



WEST NEWS

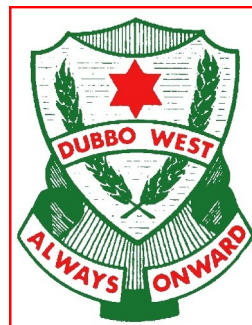
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Wednesday 2nd September 2015

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week students competed at the district Athletics Carnival. Our students represented us well, competing to the very best of their ability. Well done to all and thank you to Miss Thorpe for accompanying and encouraging our students.

Our school also hosted an extremely successful author visit last week with the author of the Nanny Piggins and Friday Barnes, Girl Detective series, Rachel Spratt. Students were exposed to the life of an author and thoroughly enjoyed their time in writing workshops with Ms Spratt. Thank you to Mrs Buttrey for all of the time and effort that went into the organisation of this very successful visit and to The Pilcher family for hosting Ms Spratt.

Our infant's children were also paid a visit over the last few days by Healthy Harold where they learnt how to better keep themselves healthy. The van, which has been refurbished, was relaunched in a ceremony on Monday with Deputy Premier Troy Grant in attendance. Mr Grant spoke with the organisers and the students but Tim Seton was the star as he demonstrated how the new wheelchair lift worked to make the van much more accessible for all. Healthy Harold has been visiting schools for 36 years and will hopefully continue to do so for many more.

Over the next few weeks you will see some new faces across Dubbo West as Student Teachers learn from our more experienced teachers and practice their skills. Dubbo West is always in high demand for these placements and we

try to accommodate as many as we can to ensure that the teachers coming out of university are ready to take up their careers.

On Thursday, Infants classes will participate in a character dress-up day and read-a-long to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy week. I encourage everyone to join in and be a part of the wonderful things that are happening in our school. I look forward to this day and I'm sure that everyone will have a great time.

Miss Parsons will be starting her PATCH (Parents as Teachers) program very soon. If you are interested in learning how you can help our children, please do not hesitate to contact Meg for more information.

Preparations for the Regional Spelling Bee are also well under way and will be held at our school on Thursday of next week. Our champions have been chosen and we encourage parents/carers to come along and be a part of, what I'm sure will be, a nerve racking but exciting day for all involved. I look forward to watching our students. I'm sure that they will make us all proud.

Next term, there is no staff development day at the beginning of term and on the first day back, at 9.15, students from Years 2-6 have the opportunity to see a live performance of 'Just Macbeth' a rewrite of Shakespeare's Macbeth which has been written by Andy Griffiths. All of our students have read or been read the book so it would be great for them to experience this show. Once again, we are the only public school in Dubbo to have this opportunity so students need to be on time to take advantage of this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3rd September

Infants Book Character Parade 12:15 at Infants

Thursday 10th September

Regional Spelling Bee final

Tuesday 15th September

NAIDOC - Infants

Wednesday 16th September

NAIDOC - Primary

Thursday 17th September

NAIDOC - Whole school assembly & Community Day

Friday 18th September

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

TERM 4

Tuesday 6th October

Students and Staff return

Remember: The most valuable thing that you can give your children is your time.

Regards

Eileen Day
Principal

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WORDS, WORDS, WORDS UPDATE

Once again thank you to all those parents/carers and children who have contributed to this program.

We still need more pictures for some categories so in each newsletter we will have a focus category.

This week our focus is on **AROUND THE HOUSE.**

Please send in pictures of what is outside, hoses, letterboxes, lawnmowers etc.



CANTEEN NEWS



The Infants Canteen will be open this Thursday **ONLY** until 2pm because of the Character Parade and Read-a-long.

Also the canteen stock is starting to run low due to the end of term.

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 later in the year for you to sign and fill out any changes of detail.

INFANTS BOOK CHARACTER PARADE



The Infants Department and Preschool will hold their Book Character Parade during Literacy and Numeracy Week this **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD** at 12:15PM.

This will be followed by a 'Read-a-long' where students can read books to their parents.

CRUNCH&SIP

Crunch&Sip is a set break during the school day when students can eat fruit (or salad vegetables) and drink water in the classroom.



