Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome to Term 3! We hope our families all had a lovely holiday. Students returned yesterday being safe, respectful and responsible in their school uniform ready for a wonderful term.

To commence the term we are celebrating NAIDOC Week with our partner schools in the Kurri Kurri Learning Community (Kurri Kurri HS, Kurri Kurri PS, Stanford Merthyr IS, Pelaw Main PS and Mulbring PS).

**NAIDOC Week**

This year NAIDOC Week was held from 6th – 13th July, 2014. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### Special on school shirts:
Buy two or more school shirts and you can purchase them for $22 each.

### PBL Focus of the Week:
Safe, Respectful & Responsible

### Term 3 Important Dates for Term 3 2014

**JULY**

- **Wednesday 23**
  Domino "dough" Raising Day
- **Friday 31**
  Education Week—Open Day
- **Mon 28 – Frid Aug 1st**
  Education Week
- **Thursday 31**
  "Aim High Science Show
  Last Day for Book Club Orders

### Class Assembly Items

Assemblies are held on Friday at 1.00pm in the hall. All welcome!

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### Class Item

- **2.00 – 3.00pm**
  Classroom Cooking – ‘Johnny Cakes’

### Quote for the Week

*Believe you can and you’re halfway there.*

~ Theodore Roosevelt~
This year’s theme is - Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond.
The table below indicates NAIDOC Week activities that students will be involved in at Weston PS.

Term 3 Staffing
To commence Term 3 we have a couple of staff changes.
Mrs Harris is on extended sick leave. Miss Carmen McEwan will be replacing Mrs Harris as 6H classroom teacher and Mr Withers will be relieving as Assistant Principal. We wish Mrs Harris a speedy and restful recovery.
Mrs Cox is on maternity leave this semester. Miss Christine Sodhi will be relieving in her role as learning and support teacher (LaST) during Term 3.

Three-Way Conferences
Three-way conferences will be held in Week 4 this term for parents/carers to discuss their child’s progress with their classroom teacher. Classroom teachers will send home information notes next week indicating times they will be available for three-way conferences in Week 4.

Education Week
This term we will be celebrating Education Week in Week 3. An Invitation will go home with the Bulletin next week outlining Education Week activities at Weston PS. Our Open Day will be on Thursday, 31st August. We look forward to seeing our parents, carers and family members.

PBL Uniform Reward
Yesterday students who had been responsible with the wearing of their school uniform in Term 2 had a wonderful reward of an extra play session at Recess.
This term our major reward is for uniform and behaviour combined. Students who do not receive any orange cards during Term 3 and no more than 3 instances out of uniform will be eligible for the ‘Behaviour and Uniform Reward’.

At the end of last term students with the behaviour Reward had a fantastic time at the rock climbing and bungee trampolining activity. Congratulations students on your wonderful efforts!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs R. Callinan
Principal

P & C News

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 11th August, 2014, in the staffroom at 7pm. All are welcome.

Mandy Johnson - P & C Secretary

BREAKFAST CLUB
Children will now be able to attend Breakfast Club on Thursdays and Fridays.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club order forms will be given out this Friday (July 18). If you wish to order please make sure your order and money is handed into the office by July 31 (Thur).

Voluntary Contributions
Voluntary contributions for the year are as follows:
♦ $20 per child
♦ 3 children or more $50.
These can also be paid in instalments—eg: $5 per Term, $10 per semester.

Bulletin
If you would like to receive the bulletin by email please email the school at: weston-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and place your child’s name and Bulletin as the subject.
PBL Corner

At WPS staff, students and community are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.
These students are the PBL award winners for Term 3 Week 1.

Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Suicide Prevention Workshop at Town Hall (Heritage Room), 279-287 High St, Maitland NSW 2320 on Thursday 28 August 2014 from 10 am – 2.30pm. There is no charge to attend the workshop.

The program helps participants recognise when a person may be having thoughts of suicide, and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them.


The training is open to community members aged over 18 years.

Each participant will receive a certificate of attendance as well as support materials.

Light Lunch will be provided

Researchers from the University of Queensland are conducting research into parenting of children with type 1 diabetes. We are seeking parents of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes to participate. Participation in this project will involve completing a survey, and a telephone interview.

The telephone interview includes questions on diabetes management tasks which parents of children with type 1 diabetes experience difficulty with, how parents think and feel about parenting a child with type 1 diabetes, and their preferences for assessing services to assist in dealing with these behaviours and tasks.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information please email clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au

Roslyn Pay
Provisional Psychologist
Master of Clinical Psychology Candidate
School of Psychology, The University of Queensland
Registration No. PSY0001678571
Please help WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL support this special event

Celebrating 35 Years!

What is the MS Readathon?

The MS Readathon is a reading-based fundraiser run by Multiple Sclerosis Australia (MSA). Now in its 36th year, the MS Readathon encourages people of all ages to read and improve their literacy whilst at the same time raising their community awareness and empowering them to make a difference in the lives of people living with MS.

Participants read as much as possible during a designated period. This year, the reading period is the month of August. You can ask friends and family to sponsor you either online or by giving a donation in cash or cheque. This money goes towards providing vital support and services for people living with MS.

All participants receive a certificate of appreciation and children under 18 can receive a reading reward as a thank-you for their efforts.

Our School

To recognise the important role teachers and librarians play in encouraging children during the MS Readathon, we are offering schools some very exciting incentives.

What do I need to do?

Simply fill out the registration form with an adult and return it to Mrs Manderson by 23rd July 2014. You will then be given your MS Readathon kit which will contain a copy of your registration form, sponsor form, reading log and a fact sheet all about MS. The Premiers Reading Challenge books also get counted on your reading log which means you are off to a flying start. Then........

Grab a good book and do a good deed for people living with MS.

Mrs Manderson & Miss Campbell
## Registration Form

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GROUP TRIPLE P

SEVEN WEEK PROGRAM
Every Thursday from 31st July to Thursday 11th September 2014

Time: 10.00 am - 12.30 pm
AT
5 Hall Street
Cessnock

Bookings are essential

For more information please phone

CESSNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
on 4990 4507