



WEST NEWS

Friday 5th June 2020 | TERM 2

A MESSAGE FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 6!

This week our students were given the opportunity to participate in various activities for National Reconciliation Week. This year's theme 'In this together' has a resonance beyond that Reconciliation Australia probably imagined when the theme was announced early this year. Even though some of us may not be physically together, it's still hugely important that we make time and make space to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation. A big thank you to all staff for facilitating these activities - I have seen some fabulous student contributions this week! (Pictures below)

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 or call into the school office. We are now open for enrolments in Kindergarten for 2021 and Preschool waiting list applications have begun.

Applications for Year 5 entry into an opportunity class are being sent home today with Year 4 students.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2021, you need to apply between Tuesday 9th June 2020 and Friday 26th June 2020.

Parents/carers are reminded to practice social distancing outside the school when waiting at the end of the school day. A big thank you to those parents/carers who are patient as staff navigate the job of supporting your child to get through the gate safely. While we are trying to get all students off the school site as quickly as possible this is made harder when parents/carers congregate at the exit gates. Thank you again in for providing some space for our students and staff.

Please keep an eye out on our School App - our school canteen will be having regular specials and these will be advertised on the App. A gentle reminder, all online orders for the canteen close at 9:30am.

It was wonderful to have some students bring their work to me this week. It is so nice to be able to reward students for their achievements and acknowledge this positive behaviour! A huge congratulations to all staff for all their hard work and continued dedication to our students.

At the beginning of the year we registered a team for the Schools' Chess Competition which unfortunately did not start due to the coronavirus. A message from the organiser (NSW Junior Chess League) has provided us with information about two free chess apps that may be downloaded and used to help students learn the game as beginners, or play against opponents with specific strengths and/or play with other students or friends online.

What a cold week it was! Parents/carers are reminded to label all clothing. Just a reminder that school uniforms can be purchased from the school office.

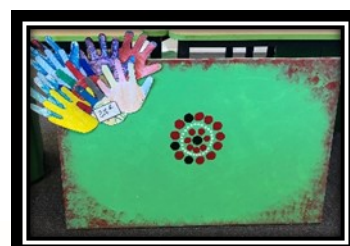
Trusting you all have a safe, happy and relaxing weekend wherever it takes you.

Just a reminder that Monday 8th June is a public holiday. We hope you enjoy the long weekend.

Kind Regards,

Nicci Willis

Relieving Principal



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Dubbo West Public School

Is now open for *enrolments* in

Kindergarten for 2021.

Preschool *waiting list applications*

are

also now available.

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY

9.30am – 11.30am
Parent Group
Term 1

**No more than
10 people for
all programs
Please book in
on 68849961**



HEALTHY EATING

TUESDAY

10am – 12pm
Playgroup

1.00 – 2.30pm
Playgroup

STORY TIME



WEDNESDAY

12pm – 3pm
WAGS
Adult Art & Craft

**Please
remember
social
distancing**

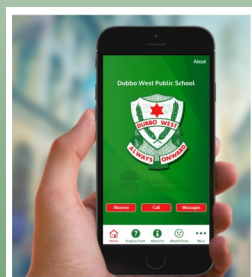
THURSDAY

10am – 12pm
Mother Goose

MUSIC AND DANCE



For more information phone Tanya Andrew: 6884 9961
Dubbo West School as Community Centre, East St, Dubbo NSW 2830



Please keep an eye on our school app for regular updates and information.

Chess

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It is hoped that a shortened version of the Schools' Chess Competition will start in Term 3. Until then students may like to use the online apps to help them become better chess players.

Below are two apps that have been recommended by the NSW Junior Chess League. Unlike some other sites, these are accessible from government schools (not blocked by the NSW Department of Education).

Lichess (pronounced "Lee-chess") – www.lichess.org

- A free server (without advertisements) – a popular site with tens of thousands of players of all standards playing at any one time.
- Kids Mode can be selected to suppress communication (ideal for children and school students as it avoids offensive or unwanted chat) – this option is set by password and can therefore be controlled by parents or schools.
- Select a time limit that suits you.
- Games can be casual or rated (giving you a rating).
- Select an available opponent from within a strength range (based on rating).
- "Play with a Friend" option allows selection of particular opponents (use this to play with school mates and friends or for arranged matches with other schools).
- "Play with the Computer" option (select standard of computer's play)
- Puzzles to improve your skill.
- Instructional videos available (free).
- Watch games in progress between top players.
- Coaching available from professional coaches (for a fee).
- Recommended browsers: Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome.



Chess.com – www.chess.com

(Not to be confused with chess.com.au, which is a paid service for tournaments run by a commercial chess coaching organisation in Melbourne)

- Free (basic) or paid (premium) – a popular site with over 37 million members and tens of thousands of players of all standards playing at any one time.
- Select a time limit that suits you.
- Select an available opponent from within a strength range (based on rating).
- "Play with a Friend" option allows selection of particular opponents (use this to play with school mates and friends or for arranged matches with other schools).
- "Play with the Computer" option (select standard of computer's play)
- Can suppress communication (ideal for children and school students as it avoids unwanted or offensive chat) or restrict it to only when playing with friends.
- Free instructional lessons and videos from beginner level to master.
- Puzzles to improve your skill.
- Millions of master games to play through.
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Hello from Preschool

Enrolments for Preschool and Kindy 2021

Don't forget, 2021 waiting list forms are now available to be filled in for Preschool. Please ask at the main office to help secure your child's place in 2021.



Hats

Don't forget to please pack a sunsafe, wide brim hat everyday, we have very minimal supplies as our loan hats are slowly disappearing.

Moriarty Soccer is Back!

With the easing of sport restrictions, we are able to participate in Moriarty soccer again. We love adventuring into the big playground and learning new skills. The coaches are very supportive and we work hard to follow all of the instructions. Don't forget we need comfortable shoes for soccer.



Term 3 and 4 Attendance Days

When we return from the term break, on Tuesday the 21st of July, Preschool days will change.

P1 will no longer attend on Wednesdays, they will only come on Mondays and Tuesdays, still with Miss Bianca, Miss Zoey and Miss Jodie.

P2 will start to attend Wednesdays, as well as their usual Thursdays and Fridays, with Miss Sarah and Miss Zoey.

If you have any questions about your child's days of attendance, please see a Preschool Educator.

We would like to welcome Miss Sarah G to our Preschool. You may see her smiling face on Thursdays and Fridays and helping out on other days as well!



Terms 3 and 4				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1	P1	P2	P2	P2

Thankyou

We know there have been quite a few changes to drop offs and pick ups at Preschool and we would just like to say a big thankyou. Thankyou for your understanding, your patience and for allowing us to keep your children safe by minimising the amount of people we have entering and exiting the building.

We appreciate all that you do, thankyou.



News from the Canteen

We are back in full swing! Thank you to everyone for your support since returning to school. We have launched orders through the app this term and it has been a big success. We have a few more items we are adding to our menu from next week.

Before School – *available at the window not on the app:*

Cereal Cups - \$1.00

Ham and Cheese Pockets - \$2.20

Hot Drinks:

Milo - \$1.50 available before school and both breaks

Friday Special:
Chicken Fried Rice - \$4.00

12/06
Only

A reminder that orders can be placed on the app or at the window.

News from the P&C

Our next General Meeting will be held on the **17th June 2020** at **5:30pm**. Details on venue will be available via school app at a later date.

Please feel free join us and get involved with the P&C and the School Community.

