

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 10

Tuesday 17th September, 2013

Quote of the Week

Live every day as if it was your last.

Important Dates for Terms 3 & 4 2013

TERM 3

September

Thursday 19 Teddy Bear's Picnic
(Kinder/pre schoolers) 10-11am

Friday 20 Last day for Term 3

Monday 23-Tuesday October 8 School Holidays
(No Staff Development Day)

TERM 4

October

CANTEEN OPEN THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY

TERM 4

Monday 7 Public Holiday

Tuesday 8 Students and Staff return to school

Wednesday 16 Kinder Orientation 9.30-11.00am

November

Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 - Aussie Bush Camp

Monday 25 Friday-6 December

School Swimming Scheme

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

Thank you to parents for transporting students to keep this activity cost-free.

Stage 3 Debate at Kurri Kurri PS (Wednesday)

Teddy Bear's Picnic - Infants playground behind Cola (Thursday)

Weston's Got Talent - School Hall - All Welcome! (Thursday)

Code of Conduct

Thank you to our wonderful parents/community members who have supported the introduction of the Code of Conduct and are waiting for the 3.15pm bell before coming into the school to collect their child/children. We understand that this is a new practice and may take a little while to adjust to. It is anticipated that by the end of this term that **ALL** people collecting students will wait until the 3.15pm bell rings to enter the school in the afternoon. The Code of Conduct has been introduced to address all of our three school rules: **Safety, Kindness and Respect.**



In the event of wet weather parents/community members may use covered areas for protection. We ask that the front office entrance is not used as one of these covered areas.

We thank you for your support in making our school community a happy and safe place for all.



Assistant Principal

On Friday last week we were fortunate to have a visit from Mrs Daphne Harris who will be commencing employment on a permanent basis in Term 1 next year as Assistant Principal at Weston PS. Mrs Harris thoroughly enjoyed meeting the won-

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

This week is the last week of Term 3. Exciting activities happening this week include:
Year 6 Science and Discovery Day at St Peter's in Maitland (Monday)
Students had a great day and performed well.

"Through our gates pass the nicest people."



derful students and staff that we have here at our school. We look forward to seeing her on a daily basis next year.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp

Students in Years 5/6 who will be attending The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Week 5 Term 4 received a package of information/permission notes last week. These notes need to be returned as soon as possible but no later than Friday, 11th October. Students will need to have 18 behaviour points or more (as stated in the School Student Welfare Policy) at the time of the excursion to be eligible to attend.



Happy Holidays!



We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. Students and staff return to school on **Tuesday, 8th October.**

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school,
Mrs R Callinan
Principal

SAS Week (School Administrative Staff)

All SAS would like to thank Mrs Callinan and all of the wonderful teaching staff for their lovely afternoon tea and their recognition of SAS Week.

P & C News

P & C Meeting

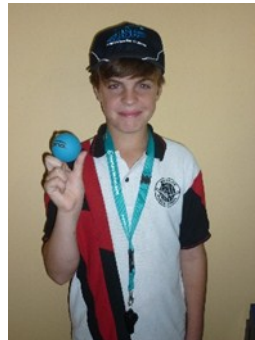
Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, in the staffroom at 7pm. All welcome.

Canteen

The canteen will only be open Thursday and Fridays in Term 4.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary

Handball Competition



The handball competition has come to an end with Jake Keevers taking out the Handball Champion title for 2013.

All the students played well and should be congratulated on their sportsmanship. The students proved this time that they were always one step ahead of Mr Withers and Mr Crockett.

I look forward to running a competition with the Year 2 students next term.

Well done Jake!

Mrs Manderson

Colouring Competition Winners

This term students took part in a colouring-in competition to celebrate murals in Kurri Kurri. The winners were announced at a special presentation at Rotary Park in Kurri Kurri on Saturday. We were so pleased to find that we had 4 winners.

