

WEST NEWS

Friday 16th July 2021 | Week 1 Term 3

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Important Dates to Remember

100 Days of School Wednesday 21st July

P&C Meeting Thursday 29th July 2021

Stage 3—Wambangalang Tuesday 20th July & Thursday 22nd July 2021

NAIDOC Celebrations Tuesday 27th—Thursday 29th July 2021

Stage 2– Wambangalang @ DWPS Friday July 30th 2021

CANTEEN

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IMPORTANT

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

NOTES SENT HOME

WEEK 1

100 Days of School—Kinder



Dear Dubbo West Families

It has certainly been a full first week back at Dubbo West. I would like to begin by thanking all parents for their understanding as we continue to navigate the current Covid-19 situation. We have been advised that at this point, current restrictions will remain in place until 30th July 2021. This unfortunately means that visitors to the school are restricted and anyone coming on site is asked to wear a mask and check in using our QR code. As a result of this, we have decided to postpone our Book Week celebrations which were set down for Week 3 and scale down our NAIDOC celebrations, postponing some activities until Term 4.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Teagan Joyce who was successful in her application for the MC classroom teacher role and also Carol Ingram and TJ Baldock who were successful in their applications for the permanent School Learning Support Officer positions in the MC classes.

Our dialled back athletics carnival was a huge success on Wednesday. The rain held off (just) and all competitors did their very best, displaying great sportsmanship in the process. Maybe next year we'll be able to go back to a whole school event. Thank you to Lea Harris and her team, without whom this event could not have occurred. It was a huge task rearranging everything in the last two days. I would also like to thank our parents and families for your patience and understanding as things changed very rapidly.

Next Wednesday, our Kindergarten children will celebrate being at school for 100 days – we can already see they are at least a hundred days smarter! The Kindergarten Team have been working hard to plan fun activities around the number 100 and I'm told that there might even be cake involved. I wonder if after all of this any of our teachers will look like they're 100 too.

Tuesday and Thursday of next week or Stage 3 students will have the opportunity to participate in team building and leadership activities at Wambangalang. Please make sure that students are on time for school as buses leave the school at 9.30. There will be no canteen available for these students so they will need to bring their Recess and Lunch and plenty of water to drink. I know that the students I have spoken to are very excited about this program. This is a trial and I will be seeking feedback from staff and students as to how successful it is. If it is successful, I would be looking to include it as a part of our ongoing leadership training for Stage 3 with the view of recommencing our Science peer support program which was such a huge success in 2019. I would also appreciate any feedback from parents following the program.

This term, we will be more actively using the parent portal on SENTRAL for attendance notifications and correspondence, including permission notes. Please contact the office if you are having difficulties accessing the parent portal and one of our fabulous staff will be happy to assist.

Life is a journey with problems to solve, and lessons to learn but most of all, experiences to enjoy.

Regards,

Eileen Day Principal







Preschool News

Important Information:

It's been lovely to see everyone back at preschool this week!

Just a reminder about checking your child's school bags to make sure that they have everything they need.

We sent home little reminders with everybody to check their bags for:

Hats



Water Bottles (water only please)



At least one set of spare clothes and underwear



We have run out of spare underwear, boys clothes and hats so if you could make sure they have their own things that would be great.

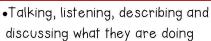
Learning at Preschool:

As part of our professional learning, preschool staff took part in two days of training that looked at ways to make the outdoor environment more engaging for the children. As a result we have made some changes to our yard which will be ongoing as we add and move things around to try and enhance the childrens' learning.

- Developing skills to handle the feelings of nervousness and fear that can come with trying new things
- Gives them the skills they need to adapt to new situations and explore new environments which is important when they go to school



Here are two of our changes and just a few of the benefits. This week the children have been helping make some of the new spaces with a digging pit and imaginary play garden on the way!



- Answering open questions about what they are doing
- Communicating with other children through role play games
- Sharing and taking turns







Wilay's classroom sharing their imaginative stories. These books were bound and shared with infants and preschool students.





Please keep sending in bread bags & plastic tags as the time has been extended until the end of July. This is a promotion by Wonder White and the items are recycled for school exercise equipment.

These bread bags are not restricted to Wonder White, any brand is accepted.

Thank you

Ms Lumber-Coordinator









Announcements

