

Weston Public School

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



Term 4 Week 5

Wednesday 6th November, 2013

Quote of the Week

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

~ George Bernard Shaw ~



Important Dates for Term 4 2013

November

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| Monday 11 | P & C Meeting (7pm) |
| Wednesday 13 | Book Fair |
| Wednesday 13 | Kinder Orientation -2.30-3.15pm |
| Thursday 14 | World Festival of Magic Show |
| Monday 25 - Friday 6 December | School Swimming Scheme |
| Wednesday 27 | Kinder Orientation 2.30-3.15pm |

December

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| Wednesday 11 | Presentation Day |
| Friday 13 | Christmas Carols |
| Friday 13 | Volunteer/Helper Morning Tea |
| Monday 16 | Picnic Day East Maitland Pool |
| 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 Week 5! We are now 5 weeks into Term 4 with lots of activities happening on a regular basis. A reminder to students that they will require 18 behaviour points or more (as stated in Student Welfare Policy) at the time of any privilege excursion to be eligible to attend. Please contact your child's class teacher if you wish to confirm the number of Behaviour Points that your child has.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp

On Monday Year 5/6 students left for their 3 day excursion to The Great Aussie Bush Camp (GABC) at Tea Gardens. The students have been enjoying a wonderful, adventure filled, confidence boosting camp. Mrs Fonssbach and Ms Finch accompanied the students. Mr Withers, Mrs Ross, Mrs Callinan and Mrs Wolski have been doing day trips to transport children and assist with supervision.



Remembrance Day Service

On Monday, 11th November (Remembrance Day), our two school captains, Keelia Page and Taylor Goodwin, along with Mrs Callinan, will be representing Weston PS at the Remembrance Day service in Weston. Weston PS will also be having their Remembrance Day service in the school hall at 10.50am. All parents/community members are invited.



"Through our gates pass the nicest people."

Planting of Lone Pine

Weston PS has been fortunate to acquire a seedling of "The Lone Pine". It has been donated by the Johnstone Family (Kyle - Year 1 & Ebony - KH).



The **Lone Pine** was a solitary tree on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey, which marked the site of the **Battle of the Lone Pine in 1915**. Pines which are planted as a memorial to the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought in Gallipoli are also known as "**Lone Pines**".

The original "Lone Pine" was a sole survivor of a group of trees that had been cut down by Turkish soldiers who had used the timber and branches to cover their trenches during the battle. The tree was obliterated during the battle; however, pine cones that had remained attached to the cut branches over the trenches were retrieved by two Australian soldiers and brought home to Australia. Our seedling has come from these original pine cones.

We thank the Johnstone Family for their kind donation of "**The Lone Pine**" seedling. It will be planted near the canteen inside a metal cage for its protection. There are only a few schools in NSW with a seedling of "**The Lone Pine**". We will be planting the seedling on Friday morning at 9.30am.

Special thanks to 'The Johnstone Family'!

Newcastle Rotary Club World Festival of Magic Show

WPS has received again this year a surprise gift of 50 tickets to attend the **World Festival of Magic Show** from the Newcastle Rotary Club.

When: Thursday, 14th November
(next week)
Show time: 12.30pm (Duration - 1.5hrs)
Depart WPS: 11.00am
Venue: Panthers Newcastle, Cnr King and Union Sts, Newcastle
Transport: Bus
Cost: \$5.00 towards cost of the bus.

We apologise that this is a late invitation/notification to parents as the tickets were an unexpected donation to the school from the Rotary Club. Due to the limited number of tickets available class teachers have had a lucky draw of all students who had not received a playground/classroom behaviour card/slip this year.

PBL

is for staff, students and the community.
Coming in 2014!

Students successful in receiving a placement will be notified. Permission notes need to be returned to your child's class teacher **by Tuesday, 12th November**, or the tickets will be reallocated to another student. The \$5.00 donation towards the cost of the bus needs to be paid by Wednesday, 13th November. Parents/caregivers can contact the school if they require an extension for payment.

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

Warehouse Bus Trip

The Warehouse Bus Trip to Sydney took place last Saturday. All monies raised through commissions from the warehouses and raffles on the bus were all donated to the school. We wish to thank Mary for all her hard work and effort in organising this.

P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held on **Monday, 11th November**, in the staffroom at 7pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Fundraiser

The P & C are having a raffle, tickets are attached to this week's Bulletin. Additional tickets are available at the office if you would like more to sell.

Donations of non perishable goods/food would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the office.

Prizes include:

1. Refrigerator valued at \$499 (donated by TECO & Leah and Jeremy Cummings of Betta Electrical Kurri Kurri)
2. Food Hamper
3. Dinner - Denman Hotel valued at \$50



Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary

KURRI KURRI & DISTRICT PRE-SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN INC.
Kurri Kurri Preschool are currently taking names for children requiring preschool education for children eligible to attend preschool up to 2016 ie. Born before 31.7.2012

We also have positions available for 2014. Please contact Kurri Kurri Preschool on 4937 2110 for further information.



