

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 3 Week 2

Tuesday 23rd July, 2013

Quote of the Week

Cherish Yesterday, Dream Tomorrow, Live Today

~ Anonymous ~

Important Dates for Term 3 2013

July

Thursday 25 Ned Anti-bullying Show
Tuesday 30 Edfest Performance at KKHS
(Drumbeat and Dance group)

August

Thursday 1 Open Day
Friday 9 Footy colours out of uniform day
For Caner Council

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.

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

You will see from reading our Bulletin today that we have had a busy and exciting first week. Last week our students were involved in some wonderful NAIDOC Week activities with students from schools in our Kurri Kurri Learning Community. The photographs show it all!

Next week is Education Week. The program of planned activities for Education Week will go home separately with students. Our Open Day and Education Week Assembly will be on Thursday, 1st August.

Welcome back Mrs Cox!

We were pleased to have Mrs Cox return from maternity leave last week. She will be working as the Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Cheetham is the LaST on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and is on leave each Thursday and Friday. It is lovely to have you back Mrs Cox!

Office Staff

For the next five weeks of this term Mrs Harmes, our School Administration Officer, will be relieving at Stanford Merthyr Infants School where she works each Thursday. Mrs Ross will be relieving in the Office on a Monday and Friday and Mrs McCann will be in the Office each Tuesday during Mrs Harmes' absence.

Office is 'First Point of Call'

Please remember to go to the Office **first** if you need to collect your child early or pass on a message during the day. Parents are also asked to speak to Mrs Callinan or our Executive staff **first** if they are concerned about the teaching practice of staff at our school. We endeavour to promote and provide a happy and safe working environment for students and staff at Weston PS and ask parents to also follow this philosophy.



Executive Staff

This term we have Mr Withers still relieving as Assistant Principal. Mrs Cheetham is relieving as Assistant Principal from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Brady is relieving in this role on a Thursday and Friday.

"Through our gates pass the nicest people."

NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC Week celebrations with schools in the Kurri Kurri Leaning Community were held last week. Our Drumbeat students under the guidance of Mrs Cheetham and Mrs Fonssbach performed at Abermain PS on Wednesday, Pelaw Main PS on Thursday and on Friday at Mulbring PS, Stanford Merthyr Infants School and Kurri Kurri PS. The students performed magnificently and were praised for both their skills and their behaviour. Congratulations and thank you to the students, Mrs Cheetham and Mrs Fonssbach along with Mrs Brady who has assisted with transporting the drums to each of the performances.



We were also extremely fortunate last week (Wednesday) to have Stanford Merthyr Infants School (SMIS) Boys' Dance Group perform some Aboriginal dances for us. The students are led and trained by teacher, Mr Shannon Ping, from SMIS. The students did a wonderful performance teaching and involving students and staff from our school about Aboriginal Dancing. We thank the Boys' Dance Group and Mr Ping for their performance and their sharing of knowledge with us.



Last week on Thursday we were privilege to a visit from students from Kurri Kurri High School who led and played Aboriginal (Yulunga) Games with the students (K-6) at our school. The students did a fantastic job with the delivery of these games and had everyone actively involved. Our students learnt and participated in Yulunga Games and improved both their knowledge and their fitness. Thank you to students and staff from Kurri Kurri High School for presenting this activity for the students at our school. We greatly appreciate you time and effort.



Premier's Sporting Challenge

Students and Staff are now in their *tenth* week of the **Premier's Sporting Challenge**. Please support your child/children as they work as a class team to increase their physical activity as well as improving their health.



Three-Way Conferences

Three-way conferences to discuss students' progress are in Week 4. Students will bring home an information note this week from their class teacher indicating the time they will be available for Three-Way conferences in Week 4. Please return your preferences for times promptly to avoid disappointment.

The NED Anti-Bullying Show

The NED Anti-Bullying Show will be performed for the children on Thursday (9.30am) of this week. This wonderful excursion is performed at no cost to students. The **anti-**



bullying message is demonstrated through the use of 'Yo-Yos'. To support this cost-free activity we will be selling 'NED Yo-Yos' over a five-day period for 30 minutes each day. The yo-yos can be purchased from 'The 5 Keys Room' (diagonally opposite staffroom) each morning from 8.45 - 9.15am. *On Thursday the yo-yos will be available for purchase at 'The 5 Keys Room' from 11.30am - 12.00noon.* Children need to have the correct amount of money when purchasing yo-yos. Students will **ONLY** be able to **play with their yo-yos at school during RECESS over the five-day period.** After this time-frame yo-yos will need to remain at home. Students will **only** be able to play with their yo-yos in the area **behind the toilet block** (between Hall and IT room) at Recess. Please refer to the attached leaflet for the costs of the yo-yos for sale.



