

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 1

Wednesday 9th October, 2013

Quote of the Week

Never live in the past, but always learn from it.

Important Dates for Term 4 2013

October

Wednesday 16	Kinder Orientation 9.30-11.00am
Wednesday 16	Playgroup 1.00 -2.30pm (Hall)
Monday 21	P & C Meeting (<u>changed from Oct 14</u>)
Friday 25	Grandparents Day
Wednesday 30	Kinder Orientation 2.30-3.15pm

November

Monday 4 - Wednesday 6	- Aussie Bush Camp
Wednesday 13	Kinder Orientation -2.30-3.15pm
Monday 25 Friday—6 December	School Swimming Scheme
Wednesday 27	Kinder Orientation 2.30-3.15pm

*****No sun safe hat play under the covered areas*****

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 4!

We hope everyone had a lovely holiday. Students arrived back yesterday ready to finish the year off with their best effort. Please keep an eye on the "Calendar of Events" as it is constantly updated.

Parent Survey

As part of our evaluation of the National Partnership Low Socio-Economic Status (NPLSES) program

at our school we are asking parents/carers to complete a short survey. The survey is completely confidential. Names will not be attached to the survey. Surveys are to be returned in a sealed envelope (included) to class teachers. Students' names will be marked off class lists and then surveys placed in a container without any corresponding marks on the envelopes to the student/students.

Surveys need to be returned by **FRIDAY of this week** (11th October). Each student/family who return their survey **by Friday** will get a free 'Zoooper Dooper' and go into a lucky draw for a Stockland Greenhills \$50.00 gift card.

Welcome Miss McMillan

Miss McMillan, newly appointed Assistant Principal had her first day at Weston PS yesterday. She is quickly getting to know the students and staff, processes and practices at Weston PS. Please introduce yourself to Miss McMillan when you see her out and about.

We welcome Miss McMillan and wish her all the best in her new role. Miss McMillan will be a wonderful addition to our school.

Term 4 Staff Changes

This term there has and will be a number of staff changes:

1. Miss Justice Campbell will be teaching 3/4W for the entire term.
2. Mrs Bartlett is on leave from Weeks 1-3. Mrs Ruth Parrey will be teaching 1B whilst Mrs Bartlett is on leave.
3. Mrs Teri Clark will finish in the Library at the end of Week 3 to commence maternity leave. We thank Mrs Clark for her wonderful input and wish her all the best.
4. Mrs Scully (School Learning Support

"Through our gates pass the nicest people."



Officer) will be on leave during Weeks 1-3.
Miss Anna Rutter is replacing Mrs Scully.

URGENT NOTICE - P&C Meeting Change of Date

The next P&C Meeting is on **Monday, 21st October** (Week 3). Please note it has changed from 14th October. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Kindergarten Orientation

WHEN: Wednesday, 16th October

TIME: 9.30 - 11.00am

WHERE: School Assembly Hall

(Parents/carers) Kindergarten classrooms (2014 Kindergarten students and current Kindergarten students).



The Great Aussie Bush Camp

Students in Years 5/6 who will be attending The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Week 5 received a package of information/permission notes last term. These notes need to be returned by Friday, 11th October. Students will need to have 18 behaviour points or more (as stated in the School Student Welfare Policy) at the time of the excursion to be eligible to attend.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school,
Mrs R Callinan
Principal

Library News

Thank you to all of the students who have returned their overdue Library Books, it helps to keep our Library full of books for students when they need them. At the end of Term 3, we had our usually 'Lucky Library Draw' with 8 lucky borrowers. Each time a student borrows a book, they are placed in a draw to win a prize at the end of the Term. So keep borrowing!!

Our winners for Term 3 were; Keelia Page (6F), Gabrielle Dann (4/5F), Elle Turner (3/4W), Chelsea Stimson (2/3M), Makayla Richardson (1/2C), Bailey Hoffman (1B), Yasmine Hardy (KH)



and Giavannah Albury (KB). A special congratulations also goes out to KB because every student in the class borrowed during the term and they didn't have any overdue books! Well done to KB, Miss Brown and our Lucky Borrowers! Keep borrowing!!

Mrs Clark - Teacher Librarian.

Swimming Scheme

Dear Families,

Just a reminder that the Intensive Swimming Program is on this term. Could you please bring in the permission note and the \$30.00 as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Mrs Manderson



P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held on **Monday, October 21**, in the staffroom at 7pm. All welcome.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary



Knockout

Grassroots Aboriginal Rugby League in NSW

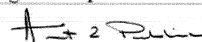
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4th - 27th October

Opening celebrations 2pm, Saturday 5th October
Everybody welcome

Cessnock Regional Art Gallery

16 Vincent St, Cessnock w: www.crag.net.au
e: info@crag.net.au ph: 4991 6619 or find us on facebook or twitter



Knockout is presented by Amanda James, Art2Public and Cessnock Regional Art Gallery.

The Cessnock Regional Art Gallery is supported by Cessnock City Council and the NSW Government through Arts NSW.



Australian Government
National Health and Medical Research Council
Department of Health and Ageing

www.eatforhealth.gov.au

Australian Guide to Healthy Eating

Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from these five food groups every day.

Drink plenty of water.

Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain and/or high cereal fibre varieties



Vegetables and legumes/beans



Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds and legumes/beans



Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or alternatives, mostly reduced fat



Fruit



Use small amounts



Only sometimes and in small amounts





GARDEN GOSSIP

Welcome to our new column!

This term the Focus Group will be involved in a **"Make-Over our School Project."** Our **Garden Gossip** column will keep our parents and community members up to date on what the Focus Group are working on and where you may notice improvements around our school grounds.

On Wednesday this week we will be working with two Horticulturalists from Cessnock Bunnings. Kathleen and Cathie will be teaching the focus group :

How to maintain an established garden

How to build, design and create a new garden

What plants are suitable for the certain gardens around our school

What health concerns we may need to consider when designing our gardens. For example: are there plants that can set off asthma, sinus, allergies, etc...

What plants need for survival

We are so very grateful for the time and donations that Cessnock Bunnings are making to our School and the support they have shown toward the **"Make-Over our School Project."**

This week we are cleaning up the **entry to our School**. Students will be weeding, aerating, digging, shovelling, clearing out debris and raking the front gardens surrounding the gates and main building of our school.

If you are able and willing to volunteer your time and help with this project we would love to share this experience with you. Please let Mrs Cheetham or Mrs Cox know if you are interested in helping out of a morning between 9:30am-11:00am.

Thanks for reading

From

The Focus Group 2013 ☺



Mr Morrison, Mrs Cheetham with the ladies from Cessnock Bunnings and our student focus group.