Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope all students and families had a lovely Easter and holiday break and we look forward to another great term working with our wonderful families at Weston School. Once again our school term is quite busy but is shorter in duration with this term only being 9 weeks in duration.

Term 2 Variation to School Leadership

There will be some leadership changes for the first half of this term. Mrs Callinan will be on extended sick leave until Week 5. Miss MacMillan will be relieving principal during Mrs Callinan’s absence, Mrs Harris will continue as Assistant Principal and Mr Withers will be relieving Assistant Principal. Mrs Brady, Mrs Cheetham and Miss McEwan will be working additional days during this time.

I thank you in advance for your support during this leadership change. I am confident the executive team will do a wonderful job leading the staff and students at Weston PS.

Easter Parade

Our Annual Easter Parade was on Thursday in the last week of last term. All K-6 students looked fantastic in the Easter Parade. Thank you to parents/carers/community members who were able to join us on the day to celebrate Easter and acknowledge students efforts and contributions.

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC Day was on the last Friday of the school holidays. Unfortunately the torrential rain and stormy weather lead to the march being cancelled and deterred children from representing Weston PS at the ANZAC Day service. Congratulations and thank you to Abby Smith who met Ms Johnson and Mrs Harris on the day and laid the wreath on the cenotaph.

Thank you to Ms Johnson and Mrs Harris for your attendance on the day.

All K-6 students will be involved in our school ANZAC Day service on Thursday this week in our school hall.

Quote for the Week

Truth is always the best policy. Honesty pays.

"At WPS staff, students and community are Safe, Respectful and Responsible."
Aboriginal Student Health Checks
Aboriginal students in Kindergarten and Year 6 will be involved in an oral, vision and hearing check on Wednesday of next week (7th May). Students have taken home the information package today. All permission/information notes need to be returned by Monday, 5th May.

School Shirts
The school shirts order has arrived. Shirts will only be available for purchase this week on Friday morning at 9.30am from the front office area. From Week 2 onwards shirts will be sold each Wednesday and Friday morning from the office.

Domino Dough-Raising
The Kurri Kurri Domino Pizza Restaurant has approached Weston PS to donate their services for a fundraising activity. On Wednesday evening of next week (7th May) between 4.00pm and 8.00pm a dollar from each pizza purchased will be donated to Weston PS. We thank Kurri Kurri Domino Pizza Restaurant for generously donating their services to assist our school. We thank you in advance if you are able to support this fundraising activity. Students will bring home an advertising flyer later this week for this fundraising activity.

National Assessment Program Literacy
And Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN in Week 3 of this term (13th - 15th May). Years 3 and 5 students have received an information letter from the Board of Studies today. Parents need to speak to Miss MacMillan by Friday of this week if they have concerns about their child being involved in these assessments. Children will do a practice NAPLAN next week.

Bulletin Mail Out
We are looking at emailing the Bulletin out to parents who are interested, starting early Term 2. If you would rather receive the Bulletin by email, please send the school an email with subject as Bulletin, with your child’s name in the email to weston-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs R Callinan - Principal

PBL Corner
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Stewart House Fundraising
Out of Uniform Day - Friday May 9th
(Week 2)
Wear Blue - Gold Coin Donation

High Bounce Balls - orders have been placed for those who have purchased one of the Stewart House High Bounce Handballs. We have ordered extras to sell on our Out of Uniform Day. If you wish to purchase one on the day they will be on sale for $3 each. Limited handballs are available. First in best dressed :)

Jump Rope For Heart
Weston PS love participating in Jump Rope For Heart each year. This program benefits both students and the School in many ways. How does JR4H benefit our students?
1. improving fitness levels
2. learning skipping skills
3. enhancing coordination
4. individual and small group physical activities
5. Students love to skip
How does JR4H benefit our school?
1. WPS gain resources for students to use (skipping ropes, teaching programs, music)
2. Enhances student engagement and motivation in physical activity
3. Fun, Healthy, Active programs build Strong, Healthy, Active WPS staff and students

Sponsorship forms will be sent home this week. All money raised goes to raising awareness and lowering the number of heart related illnesses in Australia.

MS Fundraiser
On Friday students will be fundraising for MS by donating a gold to be a VIP student for the day. Being VIP entitles them to have exclusive access to a school disco, which will be held within the hall at lunch time that day and given exclusive access to play with the tabloid games at recess before anyone else. These passes will have their name on it and will be checked by school bouncers (Mr Withers and Mr Morrison) before entering the hall for the disco.

Mrs Fonssbach ☺

Zone Cross Country

On Thursday 10th April a group of 20 children represented Weston Public School at the Zone Cross Country which was held at the Cessnock Racecourse. They were accompanied by Mrs Cox, Mrs Wolski and a dedicated group of parents and supporters. Shortly after arrival all the competitors were taken for a walk around the course and then the races began in earnest. I’m proud to say the Weston children were fabulous in their support for their own school’s participants and also applaud the effort of all. They showed an outstanding level of sportsmanship and were a pleasure to watch on and off the course. Well done to all of you! Although no-one will be competing at Regional level their efforts on the day were wonderful and they are to be congratulated as representatives of our school and community.

