

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 6

Wednesday 13th November, 2013

Quote of the Week
"Children are likely to live up
to what you believe of them."
- Lady Bird Johnson



Important Dates for Term 4 2013

November

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

Monday 2 P & C Meeting (Last for the Yr)
Wednesday 11 Presentation Day
Thursday 12 Year 6 Farewell
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,

Students and staff at Weston PS were involved in Remembrance Day services yesterday. A school service was led by Year 5/6 students. Congratulations on a wonderful ceremony students: Lily Huckfeldt, Elissa Bromage, Kiara Hawley, Ryan Day, Caitlan Stewart, Emma

Rutledge, Kaylee Jones, Zoe Harper and Leah Redshaw. The school captains, Keelia Page and Taylor Goodwin represented Weston PS at the Weston RSL Sub-Branch service. All students were wonderful ambassadors for Weston PS.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

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Long ago and far away
across the ocean
wild and wide
the young men stormed
an alien shore
where many of them died.
Here and now
old men remember
the valour and the gore
and the boyish faces
of their youth
that are young for ever more.

William Bedford

The Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest We Forget.



"Through our gates pass the nicest people."

The Great Aussie Bush Camp

Last week Year 5/6 students participated in a wonderful 3-day excursion to The Great Aussie Bush Camp (GABC) at Tea Gardens. The students' behaviour and participation was excellent and highly commended by staff at the GABC. Special thanks go to Mrs Fonssbach and Ms Finch who accompanied the students, also to Mr Withers, Mrs Ross, Mrs Wolski and Mrs Callinan who did day-trips to transport children and assist with supervision.

Thank you staff and congratulations students!

Planting of Lone Pine

Last week Weston PS was fortunate to acquire a Lone Pine seedling. It was kindly donated by the Johnston 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**.

We thank the Johnston Family for their kind donation of **The Lone Pine** seedling. Last Friday it was 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 are extremely fortunate and proud of our **Lone Pine**.

Special thanks to 'The Johnston Family'!

BOOK FAIR

We had our Book Fair to in the Library. All purchases will benefit our school with great new books and resources from Scholastic!

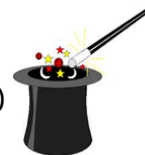
Thank you for supporting the school and your child's love of reading!

PBL

will promote high expectations for staff, students and the community.

Newcastle Rotary Club World Festival of Magic Show

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



Students who were successful in receiving a placement for the World of Magic Show were notified last week and needed to have their permission notes returned **YESTERDAY**. Placements have been reallocated to students where permission notes have not been returned and no contact made with the school. The \$5.00 donation towards the cost of the bus needed to be paid today. Parents/caregivers can contact the school if they require an extension for payment.

Code of Conduct

For the safety of ALL students at our school parents/carers have been asked to wait for their children outside the school fence (unless it is raining) until the bell rings at 3.15pm. This safety practice has been endorsed by the Weston Public School P&C Association and applies to the entrance of ALL school gates at 3.15pm. We ask that parents support us with this safety measure in our efforts to ensure the safety of all students. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Callinan or school executive if this matter requires further clarification.

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



Uniform Policy

You will notice there are flyers in this week's Bulletin displaying our uniform requirements to promote safety, pride, a feeling of belonging and equality. **This is a preempt to next year and we understand uniform items will not be bought between now and 2014.** Students are asked to come to school each day ready in their full school uniform, including socks, black jumpers and appropriate jewellery. A reward will be given to those students who continuously show pride in their school at the end of this term.

Thank you in advance for your support.

"Music Count Us In" Program

Last Thursday at 12 noon Weston Public School students sang 'Keep On' which was a part of the 'Music Count us In' Program. We had an early lunch to make sure we were seated in the hall to be a part of this wonderful program. More than 2,150 schools (and more than half a million kids) sang the same song, at the same time, from Adelaide to Albany, Canberra to Coogee, Mount Isa to Mount Druitt, Bundaberg to Ballarat, Launceston to Lord Howe Island, Halls Creek to Humpty Doo. Schools performed on beaches, in the street, in shopping malls, atop skyscrapers, in performing arts centres, in school halls and classrooms, the whole country coming together to celebrate music education. Mrs Ross filmed the singing of the song and it can be viewed on our web page.

