



WEST NEWS

Friday 8th October 2021 | Week 1 Term 4

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Dubbo West Community,

What a roller coaster this has been with information and advice changing almost daily. I hope that you all managed to have some family time during the holidays and are ready to start back as soon as we are able. At this stage, we are planning for a level 3+ return to school with graduated start dates, start times, break times and finish times. Following Dept of Health guidelines, this is the safest way to affect a return with Stage groups remaining separate to each other as much as possible. Current advice for return to onsite learning is as follows:

Year Group	Start Date	Start time	Finish time	Preferred entrance/exit
Preschool	18 th October	9.00	3.00	East St Admin gate
Kindergarten	18 th October	9.15	3.15	East St Admin gate
Year 1	18 th October	9.15	3.15	East St COLA gate/North St gate
Year 2	25 th October	9.15	3.15	East St COLA gate/North St gate
Year 3	25 th October	9.05	3.05	East St COLA gate/North St gate
Year 4	25 th October	9.05	3.05	East St COLA gate/North St gate
Year 5	25 th October	8.55	2.55	East St COLA gate/North St gate
Year 6	25 th October	8.55	2.55	East St COLA gate/North St gate

Year groups will also have different break times throughout the day. I would also like to remind families that we will continue following COVID safe protocols which include parents not being permitted on site, mask wearing and social distancing when dropping off and picking up students. I also ask that students, as much as possible are dropped off and collected as close as possible to their start and finish times. Please let your child's teacher know if there are any issues with this. Students will not have the opportunity to mingle prior to school, as they will be directed straight to their classrooms. Designated areas will also be in operation during break times so please discuss this with your children. They will be required to remain in their designated space and will not be permitted to visit students from other stages. The canteen will not be open before school. Rather, students wishing to order their lunch will have the opportunity to do so within their class settings. The canteen will be open for purchases of drinks, slushies etc during first break but will not sell over the counter hot food – this must be pre-ordered. In order to facilitate the staggered lunch breaks, the canteen will not open for the second break. A menu will be uploaded as soon as it is available.

I also ask that parents continue to keep an eye on the School App as sometimes changes happen very quickly and we have found that this is the best way of getting information to you.

Whilst it is not compulsory for Primary aged students to wear masks, it is strongly recommended so please give consideration to this and speak with your children. For those students who must use buses, Department of Health guidelines for Public Transport will also need to be considered. Whilst parents are not permitted on site, I still urge you to contact the school should you need to either through the App or by phone. Administration staff will return to on site operations from next Monday. Parents wishing to purchase uniforms will need to do so on line and they will be delivered to your child. In order to restrict the sharing of resources, it is also requested that students come to school each day with their own pencil case, containing lead pencil, coloured pencils, eraser, sharpeners and textas (optional). Primary school students will also require a ruler and pens.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our wonderful families for keeping their children at home wherever possible during this long period of time and also for your lovely feedback to our staff in regards to at home learning. I am looking forward to seeing all of our children again over the next couple of weeks. I've missed their smiling faces.

Eileen Day
Principal

IMPORTANT

To assist us with planning for return to at school learning, we are asking you to complete a 2 minute survey about your return to school intentions. Please complete this survey before

Monday 11th October.

Our school's survey link: https://research.det.nsw.edu.au/jfe/form/SV_5BAxh4fuj5wnsWO?RID=CGC_qeetM0x4dmnH3bk&Q_CHL=email

Check-in assessment for students in Years 3-6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 3-6 students will participate in a state-wide online reading and numeracy check-in assessment during Term 4, 2021. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning and progress following the period of learning from home.

Times	Tuesday 26th October 3-4 M (Kylie) & L (Jarrod)	Wednesday 27th October 3-4B (Kylie), R(Jarrood) & G (Nikki)
9:15-10:15	Reading	Reading
12:00-1:00	Numeracy	Numeracy

Times	Wednesday 27th October 5/6P & 5/6H	Thursday 28th October 5/6M & 5/6B
9:15-10:15	Reading	Reading
12:00-1:00	Numeracy	Numeracy

Catch up testing for students will be Friday 28th October.

- Students with a disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

The Check-in assessments will supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Please contact the school office on 6882 3086 if you have any questions regarding the Check-in assessment process.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 15th October
2021

Our simultaneous superhero dress-up day will take place on Friday 15th October, and we invite all early childhood centres and primary schools to take part!

Even Superheroes
Need A Mental
Health Day
Sometimes

We would like to encourage all parents and businesses to join in on the fun as well!

Hop on our Facebook page "Even Superheroes Need A Mental Health Day Sometimes" for further info!



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**CALLING ALL SUPERHERO KIDS,
MUMS, DADS AND CARERS!!**

2021 has witnessed Dubbo and neighbouring towns use their best superhero moves to beat COVID. During this Mental Health Month of October, we are providing kids with a video a day to help them through these tough times, AND there is even a video a day for parents and carers too! Like our facebook page to access the videos as 'Even Superheroes Need A Mental Health Day Sometimes' too!

