

WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Wednesday 10th December 2014

Message from the Principal

What a busy time of year this is. The final touches are being added to reports which will go home on Thursday of this week, presentation assemblies are being held and students and staff are preparing for class parties and the Year 6 graduation. Students and parents are reminded throughout these celebrations, that Dubbo West is a nut free zone due to potentially life-threatening allergies. As such, we request that any food sent into the school does not contain nuts of any kind.

Last Friday, the Infant's children and staff held their Christmas Concert which was truly spectacular. Both children and staff wiggled and danced and sang their way through a very entertaining hour which showcased the many talents of our students and staff. I thank the children who worked hard to practise and learn the many words in their songs and combine them with fantastic dance moves. I would also like to thank staff for their hard work and dedication. Without their talents at choreography, design and costuming, this event would not have been as successful. I think that all who were there will agree that it was a lot of fun and got all of us into the Christmas thank you for your association and spirit.

This year has seen our students provided with many opportunities to excel and to grow as individuals both in classroom settings and outside of classrooms. Visits to the school by bird keepers, surf life rescuers and the rural fire brigade, to name a few, have provided our students the opportunity to learn more about things that would normally be outside of school life. Additionally, debating workshops, spelling bees and visiting shows have entertained and provided opportunities for students to grow.

Our athletes continue to shine with students representing at regional and state level in athletics, swimming, football

and hockey. Academically, we had success in debating, public speaking and spelling with students again representing our school at regional and state level.

Students were also given opportunities for personal growth through excursions offered throughout the year. Preschool and Infants were able to attend stage performances of The Gruffalo and Still Still. Awake Excursions Wambangalang for the Teddy Bears Picnic, The Zoo and Tea Gardens were also outstanding opportunities for our students to grow.

Our student leaders also represented the school in the wider community, being invited to participate in important events such as the Anzac Day March and Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

To those students who are leaving Dubbo West to commence the next chapter of their academic life in High School, we wish you well. Remember the lessons learned at Dubbo West and always be the best that you can be because no one else can do that better.

To those parents who have had a long association with Dubbo West and whose children are now moving into High School, we wish you all the best and support of our school. Without strong partnerships between school and home we can only do half of the job. Together we prove to be a formidable force.

As we approach the end of term we say goodbye to some valued staff members as they also move into new chapters of their life. Lisa Neave will take up her new role as Assistant Principal at Orana Heights Public School whilst Lynn Bolton. Robert Colley and Vicki Coffin are all heading into retirement. We wish them all the best for their future.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15th December

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 17th December

Students last day

Thursday 18th December Friday 19th December

Staff Development Days

2015

Tuesday 27th January

STAFF ONLY RETURN

Wednesday 28th January≹

STUDENTS YR 1 TO YR 6 RETURN

Thursday 29th January

KINDERGARTEN COMMENCES 🕺

PRESCHOOL - P2 STARTS

School resumes for students in Years 1-6 on 28th January 2015 and for Kindergarten on Thursday 29th January 2015. P2 preschoolers will commence on 29th Thursday January with commencing on Monday 2nd February.

Regards Eileen Day Principal



SAFE

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CANTEEN NEWS

Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped out in the canteens over the last twelve months. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

The last day for canteens will be Friday 12th December. We **will not be** open on the last day of school, Wednesday 17th December.

On Thursday 11th (this week) will be our **RED FOOD DAY**. On sale will be:

Brain Lickers	\$2.50
Xmas Stockings	\$2.00
Ring pops	\$1.50
Curly wurls	\$0.60c
Zombie chews	\$0.60c
Wicked fizz	\$0.20c
Frucca's	\$0.10c
Cans of Drink	\$1.50

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and stay safe in the holidays. I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Thank you
Jenny Ford
Canteen Manager





It is that time of year again, with an outbreak of headlice.

Headlice are extremely contagious and the children need to be treated.

Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

INFANTS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

AMENDED TIME

The time for all Infant's Christmas parties has been changed from 11:30am to 1pm on Friday 12th December.

Kindergarten students are asked to bring a plate of party food to share.

Years 1 and 2 are asked to pay \$5.00 per student



Cinquain poetry by 3/4C

Christmas

red, green
wrapping, stocking, opening
best day of my life

Books

book mark

reading, learning, drawing

reading, learning

books are fun

read

by Mikea

awesome by Dylan



Fruit

sweet, juicy
peeling, squeezing,
dripping
fruit can be any sort
apples
by Gloria



Myself

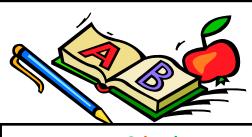
boy, birthday
loving, playing, caring
I was born in Sydney
Sam
by Samuel



Apple

red, green

chewing, slicing,
cutting
I love eating crunchy fruit,
Delicious
by Kyneisha



School

fun, mad
exciting, teaching, learning
responsible, respectful, safe,
cooperative
learning
by Alley



KIDS COOKING CLASSES

School Holidays 2014/2015

Dubbo Regional Theatre Convention Where:

Centre.

Host: Anna Peters - Cooking with Anna The

Australian Culinary School.

When: Monday 22nd December, 10am - 1pm

Christmas Gifts to Bake 8 - 14 years

\$44.00

Monday 22nd December, 2pm - 4pm

Christmas Gift Wrapping Workshop

All ages welcome up to 18 years

\$25.00

Thursday 15th January 2015, 10am - 12pm

Baking Mad Cup Cakes, 8 - 12 years

\$33.00

Thursday 15th January 2015, 2pm - 4pm

Asian money bags & Spring Rolls, 8 - 12 years

\$33.00

Tuesday 20th January 2015, 10am - 12pm

The art of making Pasta, 8 - 12 years

\$39.00

Tuesday 20th January 2015, 2pm - 4pm

The art of making pasta, 13 - 18 years

\$39.00

For more information phone 02 5311 1004 or

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JACKEROO RANCH - SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY RIDING CAMPS

Pre Christmas camps from 10th - 20th December. Come anytime from 3 days to 10 days.

1st Week - Saturday 3rd January to 10th January 2015.

2nd Week - Saturday 10th January to Sunday 18th January.

For bookings and enquiries: Mrs Pattie Hudson

(02) 63 377173 (nights are best)







