



# WEST NEWS

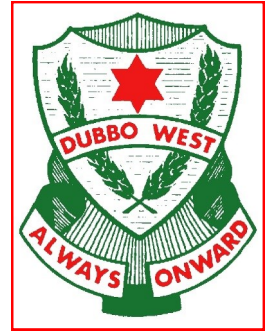
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Wednesday 14th October 2015

## *Message from the Principal*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 at Dubbo West Public School. It certainly has been an exciting start with Bell Shakespeare performing for students in Years 2-6 on the first day of term. The students were engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the performance, having read the book 'Just MacBeth' by Andy Griffith in class. This week we also have our excursion to Circus Oz and I know that students will thoroughly enjoy this experience.

You may have heard our advertising campaign on Star FM for our Pre-School and Kindergarten programs. This week we have open free play dates at the pre-school on Tuesday and Thursday and an Open Day on Wednesday where community are encouraged to come into the school and look at some of the wonderful programs that we offer.

Staff have also worked very hard on designing a new transition program to support our pre-schoolers as they make the huge move from preschool to school. This program will go for eight weeks and is offered on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015. If you know of anyone who lives in our area who has a child turning 4 next year or starting Kindergarten next year who has not enrolled their child, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible so that they can be included in these events.

Now for some great news. On the last day of Term 3, I was privileged to be

able to attend the Regional finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge which was held at Bletchington Public School in Orange. Our students debated against the need for a new Australian flag. With only one hour and no adult assistance to prepare, Sasha Morrison-Zhou, Sathmi Herath, Harry Kater and Aidan Alexander prepared and then presented their arguments. Debating against a well-drilled team from Bathurst Primary School, our team convinced the audience that they were right, winning the debate. Our team will now compete in early November at the State finals at Stanwell Tops. A huge congratulations goes to these students and also to Mrs Sue Furnell who has worked tirelessly to prepare these students and get them working as a team. We wish them all the very best in their next rounds of competition.

The school has also received a generous donation from Sally-Anne Morrison of Morrison's Eye Care. This donation is to purchase a number of blazers for students to wear when representing our school. This donation will assist our students to look even more professional, again raising the profile of our school.

Remember: Wherever your focus lies, lie your results – whatever your results are, are the results of your focus.

Regards

**Eileen Day  
Principal**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Thursday 15th October**

Preschool Play Date

9:30am

*Primary Hearing Testing*

#### **Tuesday 20th October**

Kinder Transition

Group 1 - 2pm - 3pm

#### **Wednesday 21st October**

River Safety Lessons

Years 3-6

*Dream Festival  
Workshop*

#### **Thursday 22nd October**

Kinder Transition

Group 2 - 2pm - 3pm

#### **Tuesday 27th October**

Stage 3 Sydney  
excursion

*Kinder Transition*

*Group 1 - 2pm - 3pm*

#### **Wednesday 28th October**

Stage 3 Sydney  
excursion

#### **Thursday 29th October**

Stage 3 Sydney  
excursion

*Kinder Transition*

*Group 2 - 2pm - 3pm*

#### **Tuesday 3rd November**

Kinder Transition

Group 1 - 2pm - 3pm



**SAVE THE DATE**

**THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER FOR  
OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT.**

**TISSUES**

Due to the constant student demand on tissues being used in the classroom, we are asking for your assistance in helping us with the supply of some. If you could possibly provide a box of tissues for classroom use the school would be most appreciative.

Tissues can be sent either to your child's class or to the school office.

**KINDERGARTEN 2016**

Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 are being accepted now. If you have or know of anyone living in our area who has a child turning 5 years before 31st July next year, please call and collect an enrolment form. If your child is currently enrolled at our Preschool, the office staff will provide a form for you to fill out with any change of details.

**Premier's Debating Success**

Congratulations to our wonderfully talented Premier's Debating team. After winning our zone competition, we set off to Orange to debate in the Regional competition against Bathurst.

The topic was that "Australia should have a new flag." We were the negative team so we had to say that "Australia should not have a new flag." Both teams had one hour before the debate to prepare the point and arguments.

Our team did a marvellous job of presenting their points of view and rebutting the affirmative team's arguments. Bathurst presented two main points and our team were able to disprove both points. This led the three adjudicators to awarding our team with a win.

As a result of this win the team now competes at state level over three days early November. We will have four debates against other Regional winners before the semi-finals and final debate. We are looking forward to participating in a series of top level debates and know that this will be a great learning experience.



Sasha Morrison-Zhou, Sathmi Herath, Harry Kater, Aidan Alexander

# PBL

Our focus for this week is

**“listening to teacher instructions”.**

**Listening is important for learning and student safety.  
Listening is another way of showing respect.**

Please reinforce at home the need to listen to instructions. Before a child is given instructions they can be cued in by saying their name. Ask your child to repeat the instructions before they do what has been asked.

We need to work together to have students listen the first time.

Thank you for your support.

PBL— positive behaviour for learning.

Our school expectations are: **respectful, responsible,  
cooperative and safe.**

## From our Library:

A **book fair** will operate at the Primary from Wednesday 21st October.

Dates and times will be sent home on a flyer with students.

There will be a display of books in the Primary Library. Students may come and purchase the books at given times. There will be an afternoon to allow parents and students from Preschool and Infants to come and see the books.

Our school receives a commission for all books sold which we use to purchase new resources for our libraries.

Sue Buttrey

Teacher Librarian





Nutrition Snippet

# The simplest way

...to create a healthier brekky.

Choose these simple, tasty swaps for your family's brekky: they're fruit and vegie rich and will give you the energy to get through the day!



wap this Breakfast	For these Healthier Options
White toast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make it wholemeal</li> <li>- Try fresh tomato or avocado</li> <li>- Spread ricotta + add sliced fruit on top for a sweet treat</li> </ul>
Flavoured milk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blend a fruit smoothie with frozen raspberries, honey + reduced fat milk + yoghurt</li> </ul>
Rice bubbles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Porridge or wheat biscuits topped with banana + a small amount of honey</li> </ul>

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

The *Eat It To Beat It* program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

