

*** DUBBO WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL ***

WEST NEWS Wednesday 26th April 2023 | Week 1 Term 2

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL JODY HALL

<u>Important</u> <u>Dates to</u> <u>Remember</u>

Staff Development Day

Monday 24/04/2023

ANZAC Day

Tuesday 25/04/2023

Students Return for Term 2

Wednesday 26/04/23

Swim School Commences

Wednesday 26/04/2023

Personalised Learning Pathways

Tuesday 02/05/2023

PSSA Commences

Friday 05/05/2023

Clothing Price List

Green Pants \$20 Grey Pants \$25 Dresses \$40 Jumpers \$30 Polos \$25 Grey Shorts \$16 Culottes \$20

IMPORTANT

Please keep an eye on our **Parent Portal & Facebook** for regular updates and information.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school. I trust that everyone had a relaxing break and we are all ready to undertake everything that Term 2 has on offer. It was fantastic to see our students return today with smiles on their faces and ready to learn.

Staffing

I would like to welcome Miss Allie Harcourt to Dubbo West PS. Miss Harcourt was successful at interview for the Assistant Principal position at the end of Term 1. She comes to us with lots of experience and will be teaching Release from Face-to-Face and supervising Stage 2. Mrs Lockyer will be the Assistant Principal (Rel) for Year 1 and 2 and I would like to thank her for taking on this role.

Miss Savannah Thomas will be taking on 2A as classroom teacher for the rest of 2023. I would also like to welcome her, and I know that lots of parents and caregivers are looking forward to meeting her.

Staff Development Day

Last term it was announced by the Department of Education, that the entire school development, say for Term 2 would focus on improving outcomes for students and increase the knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal histories and culture for all staff.

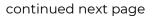
To facilitate the learning for teachers and non-teaching staff, Rob Riley, a local Wiradjuri man delivered professional learning on history and the generational impact that significant events had and still has on Aboriginal people today.

The day concluded with all staff attending a smoking ceremony and walking 'on country' that was led by Nathan Riley (Rob's son) at Coolbaggie Creek. Staff had their faces painted with ochre and briefly shared their personal stories.

It was an absolutely fantastic day and I feel privileged to be a part of such a dedicated team, who are passionate about education and a have deep understanding of the students they teach every day.



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PSSA

The PSSA Winter competition commences next Friday, 5th May. Permission notes will go home today with all of the necessary information. I expect **ALL** students participating in PSSA to be in **FULL** sport uniform. If you have difficulty sourcing or purchasing a sport uniform, please call me for assistance.

School Canteen

Our school canteen has re-opened and Miss Amy is the new Canteen Manager. The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders. We will have an eftpos machine in the near future but at the moment, it is cash only. There will be no accounts in the canteen – it is payment at time of ordering.

ANZAC Day

Yesterday staff and students had the privilege of representing Dubbo West at the ANZAC Day March in Dubbo. I would like to thank staff, parents and students for their effort, participation and respect for such an important day on the Australian calendar.

Our school will be having a service at school on Friday to recognise and pay respect to all of the brave men and women who gave their service for our country.



Permission Notes - REMINDER

I would like to thank staff for all their efforts organising additional activities for the students of Dubbo West to engage in. When a staff member organises any extra-curricula activity for students, from cross country to major overnight excursions, there is a lot of work that teachers have to do in order for the activity to go ahead. They prepare permission notes, book accommodation, buses etc and then send home the note to be signed and returned to school by a set date.

As a result of the exceptional business of staff, once those notes are sent home, if a student does not return the signed note, teachers are unable to phone parents for verbal permission to attend specific activities. It would be so sad for students to miss out on anything, so please remind them to return the permission note as soon as it has been signed by a parent or caregiver.

The P&C have just now created our own FB page - @DWPS P&C.

Have a great week!

Jody Hall Principal



Friday Night Junior Tennis Competition



Lots of Prizes:

Including a Novak Djokovic Head Speed Racquet for Best On Court over the Competition.

Pizza and soft drink included in fee.



Next Comp Starts: Friday the 28th or week 1 of Term 2, 2023.

Time: 5:15 sign in for grading on the day at the Pro shop for a 5:30 start (All play

finishes at 7:00 pm) Venue: Paramount Tennis Club

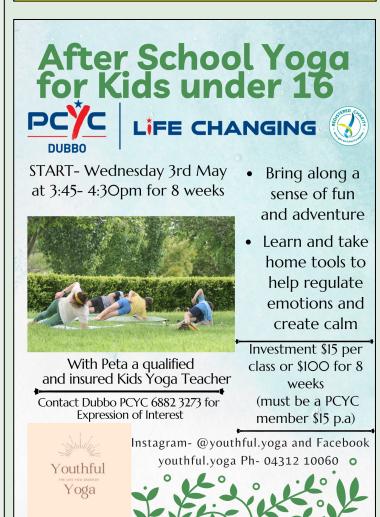
(Wingewarra St, Dubbo)

Cost: Cost: \$120 (per 9 week term).

Online Registration: Will open after grading in week 2. Spots are limited please keep an eye out for rego links in Play Tennis Dubbo & Dubbo Tennis Academy social media, the tennis club's website and comp flyers.

Information and Grading nights: Are the first two Friday nights of term, players are then allocated to teams. All players graded into teams will need to be able score and serve 6 out of 10 serves in from a minimum of ³/₄ court. Coaches on court will assist where required.

Week 3: Team announcements and competition starts for the remainder of term 2. No refunds or make ups for wet weather just more prizes.











School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their <u>local bus operator</u> to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Opal terms of use.

All students are required to comply with the <u>Student code of conduct</u>. The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Further information can be found at <u>transportnsw.info/school-travel</u> Enquiries can be submitted at <u>transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback</u>

Spriggy Schools

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders!

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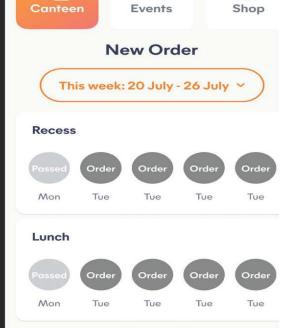
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Creating your account

- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time



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