DUBBO WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL *



WEST NEWS

Friday 5th February 2021 | Week 2 Term 1

A MESSAGE FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

Important Dates to Remember

Healthy Lunchbox Week 7th-13th February

International Day of Women and Girls in Science Thursday 11th February

P&C Meeting Postponed until further notice

Chinese New Year Friday 12th February

Dubbo West Swimming Carnival Thursday 18th February

Selective High School Placement Test Thursday 11th March

School Photo Day Thursday 11th March

National ride to School Day Friday 19th March

Stage 2 Excursion DRTCC Tuesday 23rd March 2021



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

> **Dubbo West Public School**

CANTEEN CONTACT NUMBER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 1 of 2021. We trust everyone enjoyed the holidays. It is wonderful to see students back and engaged in their learning. Welcome to our new families who have commenced at Dubbo West Public School.

Congratulations to our chosen School Leaders for 2021:

School Captains: Breanna Semmler & Thomas Hawkes

School Vice Captains: Aiofe Joe & Kannen Webb

<u>Prefects:</u> Indiana Keating, Shennaya Clark, Joey Groake, Maximus -Ilija Illevski Sport Houses: Ari Dale, Jayda Hill, Porsha McNeill and Quinella Toomey

Please continue to support our school in managing physical distancing in the school environment between staff and all our visitors including our parents and carers. If it is essential for you to be onsite, there are some simple and practical measures that have been implemented and maintained in daily practices to minimise the risk of the spread of infection and illness to maintain a healthy working and learning environment. Please avoid gathering in groups and practice safe physical distancing when collecting your children from school. A reminder to all parents, please do not enter the student toilets onsite.

There have still been a number of children entering school through the main office. A reminder when students are arriving to school on time, they are encouraged to enter through the second gate (double gate) on East Street. If you need to enter the front office for any reason, please adhere to displayed signage.

School commences at 9:15am and concludes at 3:15pm each day. This is vitally important as arriving late to school or missing days of school can have an impact on student learning. Parents/carers are reminded to be patient during pick up. Social distancing needs to be maintained. We have implemented a delayed pickup between 3:15pm-3:25pm to allow parents/carers to avoid congestion.

Please be mindful of your parking around our school perimeter. Please do not park in any no-stopping zones or any bus lanes.

If parents or carers have any second-hand school clothing that you would be willing to donate to our clothing pool, please see the ladies in the front office. There are a lot of activities as we move through the term. We will be utilising the school app to remind you of any upcoming events. Please be aware that our school newsletter will be digital only in 2021. There will only be limited copies available through the school office, should you require one.

Kind regards,

Nicci Willis **Relieving Principal**

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Hearing Bus Note / Stage 2 Theatre Excursion / Stage 3 Bush Camp Excursion / Swimming Carnival







Stage 3 PD/H Unit

This term Stage 3 will be engaging in the Department of Education PD/H Unit - Safe and Unsafe Relationships.

This unit explores the diversity of relationships and reasons why relationships change. Students will develop skills to recognise characteristics of respectful relationships and identify safe and unsafe online behaviour, type of violence, coercion and how power might be abused. They will develop and apply interpersonal and self-management skills to plan for safety online and offline, protect themselves and promote supportive upstanding behaviour.

Stage 2 PD/H Unit

This term Stage 2 will be engaging in the Department of Education PD/H Unit - My Right to be Safe

My right to be safe - Through this unit, students will identify the rights of themselves and others. They will explore emotional and behavioural warning signs associated with safe and unsafe situations. Students will identify sources of support to assist them to learn about change and to seek help and advice to manage the changes associated with puberty.



Dear Parents, Carers and Students.

The Conservatorium High School would like to inform your talented music students that:

AUDITIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2022

Application to AUDITION for Con High entering 2022 are now open.

Go to https://conhigh.nsw.edu.au/2022-entry-application/

ADMISSIONS tab then 2022 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Closing date for registration is 25th June 2021.

