



WEST NEWS

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Dear Parent/Carers.

It's already been a busy start to Term 4 with many students from Preschool to Year 6 taking part in many school based activities.

Last Wednesday saw the beginning of our whole school transition afternoons. Students across Infants and Primary were split into groups and visited the classrooms of teachers that may be teaching their stage in 2017. Groups will rotate each week with the program finishing in week 8. As part of this program, Year 6 students have been assigned to various teachers and will help out in classrooms. The OC Class is also running transition lessons during this time with future students visiting from a range of schools. The feedback has been extremely positive from teachers and students who are enjoying the chance to experience different kinds of lessons.

Our Year 6 students have also been busy attending both Delroy and South campuses as part of their Year 7 transition program. In week 2, students were able to experience an English classroom, a PDHPE lesson and a Design and Tech class. The behaviour and commitment of our Year 6 students during transition is to be highly commended. They will be visiting their respective high schools again this Tuesday.

You may have noticed last Wednesday that our students were replaced by famous book and movie characters. Our book week parade was a huge success with many students looking absolutely amazing in their costumes. We would like to thank all our parents for their support with our Book Week celebrations. We would also like to give a big thanks to Miss Parkes for putting on such a wonderful week of book sales and dressing up.

We have also had students represent Dubbo West during Dubbo's Dream Festival by taking part in a lantern parade. Mrs Mansell took a number of students to a lantern making workshop where students created lanterns for the parade. Both Mrs Hall and I attended the parade on the Saturday and were extremely proud of the way our students represented Dubbo West.

Just a reminder that with the weather warming up, students must bring a hat to school in order to play outside during break times and PSSA sport. We would also like to encourage students to bring a water bottle with them for PSSA on Fridays to avoid dehydration.

Regards,

Mitchell Welham
Relieving Principal

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Term 4 - 2016 Planner

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 Oct/Nov	31	1 Yr 6 to Yr7 2017 transition <i>Swimming assessment day 11.20am-12.15pm</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> Primary Assembly 2.15pm	4 <i>Immunisation Clinic 9.30-12noon Community Centre</i>
5 Nov	7	8	9 <i>Kinder 2017 transition 2-3pm</i> <i>Yrs 1-6 2017 transition 2-3.15pm</i>	10 <i>Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser</i>	11 <i>Immunisation Clinic 9.30-12noon Community Centre</i>
6 Nov	14	15	16 <i>Kinder 2017 transition 2-3pm</i> <i>Yrs 1-6 2017 transition 2-3.15pm</i> <i>Preschool Orientation 2-3pm</i>	17	18 <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

2 Lime need donations of small glass jars with lids and magazines for use in their classroom. Please drop them in to the Infants Office or Mrs Hall's Classroom.

Thank you

A Note From Mrs Hall

With Spring well and truly here (even though it's been quite cool) it is important that students bring a hat to school **every day**. School bucket hats are for sale at the Primary Office for \$10.

Swim School assessment was on yesterday and from all accounts students had a great time. Swim School lessons commence on Monday 28 November at 12.30pm for two weeks. We will not go to swimming on the 7 December as this is our whole school concert day.

Dubbo Primary Teachers have entered a team in the Relay for Life event this weekend at Barden Park. To support this event we will be having a Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser on Thursday 10 November with a gold coin donation.

Transition was a huge success for everybody at Infants with Year 2 in particular loving going up to the Primary site!! Transition will take place every Wednesday until 30 November inclusive. If your child in Year 2 has not returned their permission note to walk to Primary, please send it in as soon as possible.

A couple of reminders: -

Parents are asked to please not park in the staff car park of a morning or afternoon, it is not safe for children to be walking through there to meet parents and caregivers.

Students have been bringing toys, footballs and soccer balls to school. Unfortunately we can't guarantee that personal items won't be lost or misused. We are asking that you remind your child that no toys or balls are brought to school. We have toys and soccer games organised in the playground for use at playtime.

Hope you all have a lovely fortnight.

What's coming up in sport?

- ◆ PSSA sport continues up to and including Friday Week 9. Please ensure all students are in school sports uniform.
- ◆ Learn to Swim classes commence Monday 28 November to Friday 9 December, excluding Wednesday 7 December.

There are still four spots available for Year 2 students.

Immunisation Clinic

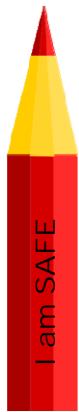
An Immunisation Clinic is held every Friday from 9.30am to 12 noon in the Community Centre.

Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2017?

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

Transition to Kinder started in Week 3.

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





Book Week Parade