Student Arrival Time Competition

Congratulations to KB, 1/2C and 6F who were the winning classes of our class attendance competition. These classes had the least number of late arrivals for Term 2. They will have a free sausage sizzle and movie on Friday of this week. We will be running our competition again this term. Please ensure your students arrive promptly each day. We do understand there are times when extenuating circumstances may lead to your child arriving late but not on a regular basis.



We thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs R. Callinan - Principal

P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, in the staffroom at 7pm. All welcome.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary

EdFest 2013

During Education week Six local schools; Kurri Kurri High School, Kurri Kurri Public, Weston, Pelaw Main, Mulbring and Stanford Merthyr Infants school, will join together to celebrate Creative and Performing Arts. For the event to take place we have had some generous donations from our sponsors. Please see the details for the event below -

EdFest takes place on Tuesday 30th July (Performing schools: Kurri Kurri High School, Weston Public, Pelaw Main Public, Kurri Public, Mulbring Public and Stanford Merthyr Infants) - 5.15pm Art Gallery Open: First school performance 6pm, 7pm Presentation of art gallery certificates. Event closes approximately 7.30pm. Thank you to the Art Gallery judges Kay Sparks, local Artist and Anne McLaughlin Educational Coordinator, Maitland Regional Art Gallery.

Many thanks to our Major Sponsors: Kurri Kurri McDonald's, Kurri Kurri Bowling Club, Clayton Barr Member for Cessnock, Kurri Kurri Rotary Club and Kurri Kurri KFC.



Rotary Club of



Kurri Kurri Inc
District 9670

Supporter sponsors: Western Anglican Church - Display boards.

Catering provided by Kurri Kurri High School students, Mrs Hugh's and Mrs Farrell.

Come along and celebrate Creative and Performing Arts, with your local schools.

Head Lice

We are alerting you to the fact that Head Lice has been noticed in your child's class!

Symptoms- Head lice can be suspected when there is intense itching and scratching of the scalp and back of the neck or when lice infestation is known in the community.

What to do- Head lice are not a sign of uncleanness or neglect so don't panic if you find them in your child's hair. Look for small whitish or translucent specks that stick to the hair, especially behind ears and around the hairline.

These are its (eggs)

Further spreading can be prevented by attention to the following procedures-

- Inspect the hair of everyone in the family, if infected, hair needs to be treated with special shampoo.
- See your chemist for a suitable preparation to wash hair and for ongoing treatment advice.
- All eggs need to be removed from the hair by a special fine-toothed comb, which is also available at your chemist.
- Combing with a fine toothcomb using conditioner is a recommended strategy when other treatments have not worked.
- Note if not treated quickly and followed up regularly treatment costs can become expensive.

