



# WEST NEWS

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Dear Parent/Carers.

It has already been a hectic start to what I think is going to be another very busy term at Dubbo West.

Transition has commenced with our Year 6 students visiting Delroy and South campuses yesterday. Transition will commence on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October for the rest of the school. Parents of Year 2 children going into Year 3 in 2017 need to be aware that they will be at the Primary campus on Wednesday afternoons and will leave from there. Notes for Year 2 have been sent home but if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Congratulations to our Senior Girl's Cricket Team who, in appalling weather conditions on Monday, played Forbes Public School in Forbes. The girls put in a valiant effort in the pouring rain but were narrowly defeated (three runs) by the team from Forbes. I was particularly impressed with the sportsmanship showed by the girls. Thank you to Mrs Konz and Mr Caton for your organisation, support and time to ensure that the girls were competitive and had a great time.

Preparations are well underway for our end of year Extravaganza so please make sure that you save the date of 7<sup>th</sup> December. Our teachers spend a great deal of time, effort and imagination in preparing for these items and it is fabulous to see so many of our parents and families come along to be a part of the day.

What a fabulous book week we are having! The parade was amazing with great costumes and lots of fun had by all (although secretly I think the teachers had the best time). It is wonderful to see the whole school involved in such events and I'm sure that this event will only become stronger each year. Thanks go to Ms Parkes who has worked very hard in organising, promoting and running this year's Book Fair. It has also been great to see more parents involved in the Book Fair with their children. Books will be on sale up until Thursday afternoon. Reading really is important to children.

Regards,

Eileen Day  
Principal

## Term 4 - 2016 Planner

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 October	17	18	19 <i>Whole School Dress Up Book Parade &amp; Hot Dog Meal Deal</i>	20 <b>Primary assembly 2.15pm</b>	21 <i>Immunisation Clinic 9.30-12noon Community Centre</i>
3 October	24	25	26 <i>Kinder 2017 transition 2-3pm</i>  <i>Yrs 1-6 2017 transition 2-3.15pm</i>	27 <i>Peter Aird Shield Yr6</i>	28 <i>Immunisation Clinic 9.30-12noon Community Centre</i>  <i>Infants assembly 10.30am</i>
4 Oct/Nov	31	1 <i>Yr 6 to Yr7 2017 transition</i>	2 <i>Kinder 2017 transition 2-3pm</i>  <i>Yrs 1-6 2017 transition 2-3.15pm</i>	3 <i>Music Celebration Day 12 noon</i>	4 <i>Immunisation Clinic 9.30-12noon Community Centre</i>

### Save the Dates!

7 December - P-6 Concert  
12 December - Year 6 Farewell  
13 December - P-6 Presentation Day



## A Note From Mrs Hall

Welcome back to term 4, I don't know where this year has gone!

This will be another busy term for us with lots of exciting learning happening across Infants. A note will be going home for Year 2 to participate in Learn to Swim lessons. Next Monday 24 October, 2 Lime have been asked to perform at the zoo to celebrate the NSW Finals of the NAIDOC Public Speaking and Debating Challenge. This is a great honour to be asked! We are all looking forward to celebrating and dressing up for the Book Week Parade. Today we had Blake and Craig from The Athletes Foot teaching K - 2 how to tie their shoe laces. It was a fun demonstration. 2 Lime need small glass jars to complete a piece of craft. If you have any, would you please send them in this week.

Don't forget it's getting warmer and we all need to wear a hat in the playground.

### **Reading Recovery Program**

*A huge congratulations to Jamil Dunn in 1 Topaz for completing the Reading Recovery Program.*

*He has worked very hard on his reading and writing strategies and is becoming more independent.*

*Well done Jamil!*

*Mrs Campion*



### **What's coming up in sport?**

- ◆ PSSA sport continues up to and including Friday Week 9. Please ensure all students are in school uniform.
- ◆ NSW PSSA Athletics this week at Olympic Park, Sydney. Good luck Tyreece Ewers!
- ◆ Learn to Swim commencing later in Term 4, more information to follow.

For more information please contact Mr Colley.

### **Immunisation Clinic**

*An Immunisation Clinic is held every Friday from 9.30am to 12 noon in the Community Centre.*

### **Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2017?**

Please drop in or phone the office for an enrolment package.

Transition to Kinder starts in Week 3.

It will be every Wednesday from 26 October to 30 November inclusive.