Garden Gossip

The Makeover Our School Project is now well underway and we hope that you are noticing the positive difference that it is making to our school. The school grounds are tidier, well maintained and manicured. The students of Weston Public are noticing the BIG and small changes that they are seeing in their playgrounds and the positive feedback makes us very proud of the job we are doing.

THE BIGGEST SUCCESS YET was our first *working bee* which took place last Friday 1/11/2013. It was a **WONDERFUL** day with *PERFECT* weather and LOADS of helpers and volunteers. We raked, clipped, planted, watered, trimmed, hedged, wood-chipped and most importantly we did it TOGETHER!

Many, many thanks go to a long list of people for making the day such a success and SO much FUN!!

We would like to thank -

Our school community: Mrs Callinan, Miss McMillan, Mr Withers, Mrs Brady, Mrs Ross, Mr Morrison, Mrs Wolski, Mrs Cox and our Year 6 helpers

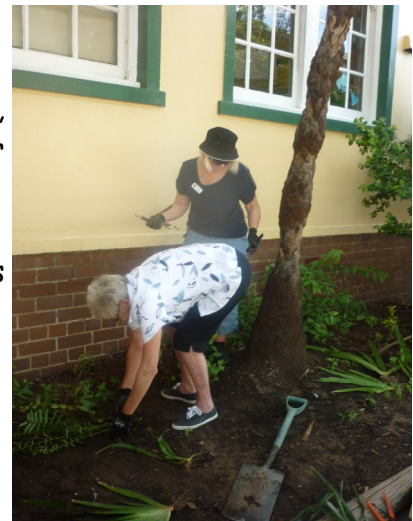
Our local community: Charlene York and Kylie Elkovich

Our volunteers: Rhys Cheetham and Noona (Mrs Cheetham's Grandma)

Thanks for reading

From

The Focus Group 2013 ☺





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Contact Cynthia Culhane, your local Saver Plus Worker:

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Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Newcastle by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

REMEMBRANCE 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



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Term 4 Program

Let's Play!

FREE Parenting Course

This will be a 'hands on' course for families & their children not yet at school.

Most activities will be alternatives to expensive toys
Lots of creative, cheap & cheerful ideas will be shared

Venue: Koe-nara
Time: Tuesdays for 10 weeks
10 am to 11.30 am
Oct 8 — Nov 26

Baby & Me

Just for babies under 18 months and their dad, mum or grandparent

Each Wednesday of term
from
1 to 2.30
At Koe-nara

Dates to remember

Last week of our
playgroups for 2013
Dec 2 to Dec 5

Playgroup returns in
2014 the week
starting Feb 3.

End of Year Celebrations

We will celebrate at Maitland Park on Dec 3 from

10 am to 1pm with a Party

Please bring your own drinks & a plate to share

RSVP essential

There is a bike track if you would like to bring your kids scooters and bikes. We will have face painting and some music with Lyn!



Baby Clothing Exchange

Please remember to explore the baskets for your baby's size—just use the items while you need them, then bring them back and swap for the next size!

Easy!

Playworks!

Playworks is a meeting place & supported playgroup where parents & caregivers of young children can come together to share their experiences & support one another

Playworks is fun for kids.

Venues

Mondays
Koe-nara
10 to 12

Thursdays

Cessnock East Public School
With Lyn for Reading Bug
9 to 11

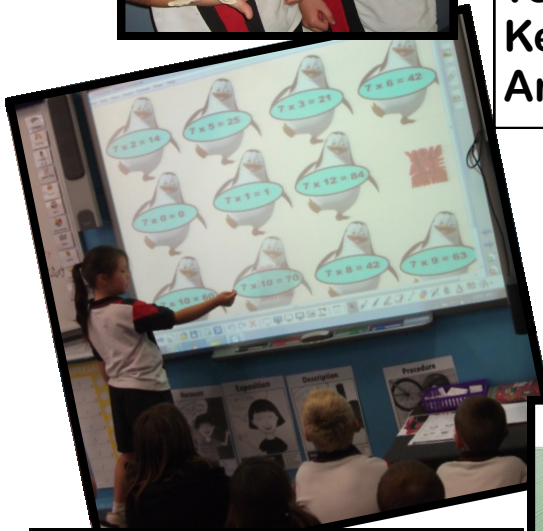


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Koe-nara, Cessnock Schools as Community Centre

What's Happening in 2/3Marvellous?



2/3M have been very busy in all Key Learning Areas.



WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



1ST PRIZE Teco 258ltr Frost Free Fridge

Donated by -



Australia

Kurri Kurri

2ND PRIZE Hamper

Donated by - Parents, Carers,
Teachers and P&C of Weston
School



3RD PRIZE \$50 Meal Voucher for Bistro

Donated by -

Hotel Denman, Abermain



TICKETS 50C EACH
DRAWN ON THE
11TH DECEMBER, 2013