



WEST NEWS

THURSDAY 5th December 2019 | TERM 4

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Important Dates

Monday 9th December

"Obstacool" PBL Reward

Tuesday 10th December

Presentation Day

Primary - 10am

Infants - 12:30pm

Wednesday 11th December

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18th December

Last Day of Term

Thursday 23rd January 2020

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

Wednesday 29th January 2020

Year 1 to Year 6 Return

Thursday 30th January 2020

Kindergarten's First Day

Dear Parents/Carers

What an amazingly talented group of students and teachers we have! Our concert was again a fabulous showcase for our school and its achievements. Parents commented about how much they had enjoyed the performances. I would like to thank our teachers for their hard work in preparing our students and our parents/carers for helping with costumes and sharing your beautiful children with us. It was amazing to see so many families here to support our children and our school. Please enjoy the photos of the day as much as we enjoyed presenting it for you.

Thank you also to those parents who completed our survey about student wellbeing. Your feedback was greatly appreciated. Yesterday also saw the final day of our Kinder transition and Step Up program for the year. Positive feedback was also received around these initiatives.

I would like to say a huge congratulations to Mitchell Glynn, who has made it to the Australian Team for Karate. Mitchell will be heading to Portugal next year with the Australian team to compete in 2020. This is a huge achievement, with Mitchell going from strength to strength in his chosen sport. I know that Mitchell's determination and perseverance will stand him in good stead, even at this level of competition, and will lead to success.

Still to come this year are our PBL rewards, Year 6 Graduation, Presentation Day and Attendance rewards.

Should you know of anyone starting Kindergarten who has not enrolled for next year as yet, or if you know of anyone wanting to start Preschool next year, please ask them to contact the school urgently. There are only a few places left in Preschool so early application is advisable.

As this will be our last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish all of our families a happy and safe Christmas break. I would like to remind you that school resumes on Wednesday 29th January for students in P1 and Years 1 – 6 and on Thursday 30th January for students commencing Kindergarten in 2020. Thank you all for your continued support of our wonderful school and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2020. I wish those students moving on to High School all the very best as they embark on the next phase of their journey through life.

Remember: The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed.

Eileen Day
Principal



UNIFORM SHOP

DUBBO WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICE

Thursday 23rd January 2020

10am - 1pm

Notes Sent Home	Who Is Involved
Year 6 Farewell	Years 5 & 6
Year 6 Day	Year 6

The Department's Revised Enrolment Policy

What has changed? – Part 2: the 100-point residential address check

Parents and carers planning to enrol their child at a school that is near or at its buffer or cap will be asked to complete the 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. This applies to all of the primary schools in Dubbo and means that parents and carers will need to provide documents to verify the child's current address.

A list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/Residential-address-check.pdf> or from your child's local school. To discuss this further, please feel free to make an appointment to meet with the Principal of your local school.

Document showing the full name of the child's parent	Points
1. Only one of (i.e. no additional points for additional documents) 1.1. Council rates notice 1.2. Lease agreement through a registered real estate agent for a period of at least 6 months or rental board bond receipt 1.3. Exchanged contract of sale with settlement to occur within the applicable school year	40
2. Any of the following 2.1. Private rental agreement for a period of at least 6 months 2.2. Centrelink payment statement showing home address 2.3. Electoral roll statement	20 each
3. Any of the following documents 3.1. Electricity or gas bill showing the service address* 3.2. Water bill showing the service address* 3.3. Telephone or internet bill showing the service address* 3.4. Drivers licence or government issued ID showing home address* 3.5. Home building or home contents insurance showing the service address 3.6. Motor vehicle registration or compulsory third party insurance policy showing home address 3.7. Statutory declaration stating the child's residential address, how long they have lived there, and any supporting information or documentation of this.	15 each

* up to three months old

Part 3: selection criteria for non-local enrolment

Sibling enrolments are now clearly prioritised (where possible) and selection criteria for non-local enrolment will not include student ability, performance or achievement.