Mischa Bordett KB

Ryan Baker 1B

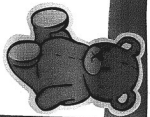
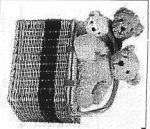
Sarah Bower 2/3M

Madyson Lindsay 2/3M



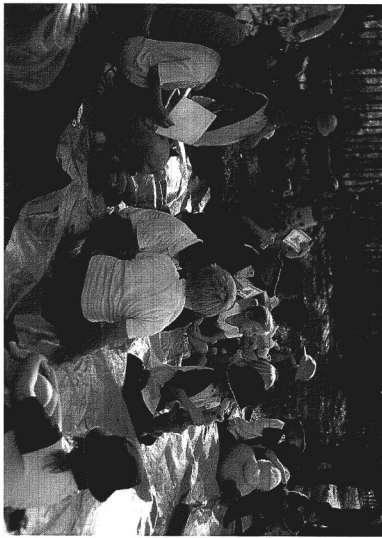
Our lucky winners received a voucher for Coles and chocolates. Congratulations to all of our winners. Well done students!

Miss Brown



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Teddy Bear Picnic



Come and join our kindergarten teachers and students

Bring your Teddy and a picnic rug

enjoy some fresh fruit and fun activities with your new kindly friends

Week 10

Thursday 19th September

10am till 11am

Certificates awarded for some special bears



NAPLAN REPORTS DELAY

"On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay."

ABILITY LINKS IN THE HUNTER

St Vincent de Paul Society delivers Ability Links to people and communities in the Hunter Region with funding from the Ageing, Disability and Home Care Department of the NSW Government Family and Community Services.

Ability Links, Hunter will work with people and communities in the Local Government areas of: **Newcastle; Maitland; Lake Macquarie; Port Stephens; Cessnock; Dungog; Muswellbrook; Singleton; Upper Hunter Shire; Gosford and Wyong.**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic volunteer-based organisation that has been assisting marginalised and disadvantaged people in NSW for more than 130 years. We work to shape a more just and compassionate society.



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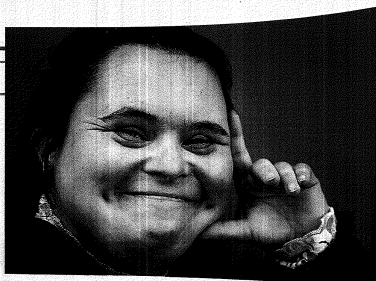
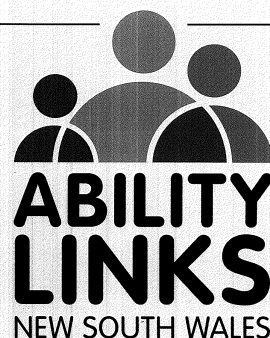
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**Linking people with disability
to their local communities**



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ABOUT ABILITY LINKS

Ability Links aims to assist people with disability to be valued and equal members of their communities and help build a society where people with disability enjoy inclusive lives in all spheres: community, public, private and social.

Ability Links is the NSW approach to local area coordination. It is about building a person's informal networks to support them to achieve their goals and have their needs and interests met. It is also about promoting community inclusion and participation for people with disability, so that people with disability are able to access and participate in activities available to the general community.

Ability Links forms part of the NSW contribution to the objectives of DisabilityCare Australia.

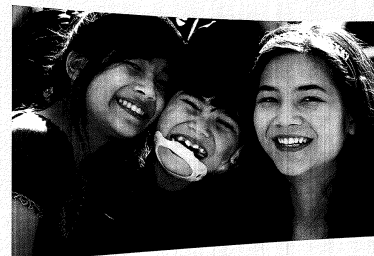
IS ABILITY LINKS FOR ME?

Ability Links is for:

- people with disability (9-64 years and who are generally not accessing specialist disability services)
- carers and families of people with disability
- a diverse range of people including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and culturally and linguistically diverse people and communities.

WHAT LINKERS DO

Ability Links coordinators, known as Linkers, work with people with disability, their families and carers to plan for their future, and help people become more confident, supporting them to achieve their goals and access support and services in their community. Linkers also work alongside communities and mainstream services, supporting them to become more welcoming and inclusive.



LINKERS WORK WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY, THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS TO PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE.

Linkers have a strong local knowledge of mainstream and community based supports and services.

Linkers can assist you to:

- set goals and plan for your future
- build your confidence to achieve your goals
- develop your existing support networks and create new networks: and
- look at ways you can participate in and be part of your community.

Linkers can provide you with short-term assistance whenever you need it. While this is a short-term support service, you can contact your local Ability Links NSW Linker more than once if you need further support or information.



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