



WEST NEWS

THURSDAY 21st November 2019 | TERM 4

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

As we are approaching the end of Term 4, school life is becoming even busier. There will be a lot of things going on in the school, so please keep an eye open for notes or check the school app.

Swim School got underway on Monday and Year 2 students are reporting that they are having great fun learning water safety and how to swim.

On Monday 25th commencing at 9.30 am our preselected school leaders for 2020 will present their speeches. Four boys and four girls were preselected for their leadership potential by their peers and will present a speech to the whole school. All students and staff will then vote, choosing their Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2020. The preselected candidates are; Grace Ballard, Kyarna Knight, Amy Quilty, Jaime Wright, Aiden Campion, Jacob Drash, Jett Pearse and Noah Sasse. I congratulate these students on their achievement so far and wish them luck for their speeches on Monday. These speeches will then be followed by the finals of our Year 6 Public Speaking Competition. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us.

Our teachers and students are currently rehearsing for our end of year concert which will be held on Wednesday 4th December, commencing at 10 am. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch. We look forward to seeing everyone here as we celebrate our students' talents. Teachers are currently preparing notes about costume requirements. Should you have any difficulty with this, please do not hesitate to let the school know.

Our PBL reward this year will be held on the 9th December at school where children will be invited to participate in an 'Obstacool' course. This proved to be a lot of fun when we introduced it last year.

Our presentation day will be held on the 10th December and the Year 6 Day followed by the Year 6 Farewell will be held on the 11th December. This is a fabulous opportunity for our Year 6 students to celebrate the end of seven years of formal education and the very important transition point as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

Mrs Nicolson is currently working with volunteers for our Christmas Choir. The students will be performing for the wider community on 27th November and 12th December. This was well received by the community last year. We'd love to see you if you are able to come along for one of these performances.

Our 95% attendance reward will occur on 16th December with students being invited to the movies.

So, only 4 weeks to go, but as you can see, there will be a lot happening at West and we look forward to seeing you at our celebrations.

Remember: Don't wait until everything is just right. It will never be perfect. There will always be challenges, obstacles and less than perfect conditions. So what. Get started now. With each step you take, you will grow stronger and stronger, more and more skilled, more and more self-confident and more and more successful.

Eileen Day
Principal

Important Dates

Monday 18th November to Friday 29th November

Swim School - Year 2

Monday 25th November

Preselected 2020 School Leader Speeches

Year 6 Public Speaking

Tuesday 3rd December

Year 6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 4th December

School Concert - 10am

Monday 9th December

"Obstacool" PBL Reward

Tuesday 10th December

Presentation Day - 10am

Wednesday 11th December

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18th December

Last Day of Term

Thursday 23rd January 2020

Uniform Shop (School office)
Open 10am - 1pm

Next P & C Meeting

Wednesday 4th December

5.30pm at

The Garden Hotel





TERM 4 WINNERS

Week 4			
KBlue	Makenzie Davidson Mervyn Morris-Mackay	2S	Zachary Elbourne-Binns Vogue-Balmain Coe
KGreen	Lincoln Shea Jaxon Ebsworth	3/4E	Jordon Osborne Jaymarra Anderson
KRed	Eli Meredith Harmony Antaw-Weldon	3/4H	Porsha McNeill Emily Ballard
KYellow	Summer Walker Gordon Owen	3/4S	Elysse Toomey Azalia Muller
1B	Noah Meredith Kira Cubby	5/6G	Sophie Coath Jacob Fairbanks
1L	Ebony Jackson Phebee Hillsley	5/6M	Ch'knowah Morris-Mackay Jordayne Morris
1W	Cruz McEwen Matthew Morris	5/6N	Alynnna Munro Tyson White
2G	Liesa Phillips Nicholas Spence	5/6Y	Lakita Derrick Lahkarha Callen-Harper
2H	Alfred Johnson-Kelly Claire Boyan	\$5 Infants Winner	Blayne Duffy



Garden Club



UNIFORM SHOP

DUBBO WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICE

Thursday 23rd January 2020

10am - 1pm

The Department's Revised Enrolment Policy

What has changed? – part 1: the enrolment cap

The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Each school with a local intake area will have a cap set by the department from Term 4 2019. This applies to all the schools in Dubbo. To discuss this further, please feel free to make an appointment to meet with the Principal of your local school.

Remembrance Day



Book Club

Order forms have been sent home with students and are due back on Tuesday 26th November 2019



News from the Preschool

Potato patch

Last term we planted some seed potatoes. What an amazing learning journey this has been. At first it was hard for our Preschoolers to understand where to water and why, as they couldn't see anything. Then the shoots started to slowly show through the ground. Eventually we had large potato plants growing on the surface, but where were the potatoes?

