

# 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 8

Tuesday 26th November, 2013

## Quote of the Week

It's a new day and a new chance to try again.



## 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\*\***

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

## Swimming School has begun!

Thirty-five students commenced the 2 week Intensive Swimming Scheme yesterday. Thank you to parent volunteers and staff for transporting students which has limited the cost to \$3.00/day instead of \$11.00 (if students went by bus). Special thanks to Mrs Manderson for her organisation of the Program and Miss Brown for filling in as swimming instructor/leader in Mrs Manderson's absence.



## Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 students took home a Year 6 Farewell Invitation to parents last week. For catering purposes the RSVP needs to be returned no later than **Wednesday**.

**4<sup>th</sup> December.** Two (2) family members per Year 6 student are able to accompany their child at the luncheon to follow the Year 6 Presentation/Concert.

## K-6 Picnic/Swimming Day

**WHEN:** Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December

**WHERE:** East Maitland Pool

**COST:** \$8.00 (*To be paid by Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December*)



Notes went home last week with students for the K-6 Picnic/Swimming Day. Children will be involved in a number of swimming races/activities to consolidate their swimming skills learnt/developed in the Intensive Swimming Program. A swimming permission note must be returned for EACH child (NO siblings to be added). School activities are being relocated to the pool on this day.

*Any student with insufficient points to attend or their behaviour is a safety risk to themselves or others received an ORANGE note indicating that their parents/carers will need to transport and supervise them on the day.*

## Office Payments



The last day that the office will be receiving money for 2013 payments will be **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> December) will need to have the total cost of \$8.00 paid by **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December**.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school,

**Mrs R Callinan—Principal**

*"Through our gates pass the nicest people."*

## Swimming Scheme

### Travel Schedule

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

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
(excluding Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November)

Pickup time from school: 12:55pm

Pickup time from the pool: 2:15pm

The only change we have this year is on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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/Miss Brown*

*(Swimming Scheme Coordinators)*

# PBL

is a new and exciting initiative starting in 2014. Stay tuned!

## P & C News

### Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held next year on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2014**, in the staffroom at 7pm. All are welcome.

### Canteen News

The last day the canteen will operate will be **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December (Wk 9)**. Some items will not be available to purchase over the next few weeks as the canteen is winding down for the year.

### Christmas Fundraiser

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 **11<sup>th</sup> December, 2013**.

**Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary**

## Uniform News

We wish to say a massive thank you to all parents, students, the P&C and community members who have supported our move to implement a uniform reward policy for students who are consistently showing pride in themselves and their school by wearing their full school uniform. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and we are busy planning this term's reward.

Please start thinking about what uniform requirements are in place when considering purchases over the school holidays for the new year, in particular shoes and jumpers.

You are more than welcome to contact the school if you have any queries regarding the uniform expectations.

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS!

It is almost time for your children to move on to bigger things at high school. In this exciting time, we ask that you think about what you might do with your child's old school uniforms. If there is no-one you can pass them on to in your family or community, please donate them back to the school for families in need.

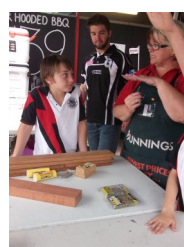
Thank you for your support and consideration.

*Regards, Miss K. McMillan*  
*Assistant Principal*



## Garden Gossip

Activities that have happened throughout Term 4







## Worms come to Weston PS!!!



On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, Hailey Durham from Cessnock City Council came to our school to talk about worms and what they do to help our environment. 2/3M, 3/4W, 4/5F and 6F talked to Hailey about the importance of worms. 3/4W worked with Hailey to put together a working Worm Farm to keep at our school. From this worm farm we hope to use the worm castings as potting mix for seedlings and the "Worm Tea" as a liquid fertiliser for our vegetable gardens. Worm Tea is the concentrated liquid mix of all the goodness extracted from the worm cast – the stuff that come out of the worms.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Chevvy and Lillian in 3/4W have been taking good care of our school worms and they have made worm tea (a good fertilizer).



If you have any empty jars with lids, like vegemite or jam, please drop them into the front office.

Thank you for your support.



# What's happening in 1/2-Champions?



This term has been a very busy but exciting term in 1/2C. Highlights of the term have included maths groups, creative arts and the student assignments in HSIE on their family tree. A great deal of effort and imagination went into these assignments. Well done 1/2!

