Dear Parent, Carers and Community Members,

Three-Way Conferences

Three-way conferences will be held in Week 4. Classroom teachers will send home information notes indicating times they will be available for three-way conferences in Week 4. Please return your choices promptly to secure your time-slot.

Education Week 2014

Monday 28 July - Friday 1 August

Public Schools NSW - Celebrating the 60th Education Week

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week.

The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: “Lighting the way to a better world”.

This slogan has been adopted for this anniversary celebration and the artwork from the 1954 poster has been adapted for use by schools.

Next week we are celebrating Education Week. An outline of our Education Week activities is attached to the Bulletin. Our Open Day will be on Thursday, 31st August where our parents, carers and family members are all invited. We look forward to celebrating Education Week with you and “Lighting the way to a better world”.

NAIDOC Week

Students had fantastic learning experiences last week celebrating NAIDOC Week. Special thanks to the NAIDOC Week committee for their wonderful organisation of the week. Thanks to: Mrs Dickson, Miss Brown, Ms Bailey, Mrs Cheetham and Mrs Brady. Mrs Ross has captured some outstanding photos of the week’s activities.

Congratulations to the students involved in the Drumbeat Tour (Jamie Ward, Ebony Sheehan and Skye Ekert). The ‘Drumbeats’ performed for over 2,000 students last week and were truly magnificent.

Below is a photo of the whole group made up of Aboriginal students from Kurri Kurri PS, Mulbring PS, Pelaw Main PS, Stanford Merthyr IS and Weston PS. Congratulations to Mrs Fonssbach and Mr Wootton.

Quote for the Week

“Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re going to get.” ~ Forest Gump’s Mum ~

"At WPS staff, students and community are Safe, Respectful and Responsible."
for your wonderful coaching of the group. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Cheetham for her organisation and writing a submission along with Miss MacMillan for funding of the activity and to Mrs Brady for her excellent help on the 'Drumbeat Tour'.

Our wonderful members of 'Drumbeats': Jamie (Year 3), Skye (Year 6) and Ebony (Year 5). Well done girls, you did a FANTASTIC job!

The NED Show
This year we are fortunate to have 'The NED Show' (Motivational Assembly) return to Weston PS on Tuesday, 29th August from 12.00 - 12.45pm in the School Hall. The Assembly teaches students how they can develop three valuable characteristics to become CHAMPIONS at school and in life. Attached is an information sheet/price list for yo-yos that will be on sale on Open Day next week. Yo-yos will also be on sale each morning from Wednesday, 30th July to Tuesday, 5th August in the 5 Keys Room. Children will be able to play with their yo-yos during this 5-day period each lunchtime on the bitumen/grass area behind the toilet block.

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

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.
EdFest 2014
During Education Week, our six local schools, collectively forming the Kurri Kurri Learning Community; Kurri Kurri High School, Kurri Kurri Public, Weston, Pelaw Main, Mulbring and Stanford Merthyr Infants School, will join together to celebrate Creative and Performing Arts. This event is known as EdFest.

EdFest takes place on Tuesday 29th July commencing with the opening of the Art Gallery, for viewing by parents/carers and students, in the Kurri Kurri High School Gym at 5:15pm. The school performances will commence at 6pm, in the Kurri Kurri High School Hall. The presentation of Art Gallery Certificates/prizes will take place immediately following the performances, with the event closing at approximately 7:30pm.

Thank you to local artists, Sharyn Street and Shan Turner- Carroll, for judging our Artworks.

For this event to take place we have had some generous donations from our sponsors.

Many thanks to our Major Sponsors: Kurri Kurri KFC, Stanford Merthyr BP Service Station and the DARACON Group.

Thank you also to our Supporter sponsors: Weston Anglican Church – Display boards, The Bloomfield Group, Kurri Kurri Mowers, Weston Worker's Club, Rover Coaches and Joel Fitzgibbon MP – Federal Member for Hunter.

The catering will be provided by Kurri Kurri High School students, and teachers; Linda L'Green, Kim Knox and Sue Hughes. Come along and celebrate Creative and Performing Arts, with your local schools.
Preparation for our Book Week Celebrations 2014

This year the Library Monitors and I have decided to add something extra to our Book Week Celebrations. In order to do this we need your help...

2014 Book Exchange

Please help make our Book Exchange successful by donating any books that your child has loved reading but is happy to part with.

The purpose of the Book Exchange is to gather quality unwanted books and then provide the students of Weston Public School with the opportunity to purchase a book for a gold coin donation at the Book Week Parade on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August 2014.

