



Quote of the Week
Everyone has potential,
you just have to discover it.



Important Dates for Term 4 2013

November

Monday 25 - Friday 6 December
School Swimming Scheme
Wednesday 27 Kinder Orientation 2.30-3.15pm
Thursday 28 Last day for Book Club orders

December

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****

Newcastle Rotary Club World Festival of Magic Show

Congratulations to **ALL** students who participated in The World of Magic on Thursday last week. Students were wonderful ambassadors for Weston PS with **FANTASTIC** behaviour. Well done children! Thank you to Miss Compton, Mrs Manderson, Miss McMillan and Mrs Wolski for your supervision on the day.



Contacting Students at School

Please remember that if you need to speak to your child at school or deliver an item that you go to the Office first. The Office staff will ensure that your child receives the message/item. This practice follows our Code of Conduct and avoids disruptions to lessons.

Nut Free Zone at Weston Public School

A number of students at our school have indicated that they have an allergy to nuts. We ask that you assist us in providing these students with a safe school environment. Nuts of any variety or items containing nuts are not to be brought to school. This includes containers that used to have nuts or peanut butter in them. If your child eats peanut butter/Nutella before school, please make sure they wash their hands before coming to school. Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches are not to be brought to school.



Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome to a wet Week 7!

As we have not had rain for some time there have been some blocked drains and extra puddles in the school. The front path/rose garden area of the school that floods quickly in heavy rain will get a new drain in the school holidays along with the repair of other rusted/broken downpipes.

"Through our gates pass the nicest people."

2014 School Captains

Yesterday the nominees for 2014 Leaders gave their speeches to the school and parents/carers. All student speeches were EXCELLENT! Children and school staff will be voting during the course of this week. Students/staff vote for four children. The nominees with the top 4 highest number of votes (no set number of girls and boys) will be inducted as Captains in 2014. Leaders will be announced on Presentation Day (11th December).

Voting and speeches for House Captains will be held early Term 1, 2014.



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will make WPS an even happier and more respectful place of learning.

Office Payments

The last day that the office will be receiving money for 2013 payments will be **Wednesday, 11th December**.



The office will still be open but closed for payments due to the end-of-year book keeping procedures.

Students participating in the K-6 Picnic Day (Monday, 16th December) will need to have the total cost of \$8.00 paid by **Wednesday, 11th December**.

December.

P&C Meeting

Last night we had the final P&C Meeting for 2013. We thank the members of the P&C for their untiring support of our school and to parents for their support of the P&C fundraisers throughout the year. Your help and support is greatly appreciated and valued.

At last night's meeting the P&C members voted to fund the following activities in 2014:

- ◆ Irrigation watering system for oval
- ◆ Furniture for the Library including beanbags
- ◆ Library Books
- ◆ K-2 Readers
- ◆ 'CSIRO' visiting performance in September
- ◆ 'Deadly Australians' visiting performance in May
- ◆ Whole-school excursion to 'Roosa Park'
- ◆ Funds to re-vamp the cricket nets

From the staff and students at Weston PS we say, **"THANK YOU!"**

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

School Banking Tokens

School Banking tokens will need to be in by 20/11/13 to enable prizes to be distributed. Last day for banking will be Thursday 12/12/13.

Swimming Scheme

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Just a friendly reminder that the Intensive Swimming Scheme starts Monday 25th November 2013 (Week 8).

Children will be required to bring the following:

Swimmers

=Towel

Sunscreen

Plastic bag for wet items

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

Travel Schedule

Please meet under the primary C.O.L.A.

Monday 25th November to Friday 6th December (excluding Wednesday 27th November)

Pickup time from school: 12:55pm

Pickup time from the pool: 2:15pm

The only change we have this year is on Wednesday 27th November.

Pickup time from school: 10:00am

Pickup time from the pool: 11:15am

Thank you for your support during this busy time of year.

Thank you

Mrs Manderson

(Swimming Scheme Coordinator)



LIBRARY NEWS

End of Year in the Library

It is that time of the year when we have to do stocktake. As a result **all library books will need to be returned by the end of this week, Week 7 (22nd November).**

Overdue notices were sent out last week. If there are any problems please just send in a note explaining the concern. Congratulations to the students in 6F who had no overdue loans. What fantastic role models and responsible students!

For our keen readers, don't forget it is free to join the local library and they can continue to borrow books from there during the summer holidays. You can also register with the *Kurri Kurri or Cessnock Library* to join their *summer reading program*. Remember the books you read from the start of October this year count towards next year's Premier's Reading Challenge. This is a good way to get a head start.

Interesting Apps

Below are links to 3 sites that may help entertain and educate children.

50 best apps for kids from 2013 that parents can trust

<http://www.theguardian.com/technology/appsblog/2013/jun/19/50-best-apps-kids-iphone-android-ipad>

This site from the British newspaper, The Guardian, lists 50 apps that they consider great for kids.

Cool math

<http://www.coolmath.com/>

This site has games children can access and enjoy. It does have some advertising but it is considered child friendly. If you feel any advertising is inappropriate please contact the site administrators.

Out and about sight words app

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/out-and-about.html>

This is a great app. It helps children in Kindergarten to year 2 learn important site words.

P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held next year on

Monday, 10th February, 2014, 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



Garden Gossip

Unfortunately due to the heavy rain and unpredictable weather our Bunnings Working Bee was cancelled today. Bunnings are planning to visit the school and work with the Focus Group children in the coming weeks to plant the hedge in our beautiful new garden that Mr Harmes has been working on this term.

We thank our willing and generous volunteers who offered to kindly give up their morning to help today: Mrs Ainsworth, Miss Ramage and Mr Tait. We are so thankful for your support and apologise that we were unable to go ahead with today's activities.

Thanks for reading

From

The Focus Group 2013 ©

What's happening in 1-Brilliant?



1B are organised when on the move around the school. We are busy and focused during literacy sessions involving R2L tasks and literacy group activities.

Some recent favorite activities include learning about our Australian money, word recognition games - especially on the smart (or is that our BRILLIANT!!) board and exploring musical concepts with percussion instruments.