Miss Brown - KB Teacher



Swimming Scheme

Thank you to the parents who have already kindly volunteered to transport children to and from Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre.

Just a friendly reminder that Weston Public School needs a copy of your 'comprehensive car insurance policy' and your licence. If you could have them to the office no later than Friday 15th November that would be appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE

Spectator Guidelines: A policy of Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre is that there is a spectator fee. If you want to watch your child during the Intensive Swimming program, then you will have to pay the set fee on entry to the pool. Otherwise you will be asked to be seated in the area near the canteen.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Manderson

P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held on **Monday, 2nd December**, 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

Tickets are 50 cents each and the raffle will be drawn on the 11th December, 2013.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary

He needs someone to care.

Do you have room in your home and space in your heart?

Help us meet an urgent need for foster carers in the Hunter and Central Coast region.

The most urgent need exists for: sibling groups of primary school age. Children in need of respite (short break) care, for example can you care for a child / children one weekend a month to give their full time carers a break?

Visit fosteringnsw.com.au or call **1800 236 783**





Garden Gossip

BUNNINGS
warehouse

WORKING



Dear Parents / Caregivers / Community Members of Weston Public School,

The **Focus Group** would like to invite you to our "Makeover Our School" Working Bee.

Date: Tuesday 19th November 2013

Place: Meet the Focus group at the front entry of the school to help renovate our existing gardens (weeding, watering, wood chipping, etc..).

Time: 9:30am

Items to BRING:



And enjoy a   to say thanks for your help.

* Special **THANKS** to **CESSNOCK BUNNINGS** for their donations, contributions and help with the Makeover Our School project *

Hope to see you there!!! From the FOCUS GROUP 2013

RSVP

For catering purpose please RSVP the number of helpers / volunteers.

Name: _____

The number of people attending our School Working Bee on 19/11/13: _____.

Thanks for reading

From

The Focus Group 2013 ☺

What's Happening in K-Beautiful?



KB have been very busy...
Remembrance Day, gardening,
Literacy groups and creating
artworks.



What's Happening in K-Heavenly?



KH have also been doing exciting things like playing on the equipment, helping the new Kinders and doing group work in literacy.



Weston Public School Uniform

The wearing of a school uniform is encouraged and recommended at all times.

We feel that a school uniform:

1. Ensures students' safety and well-being
2. Contributes greatly to the overall tone of the school.
3. Encourages pupil pride and a feeling of belonging to the school.
4. Puts all children on an equal footing in terms of appearance.

Girls Day/Sport Uniform

WPS School shirt

Black shorts (appropriate length), skort, trousers, tracksuit pants (no tights, bike pants or jeans)

Black jumper

White socks

Black leather shoes or white joggers

Boys Day/Sport Uniform

WPS School shirt

Black shorts, trousers, tracksuit pants (no jeans)

Black jumper

White socks



Hats

Hats are compulsory whenever children are playing in the playground. All students need to wear a black sun-safe hat when outdoors. If students do not have a black sun-safe school hat, they will need to remain in the undercover areas during recess and lunch play periods.

Jewellery and Makeup

No makeup is to be worn. Please see jewellery poster for requirements.

Sun-safe black bucket hats (\$5) and WPS polo shirts can be purchased from the office any time. Good quality second hand uniforms are also available at the office for a gold coin donation.

Jewellery expectations at Weston Public School



CAUSES -
Only on the day



Jewellery of cultural or personal significance-
parents are asked to let
the school know.



At Weston Public School, we are:
SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE

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The Correct shoes - what to wear and why?



Enclosed footwear- Black leather or white joggers.

According to the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2000 Weston Public School (through the Department of Education and Training) must ensure:
*students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on school premises

*the school identifies and eliminates (or controls) any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its



Suede leather is ok too! Just check the label.



What do I wear for sport on Friday?



School shoes – what not to wear.

Footwear must be leather-no colours or coloured laces.



No canvas or ballet flats. Minimal logos please!



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