

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 9

Monday 2nd December, 2013

Quote of the Week

Friends are those who love you when everyone else deserts you.

Important Dates for Term 4 2013

December

Monday 2 - Friday 6 December

School Swimming Scheme

Friday 6 **Last day for Canteen**

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*****

INDUSTRIAL ACTION TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 9.00AM UNTIL 11.00AM

Our school will be open on this morning with minimal staff supervising students.

Normal school lessons will resume from 11.00am.

Dear Parents and Carers and Community Members,

Swimming Scheme

We are now in our 2nd week of the Intensive Swimming Scheme. A **HUGE** thank you to parent volunteers and staff for transporting students.



Rotary Carols Evening

When: Sunday, 8th December

Where: Kurri Kurri Public School

Time: 6.00pm

Cost: Gold Coin donation

Students in the Drumbeat and Dance Group will be performing at the Rotary Carols by Candlelight under the guidance of Mrs Fonssbach. We wish them all the best for their performances and thank Mrs Fonssbach for her ongoing commitment to the Creative and Performing Arts Curriculum and the students/community of our school.



Year 6 Farewell



Year 6 students took home a Year 6 Farewell Invitation to parents in Week 7. For catering purposes the RSVP needs to be returned

Wednesday, 4th 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.

Uniform Notice

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

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.

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, 11th December (NEXT 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**.



Thank you for your ongoing support of our school,

Mrs R Callinan—Principal

Swimming Scheme

We would like thank the parents who are transporting the swimming scheme students to Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre, your help is greatly appreciated. We know this is a busy time of the year and we thank you for your support during this time.

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, 10th February, 2014**, in the staffroom at 7pm. All are welcome.

Canteen News

The last day the canteen will operate will be **Friday, 6th 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 **11th December, 2013**.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary



The Waterhole

Down to the secret waterhole animals all come
As seasons bring forth drought and flood
They gather there as one United in their common need
Their numbers swell up to ten

But hidden deep amongst the trees lie..... ten times again.

by Cassandra Carter



Tips for Parents from the DET

Summer holiday fun

Sport and Recreation is giving away a kids' camp for two. Simply tell them in 25 words or less why you'd love to win a Sport and Recreation holiday, and like their [Facebook page](#). The competition closes on 13 December, 2013.

Enter the competition: dsr.nsw.gov.au/win

Avoiding homework drama

Bell Shakespeare's artistic director, John Bell, discusses Shakespeare and how to make it accessible. He says to tell your teen not to worry about the language; to concentrate on the characters, the dilemmas, and the problems they face, and find out how to identify with the protagonists in the story.

Coping with Shakespeare: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/helping-kids-cope-with-shakespeare>

Primary school

For the love of science

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right.

Listen to the podcast: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-tips/for-the-love-of-science>

Pleasures of free play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

What's happening in 3/4 Wonderful?



This week 3/4W have been making chocolate balls for their Christmas cooking activity. They had to follow a recipe with instructions and work together as a team to create this taste sensation!