We researched when to pick the potatoes and discovered that when the plants die, we can dig up the potatoes. We spent 2 days digging potatoes, exploring science, numeracy and literacy.



Then we decided what we would cook, chippies! We washed the potatoes and cut them into chip shapes. Then we sprayed them with olive oil and sprinkled on some chicken salt. We baked them for 30 minutes on 180 degrees and yummo! Next week we might make potato bake or mashed potato....maybe we will vote.



Don't forget:

We are taking enrolments for Preschool 2020, with limited spaces still available. Please see the school front office if you would like a position for your child next year.

Found

Written by Emelia Hellegers

Edited by E Starr

One day I was walking down the street. I saw a bad guy. He went into a house. I heard a scream so I ran back home. My heart was bumping fast. The bad guy drove off so I went inside to get my stuff on. I followed the car. I was there. I hid in the bush. The bad guy had a knife. The baddy went to go to the shop so I went in the house.

I saw the girl. I said to her "I will save you."

She said "Thank you. My puppy is here too, you just need to find him."

So I checked everywhere. I could not find him. I said "Where is he?"

She said "Look up". So I looked up. I saw a cage with her dog in it. The dog was very high up.

I couldn't get it so the girl looked around.

"There are some boxes" said the girl. So I stacked the boxes up. I got the dog out and I said

"Oh, I forgot to say what's your name?"

"My name is Zoe and my puppy's name is Treat. What is your name?" said Zoe.

"My name is Emelia" I said.

Zoe said "How do we find a way out?"

I said "I don't know."

Treat found a way out. "Good job Treat" said me and Zoe. "Oh no, the baddy is here." I said.

"Come on, we have to run outside, quick" Zoe said.

We ran very fast. "It is night time now. Where are we supposed to sleep?" said Zoe.

"I think we can sleep at a bus stop" I said.

"But we aren't in town yet" said Zoe.

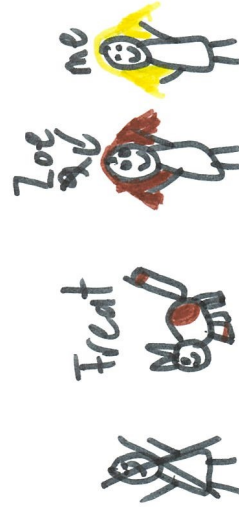
So we just lay down and went to sleep. It was the next day. We went walking back to town.

"Look, I can see the town" I said.

We went on a bus and we went home. We ran home and the police were there. I ran to Mum

and Mum said "Where were you?"

I said "I saved a girl and her puppy."



The Lost Treasure in Australia

Written by Jahlara Leonard

Edited by E Starr

One day I was going for a walk and then I saw a piece of paper and I thought it was just a piece of paper that someone would do. When I went close it was a treasure map but it was strange because no pirates come to Australia. Then I was thinking I need help so I thought and thought and I said to myself "What about I call my friends to come and help me?"

I only called two of my friends and they said yes but they said "What do you need help with?"

I said "With a treasure map."

They said "Where did you find the treasure map?"

I said "Don't worry where I found it, I will tell you when you get to my location."

They said "OK, bye" and I said nothing back.

So an hour later they got here to my location and then we followed the map and it was a little complicated but the good news is we got there. We packed some clothes because we can be trapped in the cave, only if someone traps us in there. But we were still following the map and then we got trapped when I said it. So we stayed in there for a couple more days...



DWPS CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Our Primary Christmas Choir will once again be performing for the Dubbo community. Please come along and support our performances if you can. Details are below:

Wednesday 27th November:

10:00-10:30 at Dubbo Square (Coles)

10:45-11:15 at Bracken House

Thursday 12th December:

9:45-10:15 at Delroy Woolworths

10:30-11:00 at Riverdale Woolworths



The safest way to and from School may be absolutely FREE!

Most children are eligible for
free school bus travel



Apply online by logging onto the
Transport for NSW SSTs website:
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/applyNow>

For all other school bus travel enquires including
Discounted Term Passes available for non-eligible students



Contact Dubbo Buslines

Ph: 6882 2900

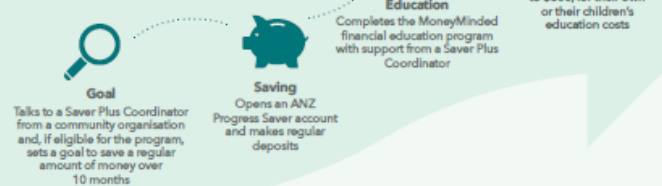
33 White Street Dubbo NSW 2830

www.dubbobuslines.com.au

What is Saver Plus?