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## MUSIC CELEBRATION DAY

Music: Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia's largest music program, supporting teachers from more than 2000 schools to deliver inventive, creative and enjoyable music lessons in the classroom.

Each year, MCUI brings more than half a million people together in song, with a Celebration Day that reaches into every corner of the country. From Bendigo to Bourke, Dubbo to Darwin, Halls Creek to Hobart, Port Augusta to Port Douglas, young people sing the song that stops the nation.

The song is written by student songwriters from across Australia, collaborating with MCUI's celebrity mentors. The song is then distributed to participating schools with weekly, classroom-ready education plans and resources to help teach the song to your students.

DWPS students from K-6 have been learning this year's song with Mrs Nicolson in their Music lessons and the children are excited to be singing together as a whole school with more than half a million students from across the nation. Some of our Stage 2 students will also be playing recorder accompaniment.

**We would like to invite all parents and carers along to join us in this celebration of music.** Come along and sing with us or just listen to your wonderful children singing together. We will live-stream the celebration at **12:00 noon on Thursday 3 November** from the Sydney Opera House then there is a count-down at 12:30pm leading to the big sing!

Mrs Nicolson

**COUNT US IN**  
MUSIC AUSTRALIA

**ONE SONG  
YOUR SCHOOL  
MORE MUSIC**

**CELEBRATING  
MUSIC EDUCATION  
IN AUSTRALIAN  
SCHOOLS**

Join half a million  
people singing the  
same song at the  
same time, across  
Australia.

**THURSDAY  
3 NOVEMBER**

WA 9.30AM NT 11.00AM  
QLD 11.30AM SA 12.00PM  
TAS, VIC, NSW, ACT 12.30PM

**MUSIC: COUNT  
US IN IS FOR ALL  
SCHOOLS**

- primary and secondary
- state, religious and independent
- metropolitan, regional and remote

Dubbo West Public  
School Hall 12:00 noon



## Excursion to the Japanese Gardens

Year 1 enjoyed a fabulous day at the Japanese Gardens last term. It was great to end our study of Japanese Culture with a visit to these beautiful landscaped gardens. We started the day making koi fish kites and painting pictures of our surroundings. We were joined by Tanya and Daniel from Kumiai Ryu Martial Arts. They demonstrated karate techniques and the use of weapons such as nun chucks, sais, bo staff and of course their bare hands. Students learnt some karate sequences and it was great to see Thomas helping with the demonstration. Jack, Aleah, Jayda and Alex were awarded white belts for breaking wooden boards with their bare hands, very impressive! Moving on to taste sushi and green tea (the sweet Lipton variety) students were able to experience Japan's most famous food. We ended the day playing traditional Japanese games and practiced our chop stick skills in a competition.

A fantastic day and a big thank you to Tanya and Daniel for giving their time and helping to make the day a success.

Miss Starr and Miss Turner



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Year 1 enjoying their day at the Japanese Gardens



## INFORMATION FOR YOUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5 OCTOBER 2016

### DOUBLE PARKING IN SCHOOL ZONES CREATES DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

Dubbo Regional Council is reminding parents and carers to exercise caution and patience when dropping off or collecting children from school as Term Four resumes this week.

Double parking in a school zone is extremely dangerous for any passenger alighting a vehicle let alone children who can be difficult to see and whose movements can be unpredictable.

Parents and carers should take the time to find a legal and safe car park before letting children out of the vehicle and also to remind children to exit the vehicle from the kerb side if parallel parked, not from the driver's side.

Potential consequences of children getting out of cars amidst traffic is frightening, let alone children who are alighting cars on the traffic side of a double-parked vehicle.

Illegal parking and/or stopping in school zones creates dangerous situations and brings with it some heavy fines as follows:

**No Stopping** - means you cannot stop in this area for any reason - \$325 fine plus 2 demerit points.

**No Parking** – means you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and you must stay within three metres of your car at all times - \$180 fine plus 2 demerit points.

**Bus Zone – School Days** – means you must not stop or park your vehicle in a designated school bus zone between 8.00 am and 9.30 am or between 2.30 pm and 4.00 pm - \$325 fine plus 2 demerit points.

**Stop on or near a pedestrian crossing (school zone)** - \$433 fine plus 2 demerit points.

**Double parking (school zone)** - \$325 fine plus 2 demerit points.

**Parking in a disabled zone** without current mobility parking permit displayed - \$541 plus 1 demerit point

*Jayne Bleechmore*

Road Safety Officer  
Dubbo Regional and Gilgandra Shire Councils