Dear Parent, Carers and Community Members,

2015 Kindergarten Orientation Day
Students commencing kindergarten at Weston Public School in 2015 will be involved in Orientation Day activities TOMORROW morning (Wednesday). The Orientation Day will be from 9.30 – 11.00am.

Recognising Anti-Poverty Week
Family and Community Services (Housing, Aging Disability and Home care and Community Services) will be holding a Free Sausage Sizzle, activities and information session at Weston Public School on Thursday of next week (16th October) from 3.00 - 4.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you at the BBQ on Thursday.

Hunter Valley Zoo
The P&C Association have kindly donated an excursion for all students from Weston PS to visit Hunter Valley Zoo. The excursion is on Thursday, 30th October and Friday, 31st October. Four classes will attend each day. As the P&C are donating the excursion ALL children have the opportunity to go. A parent/carer will need to supervise and transport their child if they receive 2 orange cards or more/suspension in Term 4 or whose behaviour is a safety risk to themselves or others. Parents/carers in this position will need to cover the cost of their entry to Hunter valley Zoo. Notes for this excursion will go home early Term 4.

Permission notes for this excursion went home with students on Monday.

World Festival of Magic
Weston PS has once again been given 50 free tickets from Newcastle Rotary for the World Festival of Magic Performance which is on Thursday, 6th November at 12.30pm. Approximately six students from each class who have displayed exemplary behaviour.

Term 4 Week 2
14th October, 2014

PBL Focus of the Week:
Transitions – How we move around our school, in the classroom ad between lessons/subjects

Important Dates for Term 4 2014

Term 4
OCTOBER

Wednesday 15
Kinder Orientation Day - 9.30 am

Friday 24
Last day for Book club Orders

Wednesday 29
School Disco
PBL Parent information seminar

Thursday 30 – Friday 31
Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion (Funded by Weston PS P & C Association)

**Please see attached calendar on page 3 for more important

Quote for the Week
Live well, Laugh Often, Love Much.

“At WPS staff, students and community are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.”
ALL year have been selected to have the opportunity to attend this performance. A donation of $5.00 from each student will be required to go towards the cost of the bus. Selected students will bring a permission note home tomorrow (Wednesday).

We thank Newcastle Rotary for providing students of Weston PS with this wonderful experience.

Domino “Dough” Raising

Domino’s Pizza at Kurri Kurri is supporting Weston PS with a Fundraiser again this term. One dollar from every pizza sold TOMORROW will go to our school. This $1.00 donation is from ALL pizzas sold between 4.00pm and 8.00pm.

Thank you Domino’s Pizza Kurri Kurri!

National Grandparents Day is on Sunday, 26th October. We will be acknowledging our wonderful grandparents and special friends (in a grandparents’ role) on Tuesday, 21st October. A separate invitation is attached to the Bulletin. Please complete and return the tear-off RSVP by Friday of this to assist with catering and seating on the day.

Intensive Swimming Program

Notes went home last week for the Intensive Swimming Program for students in Years 2–6 who are unable to confidently swim 25m. The Program will run daily in Weeks 8–9. The total cost for the 10-day program is $32.00 which needs to be paid by the end of Week 7. Students will require private transport each day. No spectator fee is charged if parents/carers wait in the kiosk area of Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre. Mrs Manderson is organising this valuable swimming activity.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs R. Callinan
Principal

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Tyson Goes to State

Tyson O’Neil is 11 years old and will represent the Hunter Region in the Paralympic PSSA Athletics Carnival at Olympic park in Homebush this Wednesday and Thursday. He will compete in the 100m, 200m, 800m and Long Jump. Tyson says, “I feel great about making it to state!”

Tyson’s family; Shannon, Olivia and Mum will be going to support him and to represent the support of the school. Good Luck, Tyson!!!

Family Insight Play to Learn

Term 4 Dates
Children 0—6 years
Every second Wednesday 12 noon until 2.30pm:

October 22nd,
November 5
November 19
December 3

Contact Taneika: 4961 0700/ 4937 4549

P & C News

School Shirts
School shirts are now selling for $22.00 and can be purchased at the office.

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C meeting will be held on 10th November, in the staffroom at 7pm. All are welcome.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary

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Warehouse Bus Trip

A bus trip to the Sydney warehouses and markets is being held on Saturday, 8th November.
The bus will leave the school at 6.30am and arrive back at 7.30pm.
The cost of a seat is $30.
We will be visiting the Nut Shop, New Balance, Christmas Warehouse, Rebob, Victoria’s Basement, Dolcie Doro and Galward Trading as well as Paddy’s Market at Haymarket.
All proceeds will be going to Weston Public School, so come along and support the school as well as having a fun day!

For enquiries or to book a seat, phone Mary on: 4937 3119.
KH have been learning about explanations and life cycles using their new Big Book.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL Corner
At WPS staff, students and community are Safe, Respectful and Responsible. These students are the PBL award winners for Week 2.

Remember to send in your child’s 5 white certificates so they can receive their levelled Bronze, Silver or Gold award at the following PBL assembly.

Want to know more about PBL?
We are holding a Parent Information Night in the library on the night of this term’s disco. Come along, have some light refreshments and hear all about our great program.

Date: Wednesday 29th October (Week 4)
Time: Starting 5:15 pm
Where: In the school Library
DOMINO’S PIZZA KURRI KURRI IS PROUD TO SUPPORT WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL THROUGH A FUNDRAISER.

