

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 2 Week 4

Tuesday May 21, 2013

Quote of the Week

Children are like seeds, water them and they will grow.
~ Anon ~

Important Dates for Term 2 2013

MAY

Friday 24 Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off

Friday 24 'Red Thread Day' - Wear Red
Gold Coin Donation
- Salvation Army

Tuesday 28 1,2,3 Magic—9.00-11.15am

JUNE

Monday 3 DRUMBEAT Tour Maitland
Community Pre-School

Wednesday 5 Scholastic Book Fair &
Biggest Morning Tea

Friday 7 K-2 Excursion to Oakvale Farm

Friday 7 DRUMBEAT tour

Monday 10 Queen's Birthday—Public Holiday

Tuesday 11 1,2,3, Magic—9.00-11.30am

Thursday 13 School Disco

Thursday 13 Last day for Pie Drive Orders to
be handed in

Monday 17 P & C Meeting—7pm

Tuesday 18 1,2,3 Magic—9.00-11.30am

Friday 21 Pie Drive orders return to school

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge has begun!

The Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

The Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge.

A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.

Encourage your child/children to become active. They can earn a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Diamond Award.

Some members of staff are also involved in the NSW Premier's Sporting Staff Challenge. We are working hard to become active and healthy.

Let's do it together!

GRIP leadership Conference

GRIP Leadership (formerly known as Impact Leadership) is an independent organisation that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector.

Our school student leaders (School Captains, Vice-Captains and House Captains) have been provided with the opportunity to attend a GRIP School Leadership Conference on Wednesday, 22nd May (TOMORROW) at Newcastle Panthers. Children will travel by private transport to Maitland Station then train to Civic Station and then walk to Panthers. We wish our leaders all the best for

Voluntary Contributions

\$20 per Student or \$50 for 3 or more students. Contributions can be paid in full or at \$5.00 per term at the office.



"Through our gates pass the nicest people."

this wonderful day. Mrs Fonssbach and Mrs Ross will be accompanying the children on the day.

Children will need to wear their full school uniform and bring all food/drinks for the day in a small daypack.

Mr McBurnie on Leave

Mr McBurnie, our School Administration Manager (SAM) will be absent this week recovering from his surgery today. We wish Max all the best for a speedy recovery. We thank you in advance for your patience when contacting or attending the office whilst we only have Mrs Harmes, our School Administration Officer (SAO), who works Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Athletics Carnival is on Friday, 31st May (Week 5). Students have been given a separate information/permission note. Students need to have 18 Behaviour Points or more to attend the carnival without supervision from their parent/carer. Parent/carer supervision is required for students who have less than 18 points or who display behaviour that is a safety risk to themselves and the safety of others.



Book Week

This year Book Week is in Term 3 Week 6 (19th - 23rd August). The theme is 'Champion Read'. We will have our Book Week parade on Thursday, 22nd August. Children can come dressed on the day as a character from a book they have read who they think is a *CHAMPION*.

DRUMBEAT Training

Drumbeat is a resilience program that explores relationship issues such as: Peer Pressure, Bullying, Dealing with Emotions, Identity, Social Responsibility and Teamwork. It is social learning in a fun context. It promotes teamwork and cooperation using hand drumming. Drumbeat is both engaging and rewarding. It develops

persistence, patience and commitment.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week a number of our classroom teachers (Miss Brown, Mrs Hansen, Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Manderson, Miss Compton, Ms Finch and Mr Withers) will be involved in Drumbeat Training. This 3-day course for teachers will involve casual/relief teachers being on-class in this time. Students are expected to behave in a polite and sensible manner for their relief teacher whilst their classroom teacher is being up-skilled with Drumbeat.

Some students have already been involved in Drumbeat sessions with Mrs Cheetham and Mrs Fonssbach who received training at the end of last year. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support while we have our classroom teachers being trained in Drumbeat next week.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs R. Callinan
Principal

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back!
Date: Wednesday, June 5 (Week 6).
There will be a colouring competition for each student to complete. One winner from each class will receive a \$10 book fair voucher to be used on Wednesday 5/6/13.



Behaviour Program—1,2,3 Magic

Don't forget our behaviour program is starting soon. Our first session begins on Tuesday May 28 from 9.00—11.15am. (Week 5)

Mrs K Cheetham





The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2013



The *NSW Premier's Reading Challenge* is on again and we're ready to start at Weston Public! The challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to help students to read good quality books. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge to each student to read more and more. Everyone who enters and successfully completes the challenge will receive a certificate, and their name will be published on the Honour Roll in the Newcastle Herald. The new Book lists and rules are available in the Library now. If you would like to enter, please see Mrs Clark during your Class Library Session or at lunch.

Challenge	Number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K-2	30	25	5	K-2 , 3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9

P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, in the staffroom at 7pm.
All welcome.

Pie Drive

Order forms need to be returned to the office no later than Thursday June 13. Orders will be Delivered to the school on Friday June 21.
Spare order forms can be collected from the office.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary

AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS

Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability, Mental Illness or Chronic Condition?

**You are Invited to attend our NEW
FREE Parent/Carer Information Sessions that run each
Tuesday over 3 weeks.**

Where: Metford Community Hall
Cnr. Ingall & Lowe Streets, Metford

Time: 9.30am — 2.00pm

Cost: FREE — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided

When: Tuesday 21st May, 28th May & 4th June 2013

RSVP: 15th May 2013

Topics Include:

- Emotional Impact of being a Parent/Carer
- Building Parent/Carer Resilience
- Siblings
- Introduction to Self-Regulation (How to Develop Calmer Kids)
- Relationships Sexuality & Disability
- Using Assisted Technology
- Advocacy — a Toolbox for Speaking Out

For more information or to Register Contact
EDuCARE on: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)

Respite may be available
by contacting
Commonwealth Respite &
Carelink Centres on
1800 052 222



EDuCARE
Educational Support for Carers



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District



Friday 24 May 2013

National Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

On Friday 24th May 2013, Weston Public School want to encourage all parents, carers and teachers to walk to school. If you live a distance away from your school and have to drive, you may park your car a kilometre away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

For more information on this event you can visit the website www.walk.com.au

Why is it good to walk to school?

It's good for the environment.

It's a healthier alternative to driving.

It's fun- you can meet new friends along the way.

REMEMBER – always hold an adult's hand when crossing roads.

STOP- LOOK- LISTEN and THINK before you cross the road.

WALK don't RUN.

Active Kids are Healthy Kids!

Koe Nara, Family Insight and The Young Parents Network Present:

The Winter Stomp

Play @ the Park

Come and join the fun, get out of the house and into the sun!

When:	21 st June 2013
Where:	Peace Park, Weston
Time:	10.30 – 12 noon

What to bring: Layer up with Jackets, scarves and hats and a water bottle for some outdoor fun and games

Free Sausage Sizzle

RSVP By 17 June

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So we don't run out of food!