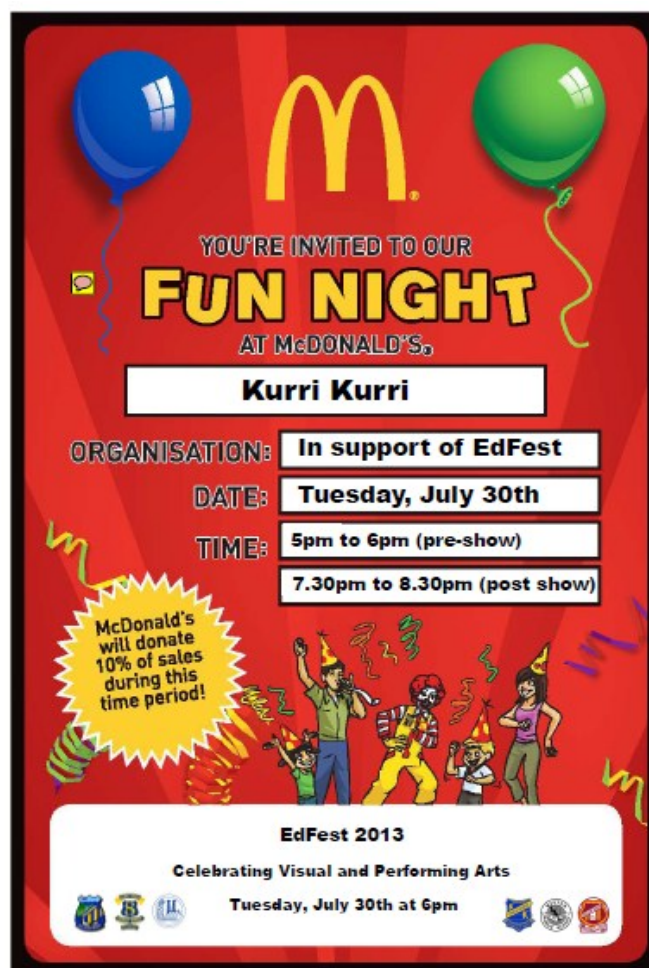
Prevention of Re- Infestation

Chemical solutions for head lice can be bought from your local pharmacy and you may have to treat bedclothes, hairbrushes and combs as well as your child's hair. It may be a good idea treat other members of the family as well.


Managing head lice is an ongoing challenge for parents/caregivers and school communities, Advice from NSW Health indicates that resistance to head lice treatments appears to be increasing. The implications of this are that some children may undergo treatment with anti-lice lotions or shampoo and still have head lice. The priority is on everyone to help by being aware promptly.

Q-Do I need to keep my child at home if suffering head lice?

A-No, as long as head lice management is ongoing and on a regular basis.







★ **Play 2** ★



★ **Learn** ★

When: Every 2nd Wednesday
1pm until 2.30pm

Where: Weston Public School Hall

Who: Families with children 0-6 years

Shared afternoon tea. Meet other families. Art and craft activities, educational toys, books and games. Have a cuppa and a chat with other parents.

EXCITING NEWS TO PLAYGROUP: In Term 2 families asked to have a focus on children's developmental areas. Below is a list of what we came up with.

Term 3:

- Wed 24th July— Social interactive games
- Wed 7th Aug— Sensory fun
- Wed 21st Aug—All about movement (visit from Hunter Prelude's Physio Therapist)
- Wed 4th Sept—Fine Motor skills
- Wed 18th Sept—Thinking and literacy ideas

**** FAMILIES WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE AN ACTIVITY/TOY TO TAKE HOME IN EVERY SESSION****

Contact Charmaine 4961 0700

Contact Teineka 4937 4549



THE NED SHOW!

a motivational ASSEMBLY at our school...

The NED Show combines a positive message with humour, storytelling, audience participation and memorable object lessons like yo-yo and magic tricks. The assembly teaches pupils how they can develop three valuable characteristics to become **CHAMPIONS** at school and in life...

See a brief video about this dynamic 45-minute assembly and see what all the excitement is about by visiting www.theNEDshow.com!

The lovable character NED, and his message, are an inspiration for all ages. We look forward to the lasting, positive impact it will have at our school.

QUICK FACTS

- 1 NED messaged items will be available for purchase for five days following the show. These fun, old-fashioned, no-batteries-needed products are tangible ways for children to keep NED's message in motion long after the assembly!
- 2 Thanks to the Pay-It-Forward™ Payment Option, sales at another school made it possible for NED to visit at NO COST. If you choose to purchase a NED item, you'll help send the positive message on to more children.
- 3 Visit www.theNEDshow.com for FREE resources and ideas for ways to incorporate NED's message at home. You'll find activity sheets, how-to videos and contest opportunities for your pupil and a variety of options for parents.
- 4 At videos.theNEDshow.com discover fun learn-to-yo videos (taught by a 12-year-old) or product demonstration videos at youtube.com/NEDucationalTV.

NED® Yo



Glow-in-the-dark yo.
Great for beginners!

Boomerang®



Excellent for all skill levels. Amazing auto-return feature!

Cosmic Spin® 2



Ball bearing yo spins up to 4x longer than normal yo-yo for advanced tricks!

Accessories

- 10 Replacement Strings
- Yo-Yo Holster
- How 2 Yo™ DVD Learn 80 tricks from beginner to advanced.
- Amazing Yo™ DVD Spectacular tricks, very entertaining!

Fill out the order form and enclose with payment in an envelope to send to school with your child.

Pupil: _____ Teacher: _____

	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL
NED® Yo	_____	x \$ 8.00	_____
Boomerang®	_____	x \$ 15.00	_____
Cosmic Spin® 2	_____	x \$ 20.00	_____

	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL
10 Strings	_____	x \$ 5.00	_____
Yo-Yo Holster	_____	x \$ 5.00	_____
How 2 Yo™ DVD	_____	x \$ 5.00	_____
Kidon' Tricks™ DVD	_____	x \$ 5.00	_____



More items at
www.shopNED.com.au

Prices include GST. Cheques should be made payable to our school.

GRAND TOTAL _____