Auditions begin 9th August 2021.

Hearing - Hear Our Heart Bus

Once again we are very fortunate to have the services of the Hear Our Heart team with the Hearing Bus visit our school this year. The team provides ongoing professional support from an audiologist, administrative support and if needed, specialist support from an Ear Nose Throat doctor for our students. This is a very valuable resource and many of our students have benefitted from this ongoing service.

In the past, a new parent permission note was needed every year as the permission note expired every twelve months. This year we have moved ahead and the permission note to be completed and signed by parents/carers for their child will last for the entire school life at Dubbo West Public School. This is a wonderful change which we are sure many parents will appreciate. Of course, if you as parent/carer wish to stop the service this is as simple as a written note or phone call.

Shortly your child/children will bring home the new permission note and checklist to complete and return to school. We would appreciate this being done as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for testing.

L&S Team



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools.
 Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au









News from the Canteen

We have missed all your smiling faces!!!

There are some big changes happening in the canteen this term, but don't worry your favourite food and drinks will still be here, just in a different place from next week. The canteen will be moving to the hall while renovations on the current canteen space happen.

We have 3 new blue recycling bins that have arrived at the school. These are to recycle all your plastic drink bottles you purchase at the canteen. The money earned from returning the bottles will be used for resources for the children, so please support this initiative from the Canteen (and backed by the PRC).

The next Terrific Tuesday special is...

Scrolls Deal

2x Giant Scrolls (Ham & Cheese or Vegemite & Cheese)

1x 250ml Water or Slushie

1x Popcorn or Frozen Stick

You can order your Terrific Tuesday Special on the app or at the window on Tuesday morning.



crolls Meal Deal

x Giant Scrolls (Ham & Cheese or Vegemite & Cheese)

x 250ml Water or Slushie

x Popcorn or Frozen Stick

Name:

Class: Lunch

Recess

Scroll: Ham & Cheese Vegemite & Cheese

Drink: Water Slushie

Choice: Popcorn Frozen Stick



Dubbo West Public School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Thursday 11 March 2021

ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code KWJ EZD NFA

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by *advancedlife*. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

From the P&C

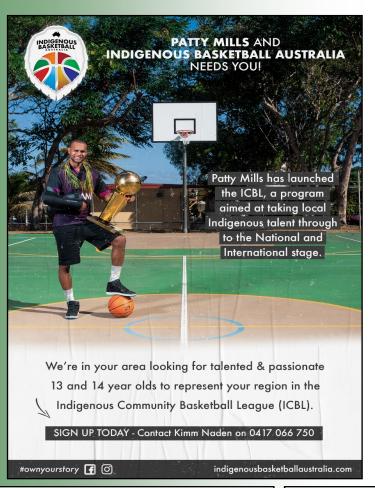
A very warm welcome back to all our families at DWPS. Welcome to all the new Kindies and all the new students. We hope that 2021 is going to be an amazing year for everyone.

If you would like to find out what the P&C does and the role it plays in the school community, please send a message via the app or call the school and a member of the P&C will gladly answer any of your questions.

There are some exciting things in the pipeline from the P&C, so watch this space.

Our AGM and first Meeting of 2021 has been postponed until further notice.

Thanks!







Little Bang Discovery Club

A fun filled 4 week program for children in years K-1. This program allows children to combine everyday objects and experiences with scientific enquiry.

GROUP 1: from 3/2/2021 - 24/2/2021 at 4-5pm

GROUP 2: from 3/3/2021 - 24/3/2021 at 4-5pm

Free

Limited spots available. Call Dubbo Library on 02 6801 4510 to book from Wednesday 27 January.



f O y mrl.nsw.gov.au DO YOU LIKE COOKING? MAKING CRAFTS? DRAMA? DANCE? PLAYING GAMES? SINGING? GOING ON CAMPS?

WE DO ALL THIS AND MORE SO WHY NOT COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT GIRLS' BRIGADE IN 2021!





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