



# WEST NEWS

Friday 26th March 2021 | Week 9 Term 1

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

### Important Dates to Remember

#### **P&C Meeting**

Postponed until further notice

#### **Stage 2 Excursion DRTCC**

Tuesday 23rd March 2021

#### **Science and Engineering Challenge**

Thursday 25th March 2021

#### **Last day of Term 1 2021**

End of school day -Thursday 1st April 2021

#### **Staff and Students Return for Term 2 2021**

Monday 19th April 2021

#### **Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion**

Tuesday 20th –Friday 23rd April 2021



**School Caps \$10.00**

**Available at school office**



### **IMPORTANT**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

**There are many parents are continuing to collect students early from school. Students are required to be at school from 9:15 am – 3:15pm every day that the school is open for instruction.** The Home School Liaison Team returned to Dubbo West PS this week and letters are now being sent home due to attendance. Let's work together in Term 2 to improve student attendance rates. Please remember if you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact your child's classroom teacher initially to help us address your concerns more effectively.

Week 9 saw our classrooms upgraded with the latest smart interactive technology! This exciting upgrade took place over three days and a huge thank you to all staff and students for their patience during the installation process.

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Year 3 and Year 5 students took part in a Naplan Readiness Test. The readiness test is to iron out any possible technical issues for both students and staff.

Next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, we will be holding the Easter Hat Parade. The parade will include Preschool, Giinmas, BudyaBudyas and Infants classes. The parade will commence under the hay shed at 10:30am. Please be mindful that students are allowed two people per family to attend this parade.

All students return to school for Term 2 on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. A reminder, the Staff Development Days are at the end of Term 2. These will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Students do not attend school on these dates.

Stage 3 Staff and Students are attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion Week 1 of Term 2, Tuesday 20- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

Congratulations to Cody Low, Jackson Lang, Max Ilievski, Markeel Ebsworth, Isaiah Richards and Tyrell Ewers attending Parkes for Rugby League Trials- Western Region Selection and to Shennaya Clark who is travelling to Sydney for State Swimming. Goodluck to all of our students participating and representing our school in various sporting events through the next week. Congratulations to our girls cricket knock out team making it through to the next round after defeating Dubbo PS last week.

From Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Mrs Eileen Day will be returning as Principal to Dubbo West Public School. I would like to thank you for your support and working with me over the last 12 months. It has been my pleasure leading the school and getting to know our community. I will be returning to my position as Assistant Principal Learning and Support.

Enjoy your weekend!

Nicci Willis  
Relieving Principal

### **NOTES SENT HOME WEEK 9**

DWPS Band Note



# Harmony Day

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Here is a link to a little song that Kindergarten have been sharing,

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nYjGy\\_ZUG8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nYjGy_ZUG8)

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Last week at DWPS, we celebrated Harmony Week as a whole school. On Friday, students were able to come dressed in orange in support of our celebrations that occurred throughout the week. Across the grades, a variety of activities were offered for students to engage in. Some of those activities included;

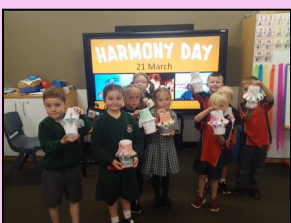
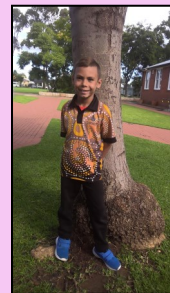
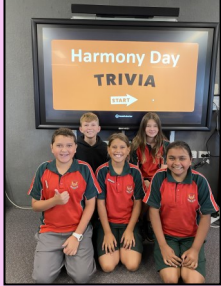
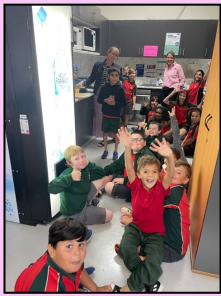
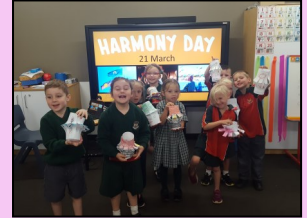
**Kindergarten:** The students were able to draw themselves which shows how we are all different. We shared stories and books and had conversations with students around being kind and treating everyone with the same respect because we are all special and unique. We looked at the meaning of Harmony Day and made head bands that said 'Everyone Belongs'.

