School. More exact details will be given out closer to the carnival. Make sure you are all training and eating well so you will be fit and healthy for the day. Students who do **REALLY** well on the day may be invited to attend the **Zone Athletics Carnival** in Term 3.

**Please make sure notes & bus money is handed to teacher by 17th May.**

## ***P & C NEWS***

### **P & C Meeting**

Our next P & C meeting will be held on June 18, 2012 at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome. The meetings only go for around 1 hour, so please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

### **Pie Drive Reminder**

Our next fundraiser will be a pie drive. Information will be sent home with the bulletin this week.



**Mandy Johnson**  
(P & C Secretary)

## **High school**

### **Newcastle University Summer Schools applications**

The University of Newcastle is offering five-day residential experiences for Year 9 students who are entering Year 10 in 2013.

They include Girls Choices Summer School and LIVE IT! (for boys).

The Girls Choices residential experience (2 – 6 Dec 2012) aims to expose girls to the range of study and career options for HSC graduates in maths and science subjects.

LIVE IT! (9 – 13 Dec) is designed to inspire boys to build on their potential to succeed in senior school.

Participants will experience life on campus - just like a real uni student. Along with meeting equity criteria, students should be willing to be challenged by new experiences and explore opportunities.

**Applications close 29 June 2012** and require teacher and principal support.

For more information and to download application forms, W: [www.newcastle.edu.au/aimhigh](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/aimhigh) T: 4921 6547 or E: [girlschoices@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:girlschoices@newcastle.edu.au) or [liveit@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:liveit@newcastle.edu.au)

## **Core Rules**

Student Discipline in NSW Government Schools

### **All students in NSW government schools are expected to:**

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

**Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.**