



# WEST NEWS

Friday 11th June 2020 | TERM 2

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 7 is a short week yet has been one that has provided some FUN!

It is so nice to see some of our students having such respectful attitudes towards learning and social activity within the playground.

We are excited to welcome back the Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project, based in Dubbo. Hear our Heart provide free ear health education, targeted hearing testing and free access to ear specialists to children in Dubbo and Districts. The Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project is visiting our school on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Just a friendly reminder to be mindful when packing your child's lunchbox or ordering from the school canteen. Food allergens and intolerances are at an all-time high. It is also important children have a healthy breakfast to start the day.

Please feel free to join our next P&C Meeting on Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. This meeting will be held virtually via a Zoom platform, please message the School App for login information. All parents are welcome to join.

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours. Please talk with your children about being alert in the road environment. Remind your child to STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across. Please encourage your child to always use a safe place to cross the road such as a pedestrian crossing, traffic lights or a school crossing.

Thank you for your continued patience whilst waiting for our Year 6 shirts to arrive! We are hoping they will arrive by the end of Term 2 or the beginning of Term 3. Thank you to Mrs Harris for following the status of this order, we will continue to update you on the progress.

Look at our amazing artwork completed during Reconciliation Week! This is now hanging in our school foyer.

Enjoy the 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.

Please enquire at front office

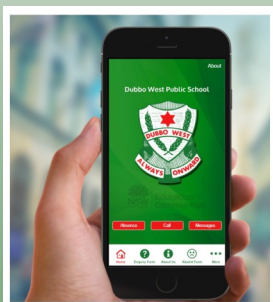
Or phone: 6882 3086

**News from the P&C**

Our next General Meeting will be held on the **17<sup>th</sup> June 2020** at **5:30pm**. This meeting will be a virtual meeting.

To receive the Zoom link please send a message on the school app.

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

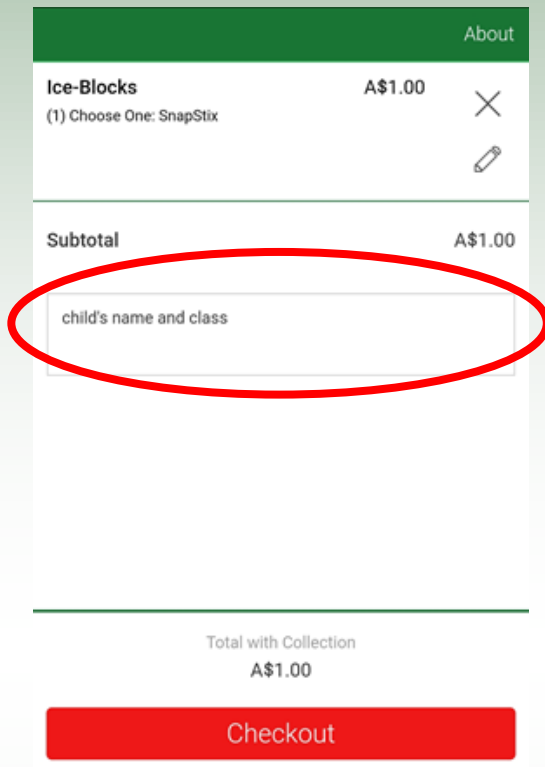


Please keep an eye on our school app for regular updates and information.

## News from the Canteen

We would like to welcome Tabitha to the Canteen Team, she has been in the canteen a few times and can't wait to get to know all the children. We look forward to working with Tabitha.

Thank you for bearing with us through a couple of teething problems with online/app ordering, we hope we have most of the issues sorted out now. We still have a few orders coming through that don't have children's names or classes on them. Please help us get their order to them by putting their name and class in the notes section.



Ice-Blocks A\$1.00  
(1) Choose One: SnapStix

Subtotal A\$1.00

child's name and class

Total with Collection A\$1.00

Checkout

Our special next week will be on **TUESDAY!!**  
Please order on the app or send an order in to the window.

### Recess Pack

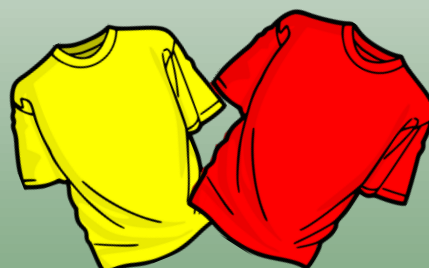
- 1x Fruit
- 1x Yoghurt
- 1x 250ml Water
- 1x Popcorn



### Update on Year 6 Shirts

The ETA for Year 6 Shirt Order was 6 - 8 weeks and now could be more with Covid-19. We are hoping they will arrive by the end of Term 2 or the beginning of Term 3, however they are coming from China..

Thank you for your patience— Mrs Harris 5/6H



# In line with health advice, schools are operating full time, and many additional activities are now able to recommence

All schools have returned to full-time on-campus learning. With updated health advice and changes to state and national restrictions, schools are able to recommence the majority of school-based activities from either 15 June 2020 or the start of Term 3 (20 July 2020). Some activities are continuing to be considered.

The following principles underpin these guidelines:

- schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines
- existing infection control protocols at schools, and new health and safety measures put in place will help maintain the health and safety of students and staff
- all activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment.

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

## School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

## School activities/ school site usage

The majority of school-based activities can recommence, as long as the following measures are observed:

- all visitors and external to school providers must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety protocols
- principals may continue to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if they are seen as contrary to the current health advice
- external providers and visitors are required to demonstrate compliance with health and safety requirements including adhering to strict guidelines and completing relevant forms
- non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events – this includes parents/carers unless specifically approved by the principal.

## Physical distancing

Physical distancing of children in schools is not required under the Australian HPPC guidelines. Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment.

All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents.

Schools should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable parents to physically distance from one another and from staff.

## School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

## School activities return and timeline

Activities/site usage that can already take place:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at principal's discretion
- Year 11 and 12 students only may attend classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses is allowed

- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

## Activities/site usage that can take place from Monday 15 June 2020

- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- Choirs and performing arts at school, with safety protocols in place
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Hydrotherapy pools can be used
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold).
- Community use activities used by students such as dance classes, and student sport skills development, outside of school hours with limited adult attendance)
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements can take place
- Face to face TAFE attendance (see TAFE website for further information)
- School photos
- Department of Community and Justice services and programs.

## Activities/site usage that can take place from beginning of Term 3

- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations)



- Inter-school student events and competitions (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, Selective Sports High School trials etc)
- SRE/SEE lessons
- Work experience for students
- VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement and appropriate risk assessments. For any that can't proceed, please see [the NESA website](#)
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- P&C meetings – with a strong preference for on-line where possible
- Parent/teacher meetings – where these need to take place – strong preference for on-line where possible unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion
- Community use activities involving general adult attendance (such as community markets).

### Activities under consideration from Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now these events must remain on hold.

- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events (eg. graduation ceremonies or student speech events)
- Parent volunteers – eg. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- Interstate excursions
- School based activities that involve large gathering of adults are not permitted at this time. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events. These large gatherings and the following activities will continue to be reviewed and assessed based on AHPPC and NSW Health advice and may be permitted at a later date.

### Activities that are cancelled, delayed or not permitted

Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed because they require feeder activities and have long-lead time organisational arrangements. Please speak to your schools if you would like to know more.  
International excursions are cancelled until further notice.



### Reporting and assessment

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (Week 6, Term 3).

This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.



### Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation arises. Find out more at the [response protocols page](#).



### Transport

For travel advice to and from school refer to the [NSW public transport service](#).