- A free ten-month savings program** providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.
- Participants receive up to \$500 from ANZ** in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.
- Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family** and other local community organisations.
- Offered in communities across Australia** in every state and territory.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey



Who can join?

- Participants must meet all of the below criteria:
- Be 18 years or over
 - Have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves
 - Have regular income from paid employment (themselves or their partner)
 - Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
 - Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

Benefits for participants*

- 87%** continue to save the same amount or more 3 to 7 years after completing the program
- 78%** were better equipped for unexpected expenses
- 88%** reported increased self-esteem
- 80%** had more control over their finances

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 40,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2003:

- 40,000+** participants
- \$23m+** total amount saved by participants
- \$18m+** matched funds paid by ANZ

Find out more

- 1300 610 355
- saverplus@bsl.org.au
- saverplus.org.au
- @SaverPlusAU



*many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

*BMIT University, 2016. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2003. For more information see anz.com/saverplus

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.



Early Intervention Supports for Children Under Seven - Gilgandra

An Information Session for Parents, Carers, Educators, Service Providers & other interested community members

Everything you wanted to know about NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) Early Childhood Early Intervention including:

- What is NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention?
- How does it work?
- How can it help my child?
- Who can access it?
- How can they access it?
- What happens next?

Where: Gilgandra TAFE 1 Wamboin St, Gilgandra

When: Wednesday December 4 10.30am – 12.30pm

For further information or to book your place contact Ellen Mahne

P: 0436 616 371 or 02 68425197 E: MahneE@missionaustralia.com.au

Morning Tea Provided

Free Event

Limited Places

ndis.gov.au

What's on at the W P C C in December 2019:

Art of Threatened Species.

Art of Threatened Species explores threatened flora, fauna and the environments that sustain them in New South Wales, by enabling artists and scientists to collaborate. Each artist has travelled vast distances and spent many hours researching and observing species and environments. Each has partnered with a scientist working within each specific field. The resulting works will attempt to communicate the issues, politics, and emotions that surround at-risk animals, plants and environments. This project is a partnership between Orana Arts (OA) and the Office of Planning, Industry and Environment.



Continuing.

New Acquisitions: Joan Ross.

Joan Ross is one of Australia's leading contemporary Artists whose practice explores Australian History, landscape, and the imagery and materials of Australian native fauna. This section of works recently donated to the WPC by the artist, is a unique insight into her diverse practice and features video, sculpture and installation.

Closing Dec 8th.

Let Me Be Myself.

Let Me Be Myself is an exhibition that enables visitors to identify with the personal story of Anne Frank. The exhibition connects the personal story of the Frank family with the important historical events of that time: the rise of the national socialists, the isolation and discrimination of the Jewish population, eventually escalating in the Holocaust. The connection between the personal story of Anne Frank and the historical context shows the consequences the anti-Jewish measures had on one particular person. It reminds us that all our actions have the ability to impact on a single individual.

Opening Nov 30th.



Crossroads: Rochelle Summerfield.

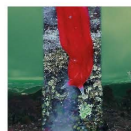
Crossroads is an exhibition that uses visual storytelling to explore themes on loss and transformation. Summerfield's bold experimentations through animation and mixed media shadow works disrupt traditional art forms as she combines new technologies to create dialogues around female subjectivity, nature and transformation. Crossroads examines the relationships between humans and the environment which Summerfield believes are intrinsically bound to our sense of self, well-being and connections within communities.

Opening Dec 7th.

Eye of the Corvus: Messenger of Truth. Kim V. Goldsmith.

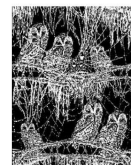
From the ancient stories of indigenous cultures of the world to the more contemporary sagas and fables of western civilisations, birds of the Corvidae family (ravens and crows) are highly symbolic - representing the presence of death, all-seeing knowledge, evil, good luck and protection. Using multi-channel video projection with layers of ambient and constructed, amplified sounds, triggered by motion sensors, and recorded on location in Australia and Iceland, Eye of the Corvus, explores the range of these birds in two of their native lands - drawing the participant into a new narrative through the avian eye.

Opening Dec 14th.



We also have our **permanent collections** on show in both the museum and art gallery spaces.