If you have challenging circumstances and live outside the school's intake area, you should arrange to meet with the Principal of your local school to discuss. We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional and compelling circumstances will need to be considered.

To find the contact details for a particular school, please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school>

Chess Tournament

Final

Round Three of the Stage Three Chess Tournament was played by the following students:

Bryce Eddy and Jett Pearse; Raff Kater and Karol Villanueva. All Students played enthusiastically and enjoyed the competition.

Well done to the winners of the third round, Raff Kater and Jett Pearse. The final was played out over two days with a lot of strategies coming into play but there can only be one winner.



Raff Kater (left) and Jett Pearse (right)

Congratulations to Jett Pearse, winner of the Stage Three Chess Tournament.

Is your child starting
school in 2021?

Let us help you prepare
them in 2020!

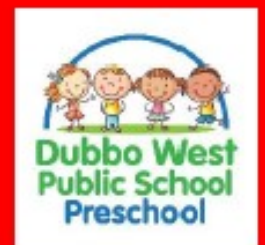
Enrol now for preschool
2020.

Offering affordable,
quality preschool for
children from Dubbo
West, Delroy Park and
surrounding areas in the
year before school.



For more information,
please call the school on
68823806

Dubbo West Public School Preschool



A large collage of 48 small photographs capturing various moments from a school performance. The photos show children in costumes dancing on stage, students playing drums in a band, and groups of children holding signs that read "IT'S COMING BE OK". There are also photos of children in costumes, adults interacting with the kids, and a large group of children sitting on the floor outdoors.



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A joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Communities and NSW Health

QUICK BITE

Do you want to go in the draw to win a LLW@S prize pack?!

All you need to do is follow these simple steps...

1. Join the Live Life Well @ School closed Facebook group
2. Comment either in the page or on a post.
3. BONUS ENTRY: invite a LLW@S contact to join the group (using the 'invite a member' function in the group page)

*NOTE: they have to be accepted in the group for this to count!!

To join the group, search :
Live Life Well @ School - Western NSW

by joining, you get access to...

- training and workshop opportunities
- community grant notifications
- fresh ideas, resources and tips
- program support - from HPOs and other LLW@S contacts!!

First prize pack drawn 13th December

Prizes from mta modern teaching aids

Healthy Children Initiative Team
Western NSW Local Health District
Tel (02) 6369 807173 | Fax (02) 6841 2368
WNSWLHD-HCI@health.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health
Western NSW Local Health District

SUMMER READING CLUB

1 December 2019 - 31 January 2020 at Macquarie Regional Library

Summer Reading Club is taking place at Dubbo Library these holidays!

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success! Over 43,000 children participated across Australia, and more than 360,000 books were read.

Celebrating its ninth year as a national program, the Summer Reading Club could be even bigger and better this year with the help of your school.

Summer Reading Club will run from 1 December 2019 until 31 January 2020. Students can join the challenge at Dubbo Library to receive a free Summer Reading Club kit, and lots of bonuses for reading books and listening to stories. Participants will receive a book prize when they complete their first reading log, and all completed logs will go into the draw to win a major prize.

A range of fun activities will also be held for students throughout the summer holidays. For further details visit mrl.nsw.gov.au

To encourage participation in the 2019 Summer Reading Club, I invite teachers and library staff to promote this program to students and their families. Information about the Summer Reading Club could also be included in your school newsletter.

For more information please contact Dubbo Libraries Coordinator, Melissa Tong on 02 6801 4510 or at melissa.tong@mrl.nsw.gov.au

Kathryn McAllister
Manager
Macquarie Regional Library

Stories are everywhere waiting to be discovered

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

summerreadingclub.org.au

NSW Department of Education and Communities
State Library of Queensland
Queensland Government

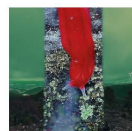
What's on at the W P C C in December 2019:

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 (OA) and the Office of Planning, Industry and Environment.



Continuing.



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.

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.



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 metaphoric 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):