

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 3

Tuesday 22nd October, 2013

Quote of the Week

*"While we try to teach our children all about life,
our children teach us what life is all about."*

~ Angela Schwindt ~



Important Dates for Term 4 2013

October

Friday 25 Grandparents Day 10.00-12.00pm
Wednesday 30 Kinder Orientation 2.30-3.15pm

November

Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 Aussie Bush Camp
Monday 11 P & C Meeting—7pm
Wednesday 13 Book Fair
Wednesday 13 Kinder Orientation -2.30-3.15pm
Monday 25 Friday—6 December
School Swimming Scheme
Wednesday 27 Kinder Orientation 2.30-3.15pm

December

Monday 2 P & C Meeting—7pm
Wednesday 11 Presentation Day
Monday 16 Christmas Carols
Monday 16 Volunteer/Helper Morning Tea
Wednesday 18 Students last day for 2013
Thursday 19 Staff Development Day
Friday 20 Staff Development Day

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

*Dear Parents, Carers and Community
Members,*

**Welcome to National Grandparents Week at
Weston Public School!**



Grandparents Day Poem

Grandparents are special people
with wisdom and pride.
They are always offering love and kindness
and are always there to guide.
They often make you feel so confident
and strong.
Their arms are always open
no matter what you did wrong.
They try to help out in every way
which they can.
They love all their grandchildren the same
whether you're a child, woman or man.
They are always there to listen
and to lend a helping hand.
They show you respect
and they try to understand.
They give their love, devotion and so much more
that's easy to see.
Grandparents are perfect examples of
the kind of person that we should be.
- Stacy Smith

This week on Friday we will be celebrating National Grandparents Day which is officially on Sunday.

Mrs Callinan is back from leave this week.

Thank you to Mr Withers and Miss McMillan for relieving in Mrs Callinan's absence.

Kindergarten Orientation

Congratulations to ALL who were involved with the excellent organisation and preparation of our Kindergarten Orientation Day. Thank you to the P&C Association for providing the delicious morning tea.



Korreil Wonnai AECG Kullaburra Awards 2013



This ceremony was on last Wednesday to celebrate the success and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Korreil Wannai AECG area (Cessnock/Kurri Kurri). Congratulations to the following students who received awards on the day:

Jack Sheehan - Attendance

Ella Bidner - Leadership

Abby Pryor - All Rounder

Students in the Drumbeat group, under the guidance of Mrs Fonssbach, performed in an outstanding manner at the Kullaburra Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations students and thank you Mrs Fonssbach!

Parent Survey

Thank you to our parents who were able to complete the Parent Survey for our evaluation of the National Partnership Low Socio-Economic Status (NPLSES) program. Your support is greatly appreciated. Responses obtained will help us to further improve processes and practices at Weston Public School.

A summary of the survey is presented in the table below.

Congratulations to Lachlan Smith's Family who was the winner of the Greenhills Stockland \$50.00 voucher.



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 immediately. 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. Please return any outstanding notes promptly to class teachers.

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

Swimming Scheme

Just a reminder the \$30.00 for the Intensive Swimming Program is due by Thursday 31st October, 2013. When it gets closer to the start of the program and final numbers have been calculated the children will be given more information in regards to travel and what they need to bring.

Thank you to all families for their involvement in the program as swimming is a vital skill that everyone should have. Thank you!

Mrs Manderson—Swimming Scheme Coordinator



Book Club

If you wish to order Book Club please return order forms by Monday, October 28th.

Thank you. - Mrs Harmes (Office)



Aboriginal Awards

Last Wednesday Afternoon, 16th October, three of our Aboriginal students received awards from *Korreib Wonnai AECG*. Our Drumbeat students were invited to perform for the ceremony.

Attendance Award: *Jack Sheehar*

All Rounder Award: *Abby Pryor*

Leadership Award: *Elia Bidner*

Drumbeat Performers: *Elia, Jack, Ebony, Ashley, Nikayla and Elissa.*



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

Warehouse Bus Trip

Our annual Warehouse bus trip is on again this year if anyone is interested in going. Cost is \$30 per seat. We visit many great shops and warehouses on the day. Please contact Mary Lawson (49373119) if you wish to book a seat.