The Primary classroom break is in the morning around 10:20am. Children eat their fruit in class and continue their work without disruption. The idea is to help kids to re-fuel and boost their physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Each day, students should bring a piece of fruit (or salad vegetables) to school to eat in the classroom. In addition, each child needs a bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

Through Crunch&Sip, our school is demonstrating our commitment to nutrition education in the classroom by making links with the curriculum and creating a supportive school environment.

Crunch&Sip schools have a positive impact on students by:

- Creating an enjoyable daily routine that increases fruit and vegetables intake.
- Promoting a positive attitude towards fruit, vegetables and water.
- Incorporating nutrition education into key learning areas of the curriculum



Please remember to send a piece of fruit (nothing messy such as oranges) and a bottle of water with your child.

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Dubbo West Public School has a new school uniform.
All uniforms are available to buy from the Primary school office.

Boys

Summer Uniform

- School polo shirt
- Grey shorts
- Grey socks and black footwear
- School hat

Winter Uniform

- Long grey trousers
- School polo shirt
- Sloppy joe with school emblem
- Grey socks with black footwear
- School hat

Girls

Summer Uniform

- School tunic OR
- School Polo shirt with bottle green culottes/shorts
- White socks with black footwear
- School hat

Winter Uniform

- School tunic with or without bottle green tights OR
- School polo shirt with bottle green trousers
- Sloppy joe with school emblem
- White socks with black footwear
- School hat

Sports uniform - Boys and Girls

- School polo shirt
- Bottle green sports shorts or trackpants



New school hat coming soon.

Price List

School Polo shirt	Size 4 – 16 \$30
Girl's Tunic	Size 4 – 16 \$40
Boy's Grey long trousers	Size 4 – 16 \$20
Girls Bottle Green Long trousers	Size 4 – 16 \$20
Sloppy Joes with school emblem	Size 4 – 16 \$25
Girls bottle green culottes or shorts	\$10

Special Special Special

We are gradually phasing out the old school uniform however it can still be worn at present. We have a limited selection of plain red or plain green polo shirts available for 2 for \$5.

Grey socks with red and green stripes (very limited sizes) \$2 pair.

Spelling Bee 2015

In week 6 we held the spell off to find our contestants for the Regional Finals. Laura Swinn and Te-Arni Murray are our Stage 3 spelling representatives and Jacob Mohr and Holly Adams are our Stage 2 spellers.

We wish them all the best for the 10th of September when they will compete against students from around the region. Junior competition is from 9.30—11.30 and Seniors will compete from 12.30 to 2.30.

Congratulations and best wishes from all at Dubbo West to Jacob and Holly, Te-Arni and Laura.



Book Club

Leaflets will go home this week. All orders are due back at school by Wednesday 9th September.

Parents can go onto the scholastic site and order and pay for books through LOOP. You do not need to fill out an order form if you order and pay this way.

<http://parentpayments.school.scholastic.com.au>

Follow the prompts and select LOOP. Thank you for your support.

Vouchers

Students who received vouchers from Book Character parades need to complete an order form and return this with their voucher.

Sue Buttrey M.Ed

Teacher Librarian

Book Week Author Visit at Primary



Last week Primary students participated in a writing workshop and an author talk from our visiting author RA Spratt.



RA Spratt was a very energetic and resourceful writer. She talked and worked with students about the writing cycle and used the movie Frozen to explain her points. Students also listened to Rachel read from one of her Nanny Piggins books and talked about writing and being an author. Here are some photos of RA Spratt in action and the captivated audience. Her books have become very popular. Friday Barnes and Nanny Piggins books are available to be borrowed or reserved.

Thank you to the Pilcher family for accommodating Rachel. Special thanks to Houda for driving Rachel around Dubbo.



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Assemblies

The next Primary Assembly will be held this week, Thursday 3rd September at 10.15 am.



Academic award winners at our Week 6 Primary assembly.



Kinder Yellow wowed us with their performance at the combined assembly in Education Week.

Thank you to Kinder Yellow students and Mrs Jasprizza.



Students learning how to move with the Australian Ballet.

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