Dear Parent, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome to Week 6! We are half-way through the final term of the school year.

Please keep an eye on our updated Calendar for end-of-year activities.

**Remembrance Day**

All K-6 students were involved in our annual Remembrance Day service today. Students from 2/3B along with two of our school leaders (Jake and Chelsie) led the ceremony today and did an outstanding job. (Photos on page 3).

Weston PS was represented at the Weston RSL Sub-Branch Service in Weston by school leaders (Rachael and Tahlia) and Mrs Callinan.

**Gallipoli Rosemary**

Thank you to the Scully family (Mrs Scully – SLSO) of Weston for their kind donation of the ‘Gallipoli Rosemary’ plant which has been specially placed next to ‘The Lone Pine’ (donated by the Johnston Family last year).

**Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion - Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program**

Students in Years 5 & 6 will be heading off on an education tour of our nation’s capital on Tuesday of next week. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs

**Quote for the Week**

Good friends are difficult to find, hard to leave and impossible to forget.

"At WPS staff, students and community are Safe, Respectful and Responsible."
with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

The cost of the Canberra excursion has increased due to a reduction in the number of students attending. To avoid having to increase the total cost ($440.00) the $20.00 rebate will go straight onto the cost of the excursion instead of families receiving the rebate in 2015 when it is paid to the school.

Students need to arrive at school at 6.15am for a prompt 6.30pm departure.

Book Fair
Thank you to students and families who were able to support our Book Fair last week. Special thanks to Mrs Manderson for her wonderful organisation. The Book Fair total was $2058.00
Congratulations everyone!

Mrs Dickson Sick Leave
Mrs Dickson will be on leave this week from Tuesday. Mr Morrison will be teaching 2D during her absence.

Tyson to (T2T) Fundraising

Guessing Competition tickets to raise money to pay the levy for Tyson's participation at the National PSSA Athletics Carnival which will take place in Tasmania from 27th November - 1st December are for sale each morning at the office.

Tyson needs to sell 13 books of raffle tickets to cover the cost of the required levy for his participation. Tickets are $2.00 each.

The school is also running a guessing competition to support Tyson’s fundraising. A large container has been filled with a quantity of lollies. The person to guess the number of lollies or the closest to it will win the jar of lollies. Guesses are 20c each and can be bought from Tyson each morning at the Primary COLA.

Good luck everyone!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs R. Callinan
Principal

Swim School 2014

Final notes and money due!
The Scheme will continue daily for two weeks from 24th November to 5th December, 2014.

The total cost for the 10 day scheme is $32.00.

All notes and money are due to the office no later than Friday 14th November, 2014.

Mrs Manderson
**PBL Corner**

*Positive Behaviour for Learning*

At WPS staff, students and community are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

These students are the PBL award winners for Week 6.

*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.*

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**P & C News**

**Canteen**

Stock will start winding down for the closing of canteen on December 5th, 2014.  Parents who wish to work in the canteen next year can leave their name and number at the office.

**Christmas Raffle Fundraiser - A large and small Christmas Hamper**

Donations of non-perishable items to support this fundraiser will be greatly appreciated. Tickets are 50 cents each. Please return any unwanted ticket books to the office. If you require more tickets they will be available at the office.

**P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Our AGM will be held on February 9, 2015.

**P & C Meeting**

Our AGM will be held in February 2015. We are calling for new members. I have been Secretary for a number of years and have made some wonderful friends. As of next year I will be retiring from this position. I would like to thank the staff for their support and a BIG thank you to Max and Sue who have helped me on many, many occasions. To Sharon, Leah, Kelly, Shirley, Tanya, Julie, Dyan, Mandy, Allyson and many, many more I have worked with. Thank you for your support, help and friendship. I hope that parents will come to the AGM and join up. I will continue to be involved at the school and look forward to seeing some new faces and fresh ideas in 2015.
In 2D we have been learning about Mass. We really enjoyed experimenting using resources in our classroom.

All ready for our school assembly performance “The Wombat Wobble”.

Working hard learning about addition and subtraction. We recorded our data on the white boards in our classroom.

Role play: Having some fun. Ms Redshaw reading the class a story.
**Pathways to Education**

WEA, TAFE & Uni4You are offering a free Information Session on Courses, Programs, Training & Open Foundation available in 2015.

Wednesday 19 November 2014 @ 10am-12noon

Samaritans - 198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

Choosing the Career Pathway that is right for you!

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Lifeline Newcastle & Hunter and the Port Stephen’s Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Bereavement Group extend a very special invite to you and your family to join us at a Memorial Day for those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

10am-2pm Saturday 22 November 2014

The Memorial Day provides an opportunity to reflect, remember loved ones and to come together in the spirit of comfort and hope with the release of balloons as a gesture of love and tribute.

We also invite you to bring along photos, poems, stories which can be displayed with a personalised message on a memorial wall. Share a BBQ lunch provided by Rotary and sponsored by Lifeline Newcastle & Hunter.

The service begins at 11am at the newly-finished memorial site at Boat Harbour, Solace Place, Anna Bay. Solace Place is in Iluka Reserve, south side of Boat Harbour Beach off Kingsley Drive. Lunch served at midday, BYO chair.

RSVP: Robyn by 19th November 2014
E-mail: robyn@lifelinehunter.org.au or phone: 0429265526
Vote for Pelaw Main Public School’s short film online!

Students from Pelaw Main Public School have been working hard to design their very own story board, to inform the community about the Water Wise rules. They were successful in being selected, as one of the nine finalists, and had a professional film crew at their school to film their story. The videos of all nine finalists will be showcased on the Water Catchers website http://www.thewatercatchers.com.au from Monday the 3rd of November. It’s here that you will be able to show your support and vote for Pelaw Main Public School’s video. The public votes will be combined with the judges’ scores to help decide the winner, to be announced on the 28th of November. Pelaw Main Public School have a one in nine chance of winning $10,000 for their school – so please make your vote count! Voting closes on Friday 21 November.