REMEMBERANCE DAY

ABERMAIN RSL SUB BRANCH

11-11-2013

SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT
JEFFERIES PARK

10.50AM FOR SERVICE TO BEGIN AT 11AM
AFTER THE SERVICE
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A
FRIENDLY

DAY ON THE GREENS
BARE FOOT BOWLS AND
A LOT OF LAUGHTER
AND A BBQ



NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results for students in Year 3 and Year 5 have arrived at the school and can either be collected by parents at the Office or sent home with students. Please indicate on the tear-off slip below if you would like your child to collect their NAPLAN results from the Office.

Any NAPLAN Results not collected by Friday (25th October) of this week will be sent home with students.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

My child has my permission to collect their NAPLAN Results.

Signed: _____

(Parent/Caregiver)



Garden Gossip

Last Friday the Focus Group had the privilege of being invited to Cessnock Bunnings for a DIY project. Bunnings kindly donated their time and materials for us to build a bench seat which will be placed in one of the school's soon to be renovated garden areas.

Each student had the opportunity to drill screws into the bench and sand it. We have yet to stain it at school.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn some hands-on building skills and some of them are now really looking forward to wood-work class in High School.

We also took a tour of the nursery and learnt about companion gardening for natural pest Control and grafting of citrus trees. We saw some of the plants that may soon be growing in our gardens too.

We would like to thank Cessnock Bunnings for their generosity with a big shout to Kathleen, Sue and Cathy!

Thanks for reading

From

The Focus Group 2013 ☺



Kurri Kurri Festival – Saturday, 25th October

On Saturday at the Kurri Kurri Festival Weston P&C Association will be having a BBQ as their major fundraiser for the year. The Festival begins at 12.00noon and goes into the evening when it finishes at 9.00pm. Volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser a successful activity to raise funds to purchase resources to assist and support the students at Weston PS. Please complete the table below and return it to your child's class teacher by Thursday indicating if you are able to volunteer at the BBQ. Any length of time is greatly appreciated. The P&C Executive will contact you to confirm your time-slot.

Time-Slot Available to Volunteer	Volunteer Name and Contact Number
12.00 – 1.00pm	
1.00 – 2.00pm	
2.00 – 3.00pm	
3.00 – 4.00pm	
4.00 – 5.00pm	
5.00 – 6.00pm	
6.00 – 7.00pm	
7.00 – 8.00pm	
8.00 – 9.00pm	

Kindergarten Orientation—Wednesday 16th October, 2013



PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

<i>Item</i>	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Don't Know	<i>Item</i>	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Don't Know
1 <i>I feel welcomed in the school</i>	87	13	11 <i>The school regularly praises and rewards students when successful</i>	90	10
2 <i>The school takes my concerns seriously</i>	91	9	12 <i>Students are the school's main focus</i>	89	11
3 <i>The school provides helpful information about my child's progress</i>	86	14	13 <i>I am pleased that my child attends this school</i>	86	14
4 <i>I feel as though I can talk to my child's teacher about his/her progress</i>	87	13	14 <i>I share in the education of my child</i>	97	3
5 <i>The school values my help and interest</i>	80	20	15 <i>I receive adequate notice of school events</i>	88	12
6 <i>Teachers at this school provide a stimulating and challenging environment for my child</i>	87	13	16 <i>The annual school report, newsletters and other information tell me how the school is performing</i>	88	12
7 <i>Teachers care if my child is not doing as well as he/she can</i>	82	18	17 <i>Parents are encouraged to participate in the important decision making committees of the school</i>	80	20
8 <i>The school has a safe and secure environment</i>	88	12	18 <i>I am informed about the decisions made by the school P&C Association</i>	61	39
9 <i>The school has high expectations of its students</i>	83	17	19 <i>The school lets me know about any major changes it is considering and asks for my ideas about it</i>	72	28
10 <i>The school is always looking for ways to improve what it does</i>	86	14	20 <i>The school's current aim is to improve the quality of learning and teaching</i>	88	12