When looking for books to donate please consider:

- Choosing a book that your child really enjoyed but can bear to part with
- Ideally books should be not just an unwanted item but a book that they think someone else would enjoy as much as they did.
- The condition the book is in, no rips or marks on the book.

Special notes:

- Please deliver them to Mrs Manderson in the library
- Last day for books is Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} August 2014

Many thanks for your ongoing support 😊
Newcastle Jets will play an intra-Club match against Newcastle Jets Youth on Wednesday, 23rd July at Rockwell Automation Park Weston (behind Weston Workers Club). Rockwell Automation Park will again host the Jets a week later on Wednesday, 30th July when the club will play local NNSW NPL side WESTON WORKERS FC on home soil. Both matches will kick off at 7:00pm with gates open from 5:30pm and entry to both matches will be FREE. The Newcastle Jets Membership Marquee will be present to allow fans to sign up for Membership for the new session.

Members and fans are invited to came and cheer on the Jets and watch the team kick-off their new season. These two matches will provide important preparation for the club’s first ever FFA Cup Match against Perth Glory on Tuesday, 5th August.

**MAC’S CONTRACT**

This term our Yr. 5 students will be given their “Mac Contracts”. To be invited to apply for a Leadership Position, Yr. 5 students must have completed their ENTIRE Mac Contract by the end of Week 6 Term 4. The Mac Contract is a small booklet that allows students to see what areas they need to work on improving in relation to being SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE. At the beginning of Week 7 Term 4 staff will look at the contracts, those students who have shown the qualities of a leader will be invited to apply for a leadership position (School Leader, House Captain or Library Monitor). On completing Mac’s Contract students will be rewarded with a small coloured pin that they can wear on their collar showing off what they have achieved. Next year (2015) we will introduce all of our Mac Contracts for each year from Kindy to Year 6. Students will be awarded a different colour pin for every year they complete Mac’s Contract.

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**PBL Corner**

At WPS staff, students and community are Safe, Respectful and Responsible. These students are the PBL award winners for Week 2.
KH working hard at ‘Y’.

Ella’s yummy yellow yoghurt.

This is Mrs Cooper, she will be with us Term 3.

Mitchell’s yummy yellow yoghurt.

Jarreth is very proud of his Jolly Phonics work.

Ella’s yummy yellow yoghurt.
2014 EDUCATION WEEK
28th July - 1st August

Staff and Students of Weston Public School invite you to join us to celebrate Education Week at our “OPEN DAY” on Thursday, 31st July.

“2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week.”

Education Week activities include:

- **Tuesday** - The NED Show (12.00 - 12.45pm) - Assembly promoting positive behaviour through the use of yo-yos and magic tricks

- **Edfest** - Evening Performance (Dance Group) at Kurri Kurri High School Hall (6.00 - 7.30pm). Children will need to meet staff outside the hall at 5.45pm and stay for the duration of the Edfest (6.00 - 7.30pm). Children involved in the items have received a separate information/permission note. Students with artwork on display will receive a separate invitation.

- **Thursday** - Open Day

  - AIM HIGH - SMART Science Shows (2D, 2/3B, 3/4C & 4/5F)
  - K-6 Assembly (12.30pm) acknowledging the efforts and achievements of students, staff and community members
  - Visits to Classrooms (approx. 1.00pm)
  - Picnic Recess and Year 6 Mini-Fair (1.30 - 2.15pm)

Year 6 Fundraising activities include:

- Show Bags - $6.00
- Lucky Dips - $1.00
- Badge Making - $2.00
- Cake Stall - Prices starting at 20c
- Temporary Tattoos - Prices starting at 10c
- Drinks - $1.00

- **Friday** - Zone Athletics Carnival at Cessnock

- **Jeans for Genes Day** - Gold coin donation (Children can wear their jeans on the day with their regular school shirt, jumper and shoes.)

We hope you are able to join us during Education Week!
YEAR 6 MINI-FAIR

When:    Thursday, 31st July (Open Day)
Where:   Primary COLA
Time:    1.30 - 2.15pm (Recess)

Year 6 students will be having a Mini-Fair on OPEN DAY in Education Week. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of a Farewell Gift to the school and the Year 6 Farewell.

Activities on the day include:

Lucky Dips - $1.00
Show Bags - $6.00
Badge Making - $2.00
Cake Stall - Prices starting at 20c
Temporary Tattoos - Prices starting at 10c
Drinks - $1.00

We hope you will be able to support our Year 6 Fundraising activities.