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



Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 10th December, 2013

Quote of the Week

Before you discover, you must explore.

Important Dates for Term 4 2013

December

Wednesday 11	Presentation Day -9.30am
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

Important Dates for Term 1 2014

January

Tuesday 28	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29	Students Yrs 1-6 return
Thursday 30	Kindergarten Students start

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

Uniform Notice

Please note that uniforms will not be sold in Week 11 (Dec16—20) due to stocktake. Thank you.

Office Payments

The last day that the office will be receiving money for 2013 payments will be **Wednesday 11th December (this week)**. 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**.

Dear Parents and Carers and Community Members,



This will be the last Bulletin for 2013. Exciting events happening this week to celebrate the end of the school year include:

- Monday:** P&C Dinner
Tuesday: Surprise visit from Santa Claus to the K-2 students
Wednesday: Presentation Day – 9.30am start in Hall
2014 School Leaders to be announced during Presentation Day Ceremony
Semester 2 Reports go home
Thursday: Year 6 Farewell Ceremony (10.00am – All welcome)
Luncheon (11.30am approx. – Year 6 Parents/Carers invited to attend)
Friday: Christmas Carol singing in the Hall at 9.30am – ALL invited
A "Thank You" morning tea for our 2013 helpers/volunteers will follow the carol singing in the hall.
All volunteers/helpers welcome.



Rotary Carols Evening

Congratulations Drumbeat and Dance Group students for your outstanding performance at the Rotary Carols evening. Thank you Mrs Fonssbach for your wonderful organisation/preparation for the event and thank you to parents for students' participation and supervision. It was FANTASTIC!



"Through our gates pass the nicest people."

K-6 Picnic/Swimming Day

WHEN: Monday, 16th December
WHERE: East Maitland Pool
COST: \$8.00 (*To be paid by Wednesday, 11th December*)

Notes went home in Week 7 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 where teaching staff will be in attendance.



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.



Nut-Free Zone at Weston PS

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.

Sun-Safe Hats

Students are required to wear a sun-safe hat whenever they are outside unless they are under a COLA. This sun-safe practice also includes during sport activities (ie. PE and Friday sport). Please ensure that your child has their sun-safe hat with them each day.



Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. 2013 has been a wonderful year of exciting activities and change. We look forward to working with our students and families again in 2014.

We wish you peace, good health and happiness for Christmas and the new year.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*Mrs R Callinan
Principal*

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*

PBL

is almost here!



P & C News

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 raffle will be drawn tomorrow (Wednesday, December 11), at the Presentation Ceremony. The P & C would like to thank everyone who donated prizes as well as those who bought tickets.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has supported our P & C with donations and volunteering their time. All your efforts are greatly appreciated. It would also be lovely to see some new faces in 2014. From Weston Public School P & C we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary



Santa Came to Weston Public School



What's happening in 4/5 fabulous?



This term, 4/5 have been writing procedures in English. As a Christmas cooking activity we made White Christmas. We wrapped them up in cellophane to take home for a Christmas gift!

*Merry Christmas
from 4/5F*



White Christmas

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 Cups of Rice Bubbles
- 1 Cup Coconut
- 1 Cup full-cream powdered milk
- 250 g Copha
- 1 Cup Icing Sugar
- 1 Cup of assorted dry fruit and glace Cherries

Method:

1. Place greaseproof paper in a baking tin
2. Roughly chop cherries and dried fruit
3. Mix the entire dry ingredient together in a large bowl
4. Melt the copha in a microwave on low heat until it is a liquid
5. Pour copha into the mix
6. Stir until all the ingredients are mixed
7. Flatten mixture into the tin and refrigerate



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The Correct shoes - what to wear and why?



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 premises.



Things that have been happening around our school in Term 4 at our school.



Our new memorial garden/reading area



Swimming Scheme



Focus Groups

