Dear Parent, Carers and Community Members,

National Grandparents Day is this Sunday. We acknowledged our wonderful grandparents and special friends (in a grandparents’ role) today with a K-6 Assembly showcasing students talents at Weston PS. Grandparents also enjoyed visits to classrooms and a beautiful BBQ lunch.

It was wonderful to have so many families join us today. Thank you!

Grandparents Day Poem

Grandparents are special people
with wisdom and pride.
They are always offering love and kindness
and are always there to guide.
They often make you feel so confident
and strong.
Their arms are always open
no matter what you did wrong.
They try to help out in every way
that they can.
They love all their grandchildren the same
whether you’re a child, woman or man.
They are always there to listen
and to lend a helping hand.
They show you respect
and they try to understand.
They give their love, devotion and so much more,
that’s easy to see.
Grandparents are the perfect examples
of the kind of person that we should be.
- Stacy Smith

Quote for the Week

"Many people will pass through your life but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart."

"At WPS staff, students and community are Safe, Respectful and Responsible."
Kurri Kurri Community Festival
Kurri Kurri Community Festival is on this weekend at Rotary Park, Lang St Kurri Kurri. The following student groups will be performing on the day at 9.45am.

1. Infants Dance Group ‘Forget You’ (Miss Brown and Mrs Dickson)
2. Senior Dance Group ‘Quer Sera’ (Mrs Fonssbach)

Students are to meet teachers leading each dance group at 9.20am at ‘The Kookaburra’.

Hunter Valley Zoo
Permission notes for this excursion need to be returned promptly to classroom teachers.

World Festival of Magic
Selected students who took home a permission note last week for this wonderful performance need to return their notes to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

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

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.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs R. Callinan
Principal

Weston to get ‘Tyson to Tasmania’

Last week Tyson O’Neil competed at the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival in the 100m, 200m, 800m and Long Jump events. He has been successful to now compete at the National PSSA Athletics Carnival for the 100m event which will take place in Tasmania from 27th November - 1st December.

Congratulations Tyson!

Tyson needs to sell 13 books of raffle tickets to cover the cost of the required levy for his participation at this National event. Tickets are $2.00 each and can be bought each morning from the office.

Prizes are as follows:
1st Prize: Laptop Notebook Computer
2nd Prize: LED TV (Approx. 25”)
3rd Prize: iPod Shuffle
4th Prize: iPod Shuffle
5th Prize: iPod Shuffle

We are extremely proud of Tyson’s achievement and hope you will be able to support him with his fundraising efforts. The school will be having some fundraising activities to assist Tyson in the next couple of weeks.

We are all uniting to get ‘Tyson to Tasmania’. Go Tyson!!

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
In K/1 we have been busy getting ready for Grandparents Day. We have had long discussions about our beautiful grandparents and the wonderful things we do with them like sleep overs, taking us to the beach, making us yummy food and how they love us so much!

Last Wednesday our Kindergarten students had their turn to help 2015 Kindergarten students settle into their new classroom. They met some of our pre-schoolers and helped them to draw, make necklaces, complete puzzles and write on the whiteboards.

In maths we played some revision games about ordinal number. We played “Teddy Bear Race” where we roll a dice and move the bear that is in that number. We have to see who gets the bear home first, second and third.
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 3.

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
Kinder Orientation

Play the Game
Weston Public School
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, Rebok, 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!
Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like $500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

To be eligible you need to:
- have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 810 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

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AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person? You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker:
Kim Boettcher, The Aged care Rights Service

Topic:
Planning Ahead: Wills, Power of Attorney, Guardianship, Advance Health Care Directive

Where:
East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street, East Maitland

TIME:
10.00am – 12.00pm

COST:
Free - includes Morning Tea

WHEN:
Wednesday 29 October 2014

RSVP:
Friday 24 October 2014

For more information or to Register Contact HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
on: 4921 4896 or 1300 887 778
or Email: Edwards-Admin@health.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)

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Mount Kamwary Public School

2014 Saturday 1st November

on the School Grounds, Hinton Road, Cootamundra

- MEGAMANIA rides (unlimited purchase rides available)
- The Pretty Amazing Jonathan
- Delicious Food BBQ, coffee van, Dutch pancakes, snow cones
- Raffle – great prizes!
- Face painting & stalls
- Enjoy a night of Live Music from Local Young Talent
- Fabulous MEGA AUCTION including signed Knights jersey, signed Coota football, holiday packages & much more!
- Free Shuttle Bus

Gates open 4pm
$5 adults, $2 child or $10 family (up to 4 children) bring a chair or blanket

For more information ph 49872596

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Amplified is a family & community event and is strictly drug and alcohol free - we want to offer a safe environment for everyone to enjoy.
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

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