**Stage 1:** We have been celebrating our differences. The children have made paper cut outs representing themselves and children of other cultures, all holding hands. They have drawn pictures of themselves and written words that describe themselves and what makes them special and unique. Music from Indigenous artists was valued and appreciated, as well as music from around the world.

**Stage 3:** One class worked hard on creating a class Harmony Tree. This included all student's hands within the class, signifying unity and working together as a team.

On Friday, there was a whole school Harmony Day artwork. Each individual letter was bubble written in large letters. Individual classes accessed the display and students could draw a picture within the letters. This signified whole school participation and valuing of all students in our school.





## The Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will be taking place on Thursday 1st April, 2021.

**SO SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

The parade will include Preschool, Giinmas, Budyabudyas and the Infants classes. The morning will commence under the hay shed at 10.30am.

Unfortunately we do have to restrict visitors to two people per family to attend this event. This is being mindful of the COVID restrictions around group sizing.

We are so excited to be able to have you on the school grounds and what a fun event to be able to attend.



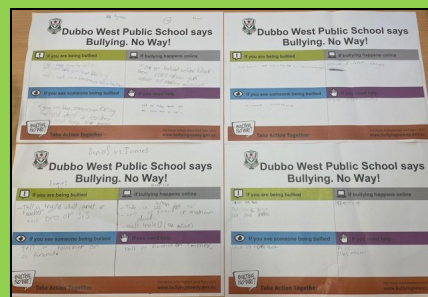
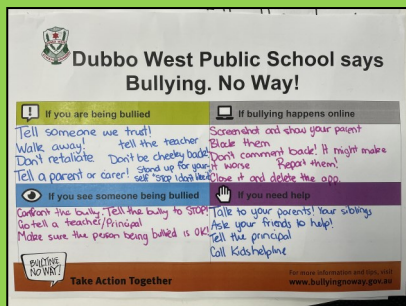
## The Midnight Gang Performance

On Tuesday Stage 2 visited the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre to see the stage show 'The Midnight Gang'. The students had an absolute blast and were very interested to see how similar the book was to the performance.



## NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION against BULLYING and VIOLENCE

Last week as part of our Harmony Week celebrations we also committed to the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) which is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, connecting parents and schools and communities to find workable solutions to bullying and violence. The children 3-6 recognised elements of bullying and children K-2 identified how they can be kind to others.





# Science and Engineering Challenge



5/6M achieved their attendance reward of hot chips and gravy by filling the star chart each day we have 100% attendance.



**An empowering adventure with your daughter awaits**

The award winning Daughters and Dads program is coming to Lake Burrendong [sport.nsw.gov.au/daughtersdads](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/daughtersdads)

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Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each school-enrolled child and young person aged 4-5-18 years.

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Vouchers are valid from **January until December** each year.

## HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHER

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Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au) and login to your MyServiceNSW Account

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Click on the Creative Kids icon found in your **SERVICE** tab

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Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)

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Print a copy of the voucher or email it to yourself\*

## HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHER

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Find a provider by visiting our website: [service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids](http://service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids)

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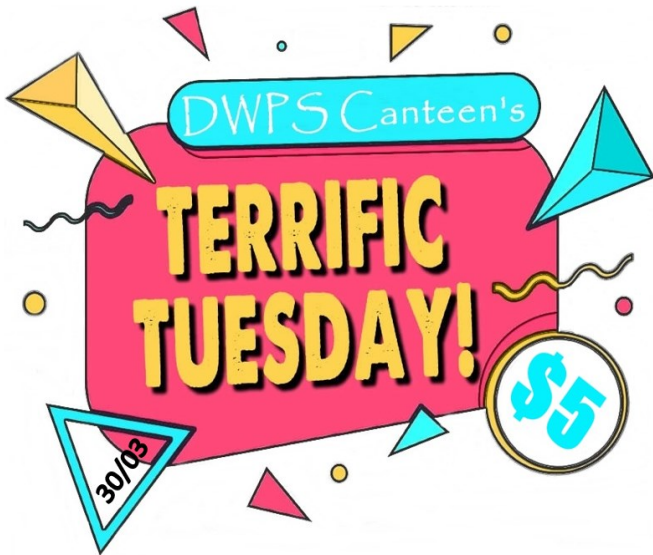


Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider when you book.

\* Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW Account when in the My Applications tab

Visit [service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids](http://service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids) for terms and conditions and FAQs.





### Chow Mein Meal Deal

- 1 x Serving of Canteen-made Beef Chow Mein
- 1 x 250ml Water or Slushie
- 1 x Popcorn or Frozen Stick

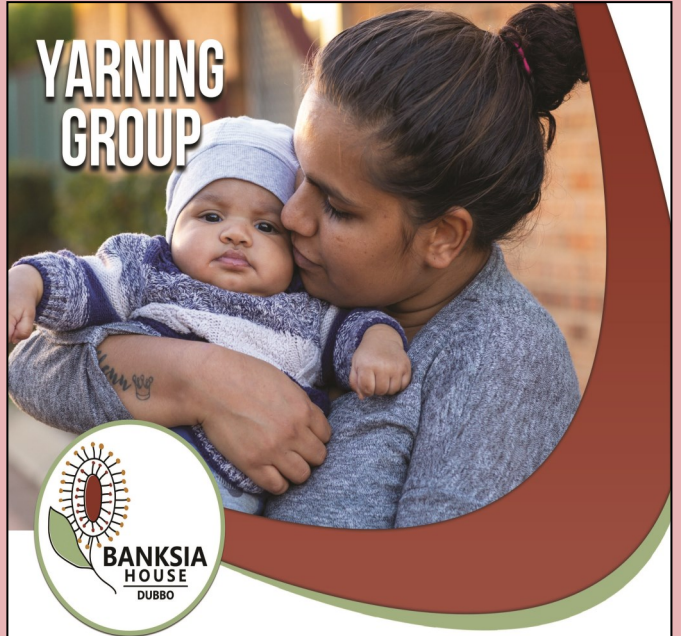
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Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch      Recess

Drink:      Water      Slushie

Choice:      Popcorn      Frozen Stick

## YARNING GROUP



Referrals are open to Aboriginal mothers in Dubbo who are pregnant 20+ weeks or have a baby up to 2 years old. Our Yarning Group has been developed to support social and emotional wellbeing and resilience in our local community.

Sharing your experiences with other mums is enlightening, comforting and healing. Our mothers group is free for mothers/mothers to be:

- Explore strategies for successfully overcoming the new challenges of motherhood
- Provide support and encouragement to each other
- Build community and connection with other women
- Explore various topics of motherhood brought to you by guest speakers
- Receive a free baby/pregnancy photo shoot
- Transportation can be provided to and from the mothers group

If you are interested in participating please email your name, age, mobile number and your due date/child's age to [enquiries@banksiahousedubbo.com.au](mailto:enquiries@banksiahousedubbo.com.au). Please note spaces are limited. Banksia House will be in contact with all mothers by the end of March 2021.

**MONDAYS 10AM - 12PM**  
19/4/2021 - 21/6/2021

For more information please contact Monique on 0422 281 786



# HEAD LICE ALERT

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR TONIGHT!!

### TO CHECK

Check the scalp for insects or eggs.

Use a fine-tooth comb on wet hair then comb through the hair in sections looking for eggs or lice, repeat over a few days.

### TO TREAT

Wet the hair and scalp with conditioner or use chemical shampoo/ lotion (containing insecticide) – this will kill the lice and eggs. Using a fine metal comb, or special head lice comb you can get from a chemist, go through the hair in sections to comb the lice and eggs out.

*Always re-treat 7–10 days after the first treatment, to kill any head lice that may have hatched from eggs that survived the first treatment.*

### TIPS

- ✓ Check and treat the hair every night
- ✓ Please tie up long hair for school
- ✓ If your child has head lice please check everyone in the family home
- ✓ Do not share hairbrushes, towels, hats/ scarves etc.

