

Weston Public School

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



A newsletter for the community of Weston Public School

Term 1 Week 5

Tuesday February 26, 2013

Quote for the Week

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.

~ Confucius ~

Important Dates for Term 1 2013



MARCH

Monday 4	School Photos
Friday 8	Cross Country Trials
Thursday 14	School Disco
Tuesday 26	Zone Rugby League Trials
Wednesday 27	Zone Cross Country
Wednesday 27	Easter Parade
Thursday 28	CSIRO - Science Show
Friday 29	Good Friday (Public Holiday)

APRIL

Monday 1	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
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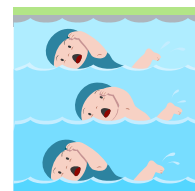
Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

We are now almost half way through Term 1. Children are settling in well to classroom routines and we have **most** children following our school rules: **S**afety, **K**indness and **R**espect. I have included in our Bulletin today a copy of the *Core Rules* for students attending NSW government schools. Please go over the *Core Rules* with your students.

Thank you to the families who were able to make it to our Meet the Teacher Information Session/ Sausage Sizzle. It was a lovely afternoon. Special thanks to staff for giving their time and support for this wonderful activity. The sausages were scrumptious!!

Zone Swimming Carnival

The Zone Swimming Carnival was on Friday last week at Cessnock Pool. Mrs Manderson and Mrs Ross accompanied the children on the day. The children are to be congratulated for their behaviour, effort and performance. Jack Sheehan came first in Junior Butterfly, 2nd in Jun Backstroke and 3rd in Freestyle. Caitlin Stewart came 2nd in 11yrs freestyle and 3rd in Breaststroke.



Dr Rip's Science of the Surf (SOS)

Rob Brander's presentation to the children yesterday about SURF SCIENCE (Types of waves, Wave breaking, Rip currents, Beach types) and BEACH SAFETY (How to spot a rip and what to do when caught in one, Dangerous surf and waves, Where to swim safely) was outstanding. Ask your child about the presentation.



Quality Teaching Course

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week Ms Finch, Mrs Fonssbach and Mrs Manderson will be attending a 3-day intensive workshop on Quality Teaching practices. Children in these classes will

have the pleasure of being taught by visiting teachers on these days. We expect children to behave in a positive and sensible manner over the three days.

Clean-Up Australia Day Activities

Clean-up Australia Day is on Sunday this week. Students and staff at Weston PS will be involved in clean-up activities on Friday this week. We will be collecting any rubbish, both natural and man-made, around our school and gardens. Children will need to bring in a plastic bag and gloves for our clean-up activities.

Out of Uniform Day - YMCA Swimathon

On Friday of this week we will be having an Out-of-Uniform Day to support an ex-student's involvement in the YMCA Swimathon. Chloe Wilson is swimming 120 laps of the 25m pool at the Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre on Sunday. Chloe's 3Km swim is to raise money for people with a disability in our community to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. On Friday children will have the opportunity to come out-of-uniform by dressing in blue and giving a gold coin donation to this wonderful fundraising activity. We wish Chloe all the best for her swim on Sunday. Let's get behind Chloe by wearing blue for a gold coin donation on Friday. Go Chloe!!!

School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on Monday, 4th March by MSP Photography. All money needs to be returned, sealed in the photography envelope, on or before Monday. The office **will not** be open for the purchase of school shirts or change for Photography envelopes on Monday morning. Anyone requiring a new school shirt for their child for school photographs must do so by Friday.

Updating Student Details

Please remember to contact the office staff if you have moved house or have a new phone number. Updating student details is very important as sometimes emergencies do happen

and this makes our job very difficult if we are unable to contact you on numbers that are not valid within our system.

Voluntary School Contributions

Voluntary Contributions are a part of all schools. Your P & C set our school's level at **\$20 per child (\$50 for a family of 3 or more) for the year**. This can be paid in full or **\$5 per term** at the office. The dollars collected are used to support the purchase of supplies for your children.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

*Mrs R. Callinan
Acting Principal*

P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 11th March, in the staffroom at 7pm. All welcome.

Canteen News

The canteen will now be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Term one. A new price list has already gone home but there are spare copies at the office if you didn't receive one.



Easter Raffle

Our P & C are holding an Easter Raffle. Tickets for the raffle went home last week with the Bulletin, there are spare books at the office if you would more. If you do not wish to buy any tickets please return the books back to the office. The draw will take place at the Easter Hat Parade on **Wednesday March 27**.

Donations of Easter Eggs, bunnies etc would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped off at the office.

*Mandy Johnson
P & C Secretary*



Core Rules

Student discipline in NSW Government Schools

All students in NSW Government schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.



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Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Families NSW is offering Triple P to all families with children aged 3-8 years.

Please note that bookings ARE ESSENTIAL so that we can keep course sizes manageable.

