

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 5

Tuesday 13th August, 2013

Quote of the Week

Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much
~ Anonymous ~

Important Dates for Term 3 2013

August

Wednesday 14 Yr 6 Transition Visit to KKHS
Thursday 22 Book week parade

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

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,

Welcome to an exciting week at Weston PS!

Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's im-

portant medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.



Three-Way Conferences

Three-way conferences were held last week to discuss students' progress. Some 3-Way Conferences were postponed due to illness. Your child's class teacher will contact you to arrange another day and time if your appointment was postponed.

Book Week - 'Champion Read'

Students will be involved in a variety of activities next week for Book Week. The Book Week Parade is on Thursday, 22nd August commencing at 12.00noon. Children come dressed on the day as a character from a known book that they feel is a champion. There will be three lucky book prizes drawn out for each class. We hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful activity in Book Week.

Year 6 students will be selling hot chocolate and chocolate chip cookies on the day.

Hot chocolate and 2 cookies will be selling for \$1.00. Packets of 2 cookies can be purchased for 50c.



"Through our gates pass the nicest people."

University Discovery Day

Year 6 students and their parents will be participating in a University Discovery Day on Friday of this week. Students and their parents will depart Weston PS at 8.45am and return by 3.30pm. We hope the students have a wonderful day familiarising themselves with University life and activities. Mrs Fonssbach and Mr Withers will be accompanying the students on the day.

Play Equipment



Construction started yesterday of the K-2 and Years 3-6 fixed equipment. It is expected that both sets of equipment will be ready for use by Friday. Some photos are included of the progress so far. Children will be involved in a competition to see who gets to play on both sets first. Good Luck everyone!



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 12, in the staffroom at 7pm. All welcome.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary



Celebrating Literature

Dear Parents and Carers,

K-2 will be celebrating our love of books through rich literacy sessions. These sessions will take place every Thursday from 1pm-2pm for the next four weeks.

Students will be placed in rotating groups reading a variety of Pamela Allen books including: Mr McGee goes to Sea, The Lion in the Night, Our Daft Dog Danny and Who Sank the Boat?

Students will work with peers from K-2 in various classrooms. Groups will read a book and complete a variety of literacy and art activities linked to each of the stories. This is a great opportunity for students to engage in a variety of texts by a wonderful author and illustrator.

The remainder of the day will be normal classes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Brady, Mrs Cheetham, and Mrs Cox

(Learning and Support Teachers)

Aurora app

A free domestic and family violence smart phone support tool

What is the Aurora app?

Aurora is a free smart phone app for people experiencing domestic and family violence in NSW. It is a quick and accessible way of finding information, support and domestic violence services in NSW.

What information does the Aurora app provide?

The app includes information about the signs of domestic and family violence and who to contact for help.

Service providers can familiarise themselves with the app and all of its functions prior to discussing it with clients, particularly the 'What to Do' section. This is the information section of the app that covers phone and internet safety.

Aurora identifies available support services in NSW. These include emergency services and accommodation options, as well as the NSW Domestic Violence Line – 1800 65 64 63 – for people who need urgent assistance or advice.

Who is the Aurora app for?

The app provides guidance for people who are unsure if they are experiencing domestic and family violence. It can also help people who have recently left a violent relationship or people currently in a violent relationship.

The app is an ideal tool for those who own their own smart phone, and believe they can download and use the app safely. Potential users are encouraged to read the section on safety precautions on the next page.

The app also helps people who are concerned about a friend or family member in a violent relationship.

Is there an emergency services feature within the Aurora app?

Aurora includes an icon to directly call 000 in the case of an emergency.

An icon to call the NSW Domestic Violence Line is also included.

Aurora has a unique icon 'Message Friends' which allows the user to message up to five friends or family members if they need help.

Why was the Aurora app developed?

The app was developed by the NSW Government to make information and support services relating to domestic and family violence in NSW more readily available.

It was developed by Women NSW in consultation with domestic and family violence experts including the NSW Women's Refuge Movement and the NSW Police Force.

The app was created in response to evidence that the vast majority of violence against women and children occurs within their homes. While women don't always have access to a computer, they often own a smart phone. Often women flee their home with only their immediate personal belongings, including their smart phone.