Mrs Wolski ☺

School Shirts
Mandy and Sharon will be selling school shirts this Friday (May 2nd) between 9.30—10.00am. This will be the only time this week (Wk 1) that school shirts will be sold.

Next week school shirts can only be purchased from the office on Wednesday mornings.

Mother’s Day Stall
On Friday, May 9 will be having our Mother’s Day Stall. Gift prices will start from $3.00.

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday May 12, 2014, in the staffroom at 7pm. All are welcome.

Mandy Johnson
P & C Secretary
The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013
The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge is well underway at Weston Public! The challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to help students to read good quality books. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge to each student to read more and more. Everyone who enters and successfully completes the challenge will receive a certificate.

Congratulations to Zak Collins and Grace Williams who are well on their way to reaching their target.

Lucky Library Borrowers
We had lots of borrowers during Term 1 in the Library, which means lots of reading! Well done to everyone who has been remembering their books each week and their borrowing bag. Borrowing books helps us to improve our reading and allows us to learn new things! At the end of each term, we will be having a ‘Lucky Borrowers Draw’. For Term 1, our lucky borrowers were: Kaylee Jones and Caitlan Stewart (6H), Kiara Fennell and Elle Turner (4/5F), Felicity Hearne and Amy-Sky Cruickshank (3/4C), Abbie Smith and Grace Williams (2/3B), Zak Collins and Chloe Connell (2D), Lachlan Smith and Floyd Mathews (1C), Lexie Milne, Olivia O’Neil and Jade Connell (K/1B) and Mitchell Smoothy and Mia Reynolds (KH). Well done to all of our winners!

Mrs Manderson- Librarian
GET THE KIDS ACTIVE!

Do you find it challenging to get the kids away from their computer or TV to play outside?

We all know how important it is for a child’s health, growth and development to be physically active each day, but with increasing technology in our lives, this can sometimes be a real challenge!

We may have the answer for you!

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It will be running after school hours at Cessnock West Public School on Tuesdays during Term 2. All families in the area are welcome to attend, you do not need to be attending Cessnock West. It is run by a qualified Dietitian/Nutritionist and Exercise Leader. Afternoon tea will be provided to families. Visit the Go4Fun website at http://go4fun.com.au or call 4950 9117 and speak to Jacqui for more details.

Encourage your child to be active, happy and healthy TODAY!

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THE BEST GIFT FOR 2014– THE GIFT OF GOOD HEALTH!

As we look forward to 2014 with expectation and hope for a great year ahead, it’s a great time to reflect on the things that matter to us. Ask any person “What is the most important thing for you in life?” and most would say something like “to be healthy and happy”. Yet if we take a closer look at our home lives, they are often hectic, chaotic and jam-packed with kids activities, leaving little time to plan and shop for healthy meals, let alone fit in some much needed exercise! Yet these are two of the “biggies” when it comes to achieving the healthy lifestyle that so many of us wish for! Imagine if you could give the gift of good health to your family in 2014? In 2013, Hunter New England Local Health District have given many families an opportunity to “turn over a new leaf” through their FREE Go4Fun program. These families are now well equipped to begin their journey towards better health and happiness in 2014! **There is a Go4Fun Program running at Cessnock West on Tuesdays in Term 2. All families in the area are welcome to attend.** Your child does not need to be attending Cessnock West Public. Afternoon tea will be provided. For more information, visit www.go4fun.com.au or call Jacqui on 4950 9117! Cheers to a healthier and happier 2014 for you and your family!
INVITATION

To join the Rotary Club of Cessnock and friends in their fundraising
For RAWCS PROJECT - TEACHERS ASSIST KOKODA

2014 DATES

Term 2: 30th April, 14th May, 28th May, 11th June, 25th June
Term 3: 16th July, 30th July, 13th Aug, 27th Aug, 10th Sep
Term 4: 8th Oct, 22nd Oct, 5th Nov, 19th Nov, 3rd Dec

Teachers Assist Kokoda provides free professional development
and classroom essencials for currently employed teachers in the
Oro Province of Papua New Guinea.
This program operates with the co-operation of
PNG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WHERE: Glendale Cinema Complex, Glendale
WHEN: Friday 6th June, 2014 6.00 for 6.30pm
COST $20 per person
INCLUSIONS: Movie viewing, 1 x raffle ticket, aperitifs.

Shared afternoon tea. Meet other families. Art
and craft activities, educational toys, books
and games. Have a cuppa and a chat with other
parents.

Play 2
Learn

When: Every 2nd Wednesday
12pm until 2.30pm
Where: Weston Public School Hall
Who: Families with children 0-6 years

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