The museum collection has developed to reflect the many different roles that Dubbo has played over its almost 170 year history. From objects of agricultural or technological development, to those belonging to pioneers and entrepreneurs, and the **prized possessions** of people who were born and bred in Dubbo, raised families, ran businesses and became part of its ever developing fabric.



The prime collecting theme for our gallery is **The Animal in Art**. Inspired by the Gallery's rural location and proximity to Taronga Western Plains Zoo, the Animal in Art seeks to examine issues surrounding the representation of animals in the Visual Arts. The Animal has been used extensively as a symbol, trophy, object and metaphor. The collection tackles some of the wider possibilities of this rationale through works that use the animal as a means of expression whether in a literal or metaphorical way.

We invite you to make a booking and experience these exhibitions as either a guided tour or a self-guided experience.

General school syllabus connections:

- Creative Arts: Visual Arts 7 – 10: Visual Design 7 - 10:
- History: Society and Culture:
- Human Society and its Environment (HSIE):

Gastroenteritis – controlling viral outbreaks in childcare centres and schools

Last updated: 6 May 2019

What are viral gastroenteritis outbreaks?

A gastroenteritis outbreak occurs when two or more people have sudden onset of vomiting or diarrhoea at the same time in the same institution. In childcare centres and schools, you should suspect viral gastroenteritis if two or more children or staff have vomiting or diarrhoea within a two day period.

Viral gastroenteritis is highly infectious and outbreaks are very common and can be difficult to control. Outbreaks often occur in institutional settings such as nursing homes, hospitals, child care centres and schools. There are several things you can do to help reduce the spread of infection.

How do I prevent the spread of infection?

1. Hand hygiene

Good hand hygiene is the most effective way of preventing the spread of infection.

- Make sure that hand washing facilities and alcohol hand rub are available for staff, residents, children and visitors.
- Alert staff, residents, children and visitors to the outbreak and the need for thorough and frequent hand washing, and post hand washing signs in toilet and care areas.
- Staff and visitors should wash their hands thoroughly with soap and running water for 30 seconds and dry their hands with disposable paper towels, even if they have been wearing gloves:

- If hands are visibly dirty
 - After using the toilet
 - After changing nappies
 - Before eating/preparing food
 - There are body fluids (e.g. blood, urine, faeces) on your hands.
- Alcohol hand rub can be used to clean your hands for other situations.

2. Isolation and restriction

The following precautions should be taken to restrict the spread of gastroenteritis:

- Children and/or staff with vomiting or diarrhoea should be separated from the rest of the group as soon as symptoms appear. This may involve dedicating a room to the sick children before they can be sent home.

- Cases that reside in an institution (such as in a boarding school) should also be separated from non-infected individuals where possible. This includes separate facilities for hand washing, toilet and bathroom.
- Sick children and staff should be excluded from attending the facility for at least 48 hours after their symptoms have ceased.
- Visitors should be discouraged from attending the premises while the outbreak is occurring.
- If the outbreak continues and new enrolments are considered to be at risk of infection, consider closing the facility to new enrolments.

3. Cleaning

- Surfaces or objects that have been exposed to vomit or faeces must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as possible.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning up. Mask, goggles and impermeable protective clothing offer additional protection if available.
- Use disposable towels to remove faeces and vomitus, and seal in a plastic bag before disposing of them (in a clinical waste bin, if available).
- Wash the surface or object with hot water and a neutral detergent.
- Where possible, disinfect hard surfaces and objects with freshly prepared sodium hypochlorite (bleach) 0.1 per cent solution. Leave the bleach on the surface for at least 10 minutes before rinsing with cold water, and allowing to dry thoroughly.
- Allow objects to dry thoroughly after they have been cleaned.
- Wash your hands after you have removed gloves and protective clothing.

Further advice is outlined in the [Gastro Pack for Childcare Centres](#).

Who should I contact?

Managers of facilities where an outbreak of viral gastroenteritis is occurring or suspected should:

- report the outbreak to your local public health unit.
- document the number of cases, dates of onset, duration of symptoms and report to your public health unit

Call 1300 066 055 (within NSW) to be directed to your local public health unit.

How can the public health unit help?

Public health unit staff have expertise in managing infectious disease outbreaks. Your local public health unit can provide advice and assistance on controlling further spread of the outbreak, samples that should be collected, and the type of testing that should be carried out.

Further information

- Viral gastroenteritis factsheet: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/viral-gastroenteritis.aspx>
- Norovirus factsheet: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/norovirus.aspx>
- Rotavirus factsheet: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/rotavirus-infection.aspx>

For further information please call your local public health unit on **1300 066 055** or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au.