What should service providers consider before referring a client to the Aurora app?

While user safety has been a guiding principle in the development of Aurora, the individual client's circumstances should be considered before referring them to the app.

Discretion is advised if you have any concerns about referring your client to the app, particularly if the perpetrator has ready access to the client's smart phone and account details. This includes whether the perpetrator has access to or checks the client's phone, messages or iTunes or Google Play accounts.

Clients should be advised to use caution when accessing the app by following the precautions outlined below.

More information on safety planning around technology, as well as the potential benefits of technology for clients, is provided through the Women's Services Network's Safety Net Australia project <http://wesnet.org.au/safetynet/>

What safety precautions should be undertaken while downloading or using the Aurora app?

Where possible, users downloading Aurora should ensure that:

- the app is downloaded and accessed in a safe place, away from the perpetrator, where they are unlikely to be interrupted,
- they have a personal iTunes or Google Play account, which only they have access to,
- they delete any record of phone calls or messages and websites made or visited on behalf of the app, and
- they are familiar with their smart phone and know how to exit the app quickly.

Users should also be aware that downloading the app may appear as an item on their phone bill.

For more information, refer to the 'What to Do' section of the app. This area provides further information on safely using mobile phone and internet devices to ensure the privacy and safety of the user.

Where can the Aurora app be downloaded?

Phone users should go to the Apple iTunes Store to download the app.

Android phone users should visit the Google Play Store.

To find the app quickly use 'aurora domestic violence' as the search term.

Alternatively – if you have a QR code scanner on your phone – scanning the code below will immediately direct you to your relevant app store and begin downloading Aurora.



How can I provide feedback on the app?

Feedback on the app, including reporting of bugs or other issues, can be emailed to vpcu@facs.nsw.gov.au.



FREE Legal advice

Hunter Community Legal Centre (HCLC) run a number of FREE Legal Outreach Clinics in which a solicitor is able to offer legal advice by appointment through HCLC.

Raymond Terrace (fortnightly)
Samaritans Family Preservation & Restoration Centre

Cessnock (fortnightly)
Samaritans Information & Neighbourhood Centre

Muswellbrook (fortnightly)
Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council

Nelson Bay (Monthly)
Yacaaba Centre

Cessnock & Muswellbrook Outreach run in conjunction with



For information and bookings phone Hunter Community Legal Centre on (02) 4040 9121 or visit www.hunterCLC.com.au

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Domestic Violence Group

A four week group for women who are currently, or
have been in the past, controlled by their partner
or another family member

Mondays

19 Aug, 26 Aug, 2 Sept, 9 Sept

Attendance at Week One is essential

Time: 9.45am (for 10am start) to 12.30pm

Gain awareness around equal verses unequal relationships
and build skills for positive change

Group Cost: \$7 per week

Morning tea is provided

Child minding available (bookings essential)

To register attendance and for further details please contact the Centre

Priority will be given to women who have not previously attended this group

Hunter Women's Centre
Corner Industrial Drive and Avon Street, Mayfield
PO Box 38, Mayfield, NSW 2304
Phone: 4968 2511, Fax: 4968 2975
Email: admin@hwc.org.au
www.hwc.org.au

Cessnock Community Connect



Wednesday 11th September, 2013, 10:30am - 1:30pm
Cessnock TAFE Grounds
Darwin Street, Cessnock

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PATH
AHEAD**

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SUPPORT

GUIDANCE

ADVICE

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Indigenous
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Kurri Kurri Little Athletics Centre

2012/2013 Season Registrations

Register online at lansw.com.au

or attend one of the three registration nights

1st registration day: Friday 16th August 5.30 pm to 7pm at Birralee Park, Heddon St, Kurri Kurri

2nd registration night: Friday 23rd August 5.30 pm to 7pm at Birralee Park, Heddon St, Kurri Kurri

3rd registration night: Friday 30th August 5.30 pm to 7pm at Birralee Park, Heddon St, Kurri Kurri

Must be 3 years to 16 years as at midnight on 30/9/2013

New Registrations must show proof of D.O.B.

www.kurrikurrielittleathletics.com.au

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