When:  Wednesday 15th October, 2014

Time:    4pm to 8pm

Donation of: $1 From every pizza sold will be given to the school between 4pm and 8pm.

How to Order: Call 1300 366 466 or order online at www.dominos.com.au

Recognising Anti-Poverty Week

Family and Community Services (Housing, Aging Disability and Home care and Community Services) will be holding a Free Sausage Sizzle, activities and information sessions at:
- Cessnock East School Monday 13 October from 3pm-4:30pm.
- Cessnock Public School Tuesday 14 October from 8am-9:20am
- Weston Public School Thursday 16 October from 3pm-4:30pm

Tuning in to Kids

A six session parenting program for parents of children aged 2 years to 12 years
Would you like to learn how to:
- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.
Children with higher emotional intelligence:
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Where: Samaritans Information & Neighbourhood Centre
188-202 Vincent St, Cessnock

When: Wednesdays 15, 22, 29 October and 5, 12 and 19 November 2014.
9:30am to 12pm

Contact: Cessnock Family Support Service
Ph: 4990 4507

Contact service to register for attendance or further information
No children is allowed.
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015

$150 TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $150 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident, and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHSS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit A (FTB A) at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility, and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHSS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHSS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

ONLINE - it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.

PAPER - download a form, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community, where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE 1300 366 200
EMAIL ftb.program@treasury.nsw.gov.au
WEB www.energysmart.nsw.gov.au

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IS YOUR CHILD A SMART SCHOOL SAVER?
We measured the “ Savings IQ” of the nation and found Australians who learn about money at school grow up to become smarter savers. To find the next generation of savers, we’re launching a national competition.

Have your child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for, and how they plan to save their money to achieve it and they could win:

- An iPad for themselves and one for their school (six regional winners)
- $1,000 for their savings (one national winner)

Enter now at commbank.com.au/smarthesavings

Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.
The Dollaramites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip ‘N Slide Double Wave Riders

Here’s how to win
Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win up to a maximum of 6 entries.

Competition runs: 20 October – 30 November 201

To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Play the Game
Weston Public School

Sculpture IN THE VINEYARDS 2015

Picnic Day
Sunday 26th October
11am – 2pm
Wollombi Wines
25 Chalton St, Wollombi

Live Music
Milli Casey & Deanna Rose

No booking required
All Welcome
sculptureinthevineyards.com.au

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CULTURAL FUND
Destination
NSW

A day of fun in the vineyards for the whole family!
Guided tours, free sculpture making activities for kids, and a sausage sizzle.

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End of Year Party

Tuesday
December 2, 2014
10 to 12.30 at Koe-Nara

The animals from Hunter Valley Zoo are coming to visit too!!

Please RSVP so we can get an idea of numbers, just let a staff member know

As it is a party bring a plate to share
We will supply the drinks

Playworks
Each Monday at Koe-nara, in the grounds of Cessnock Public School from 10 to 12.
Includes Stories with Mr K, School Librarian
Each Thursday at East Cessnock Public from 9 to 11
There is Music with Lyn

Speaking & Listening Skills for Starting School
Come and learn about fun and simple ideas to help your child get ready for big school with All Areas Speech Pathology.
Help your child to:
✓ Listen carefully
✓ Understand words and instructions
✓ Use good grammar
✓ Enjoy working on speech skills
✓ Pronounce sounds that are hard to say

Wednesday 29th October 6.30 to 8.00 pm
or
Thursday 13th November 9.30 to 11.00 am
Koe-nara, Schools as Community Centre
Child minding only available by prior booking for 13 Nov session only
Call Jane Hodgson on
4990 9354 or 0428 263 854

Play the Game
Weston Public School

2014 Program

Baby & Me
Just for babies under 18 months and their dad, mum or grandparent

Each Wednesday 1 to 2.30
At Koe-nara

Fruit & Veg Co-operative

Bushels—$30 each
Free Range Eggs $3.50 a dozen
Available fortnightly
Payments due on Friday prior to delivery
Call us for the 2014 dates

Let’s Play
Most activities are inexpensive alternatives to expensive toys.
Each Tuesday at Koe-nara
From 10 to 11.30
Morning Tea provided

Baby Clothing Exchange
Please remember to explore the baskets for your baby’s size—just use the items while you need them, then bring them back and swap for the next size!
Easy!

Koe-nara is a Schools as Community Centre for all families with children aged birth to 8 years. There is a wide variety of services for everyone. Call in for more info or find us on Facebook as Koe-nara, Cessnock Schools as Community Centre.
Invitation

Staff and Students of Weston Public School invite ALL Grandparents and ‘Special Friends’ (in a Grandparents role) to join us to celebrate Grandparents Day.

WHEN: Tuesday, 21st October

TIME: 10.00am Assembly
       10.45am Classroom Visits
       11.15am BBQ Lunch with children

We hope you are able to join us on Tuesday as we pay recognition to the WONDERFUL grandparents and Special Friends in our children’s lives.

Please return the tear-off RSVP to children’s class teachers by Friday of this week (24th October).

Thank you, we would love to attend your Grandparents and Special Friends Celebration on Tuesday, 21st October.

Number of people attending □ □ (For seating and catering purposes)
Student’s Name: ___________________________