To find out more or to book into a course please contact
Cessnock Family Support Service
4990 4507

For more information visit www.families.nsw.gov.au

TRIPLE P SELECT PROGRAM

Triple P Parent Seminars

The power of positive parenting	Thursday 28 March 2013
Raising confident, competent children	Thursday 4 April 2013
Raising resilient children	Thursday 11 April 2013

Time: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

AT
Samaritans Neighbourhood Centre
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

To book a place or for more information please phone

CESSNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
on
4990 4507



Seminars are presented by an accredited Triple P practitioner

Financial assistance for this service is provided by Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW



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KURRI KURRI PRE SCHOOL

Kurri Pre-school are currently taking names for children requiring pre-school education for children eligible to attend pre-school up to 2015 ie. Born before 1.8.2011.

We also still have positions available for 2013 for children aged 3-5. Please contact Kurri Pre-school on 49372110 for further information.

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kurripreschool@bigpond.com



Are you aged between 8 – 12 years?



Do you help look after your brother or sister, parent, grandparent, other relative or friend who has a disability, mental illness, chronic medical condition, drug and/or alcohol related condition or who is frail aged?

Yes! Then...Come along to EDuCARE's

i-care 6 Week Young Carer Peer Support Group!!

What will I be doing in the Group?

- ▶ Meet New Friends
- ▶ Share Your Experiences with Others
- ▶ Talk about your Feelings
- ▶ Learning to Deal with Problems
- ▶ Talk about your Worries
- ▶ Explore your Strengths
- ▶ Most of all have Fun!!!



When: Each Thursday from 28th March til Thursday 11th April, 2013
Time: 3.45pm - 5.45pm
Where: St James Primary School, Skellatar Stock Route, Muswellbrook
Cost: **FREE!** - Includes all Activities and Afternoon Tea
RSVP: Tuesday 26 March 2013

Limited Places, so Don't Miss Out on this Opportunity!

To Register Contact EDuCARE on: 4921 4895 or
email: educare-admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au



Give Netball a Go!!

Registration fees discounted for 2013 Season

Bring your friends and join a family fun atmosphere at Kurri Kurri Netball each Saturday morning.
Form a team or just come and join.



Fun Net up to 7 years	FREE
Netta 8 - 10 years	\$20.00
Juniors 11 - 17 years	\$30.00
Non-players (Coaches)	\$40.00
Financial members (1 per family)	\$5.00

Rego Dates:

Tuesday: 26/2, 5/3 & 12/3 from 5 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 2/3, 9/3 & 16/3 from 9 - 11am

At Kurri Kurri Netball Courts Clubhouse

Come and see why Netball is so much fun!!

www.kurrikurri.netball.asn.au

For any additional enquiries, please contact Deb on 0412053923



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About the Schoolkids Bonus

What is the Schoolkids Bonus?

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies.

When does the Schoolkids Bonus start?

The Schoolkids Bonus starts from January 2013.

Who is eligible?

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a primary or secondary student, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Youth Allowance
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Education allowances under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible.

How much will I receive?

If you are eligible, you will receive:

- **\$410** for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of \$205)
- **\$820** for each child in secondary school (paid in two instalments of \$410)

If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A or an education allowance, you will receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.



When will I receive it?

Payments are made in January and July every year. You must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 1 January to be eligible for the January payment. Similarly, you must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 30 June to receive the July payment.

If you claim Family Tax Benefit Part A as a lump sum at the end of the financial year, you will receive the Schoolkids Bonus then.

What do I need to do to get it?

It's easy. You don't have to fill out any forms, keep receipts, or claim the Schoolkids Bonus in your tax return.

You just need to let Centrelink know:

- when you or your child starts primary school to start receiving the payment and
- when you or your child move from primary to secondary school to start receiving the secondary school amount.
- when you or your child finishes secondary school to receive the final secondary school payment.

How will I be paid?

If you're eligible, the Schoolkids Bonus will be automatically paid into your nominated bank account in January and July.

Has the Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund?

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which means you no longer need to keep receipts and claim it through your tax return.

Is the Schoolkids Bonus less than the Education Tax Refund?

No – the Schoolkids Bonus is \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 for each secondary student compared to a maximum of \$397 for a primary student and \$794 for a secondary student under the previous Education Tax Refund. In addition, most families were not claiming their full entitlement under the Education Tax Refund because they didn't have the receipts when they did their tax returns or forgot to claim the payment. Schoolkids Bonus is paid automatically and no receipts are required.

Where can I go for more information?

To learn more about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit:

australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus





For more information go to:
**australia.gov.au/
 schoolkidsbonus**
 or call 132 468*

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It's simple

If school expenses are weighing you down, the Schoolkids Bonus can really lighten the load. The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the old Education Tax Refund and it's a much simpler system. There's no need to collect receipts and you'll have extra money when you need it.

Automatic cash payments

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Are you eligible?

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Bonuses are paid January and July

The Schoolkids Bonus will automatically go into your bank account in January and July every year. You don't have to keep receipts or fill out any forms – just let Centrelink know if your or your child's details change.

