



WEST NEWS

Monday 11th March 2024 | Week 7 Term 1

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL JODY HALL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 7 at our beautiful school. There a couple of additional items attached the newsletter this week. One is an envelope for families to make a donation to Stewart House and the other is letter from me regarding the importance of attendance at Dubbo West. There is more information regarding both attachments further down the page.

I am writing this Newsletter whilst overlooking gorgeous Mount Panorama at Bathurst. Mrs Read and I are engaging in professional learning focussed on **Clarity – What Matters Most in Learning, Teaching and Leading** based on the work of Canadian educator, Lyn Sharratt. We visited Wallerawang PS yesterday and had the opportunity to watch Sharratt's theories put into practice. It was very insightful and we are very excited to begin the journey with our staff and students at Dubbo West.

Attendance

Congratulations to 1/2A for having the highest attendance in Week 6. Ms Harris will deliver ice blocks to your classroom – keep an eye out for her. Overall whole school attendance has increased to 83 %!

Attendance is a focus across all schools and as a result, it has been identified as an area for improvement in our School Improvement Plan (SIP). There will be continued support from school to families to ensure our students are at school more than 90% of the school year.

Stewart House

Stewart House is an amazing resource for students across NSW and one that I, alongside many of my teacher colleagues, make a small donation to each fortnight. Over the years we have had many students from Dubbo West participate in the program. Each year 1,600 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support

This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and promote a healthier lifestyle. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for up to 10 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations. Children between school years 2 and 8 are invited to attend the program.

	% attendance
1/2A	94
1/2B	85
1/2C	93
1/2L	80
1/2V	73
3/4A	81
3/4G	82
3/4H	66
3/4N	84
5/6D	79
5/6H	91
5/6L	73
5/6M	76
5/6T	91
Budyabudyas	83
Giinmas	91
K Green	85
K Purple	82
Wilays	80

It would be greatly appreciated if families from Dubbo West could make a gold coin donation in the envelope that is attached, we will happily send it on to support our friends at Stewart House.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jarrah, Cruz and Taine who have all been selected to represent our District in Rugby League. I am very proud of you and wish you well as you showcase your skills on the football field. I would also like to congratulate the students who came and represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival last week.

Stage 3 2024 Canberra Excursion

There are very limited spots left to attend to Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra. Please see office staff to make an excursion payment.

P&C Meeting

This Thursday, 14h March our fabulous P&C will be holding the monthly meeting AND the Annual General Meeting at 5.15pm in the Library. Please come along and support our school, share fundraising ideas, and have an opportunity to share in important decisions about our fabulous Dubbo West.



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★ DUBBO WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL ★

WEST NEWS

Monday 4th March 2024 | Week 6 Term 1

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL JODY HALL

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2025

Expressions of interest for 2025 opens Wednesday 6th March 2024.

An expression of interest process does not support placement in specialist schools, selective schools and/or support classes. Year 6 parents are encouraged to complete the expression of interest form digitally; however a paper copy can be requested if required.

Please school website link to complete EOI form. <https://dubbowest-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

The online EOI process is available NOW, but only until 4th April 2024. If you miss this deadline, you will need to apply directly to your chosen high school.

Harmony Week

Next week we will be celebrating Harmony Week at Dubbo West .

Harmony Week occurs in March each year and includes 21st March, the United Nations' International Day for the **Elimination of Racial Discrimination** . The ongoing theme of Harmony Week is '**Everyone Belongs**'.

I am so excited to celebrate and be a part of this important celebrations.

Jody Hall

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

CALENDAR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 6 March	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Week 7	11th	12th	13th NAPLAN	14th P&C MEETING NAPLAN CATCH UP	15th
Week 8	18th NAPLAN	19th NAPLAN	20th NAPLAN	21st HARMONY DAY NAPLAN CATCH UP	22nd
Week 9	25th	26th	27th	28th EASTER HAT PARADE/BBQ	29th Good Friday
Week 10	1st Easter Monday	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Week 11	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th Term 1 2024 Ends
Week 1 April	29th Term 2 SDD	30th Term 2 2024 Begins			



PBL Award—Nolan Horton

Newsletter Item – 3/4A

In Creative Arts ,3/4A have been looking at different landscapes and the contrast between colours. Students drew a wave with a sunset behind it using warm and cool colours. Students have enjoyed creating their “Sunset Waves” and discussing how different landscapes around Australia have many contrasting features.





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Attendance Principal Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.

The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

Yours sincerely,

Jody Hall

Principal

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Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life**.



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

-  Learning
-  Strengthening friendships
-  Build skills through fun

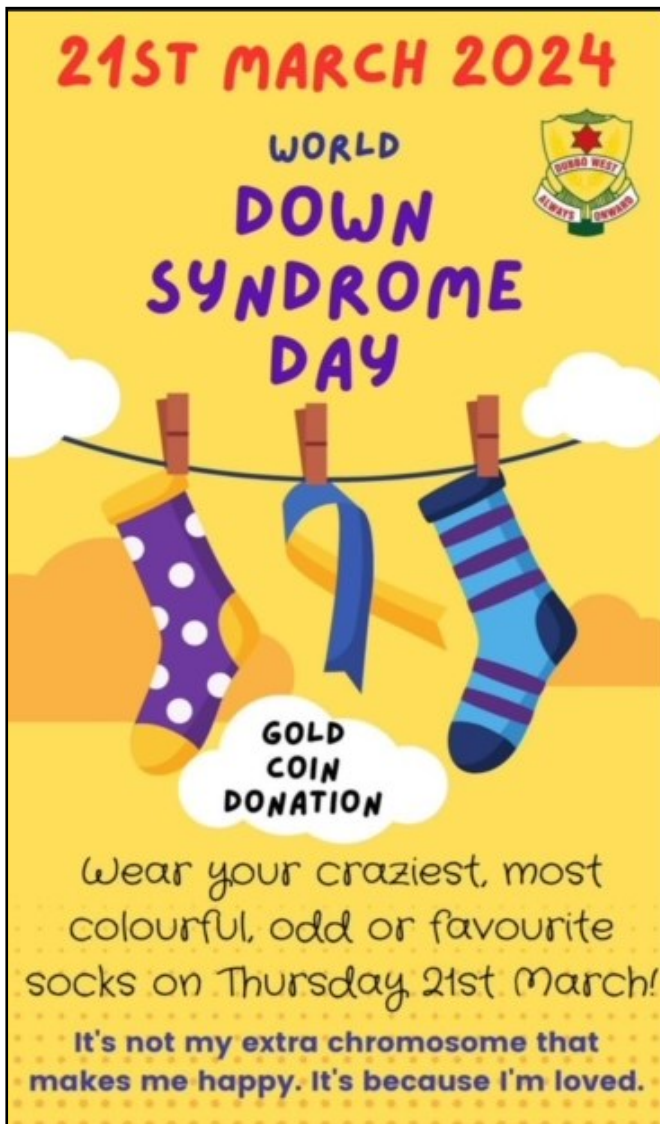


DWPS EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle Drawn 28.3.2024
after our Easter Hat Parade


Tickets are available for purchase from the school office

1 Ticket = \$1
3 Tickets = \$2



21ST MARCH 2024

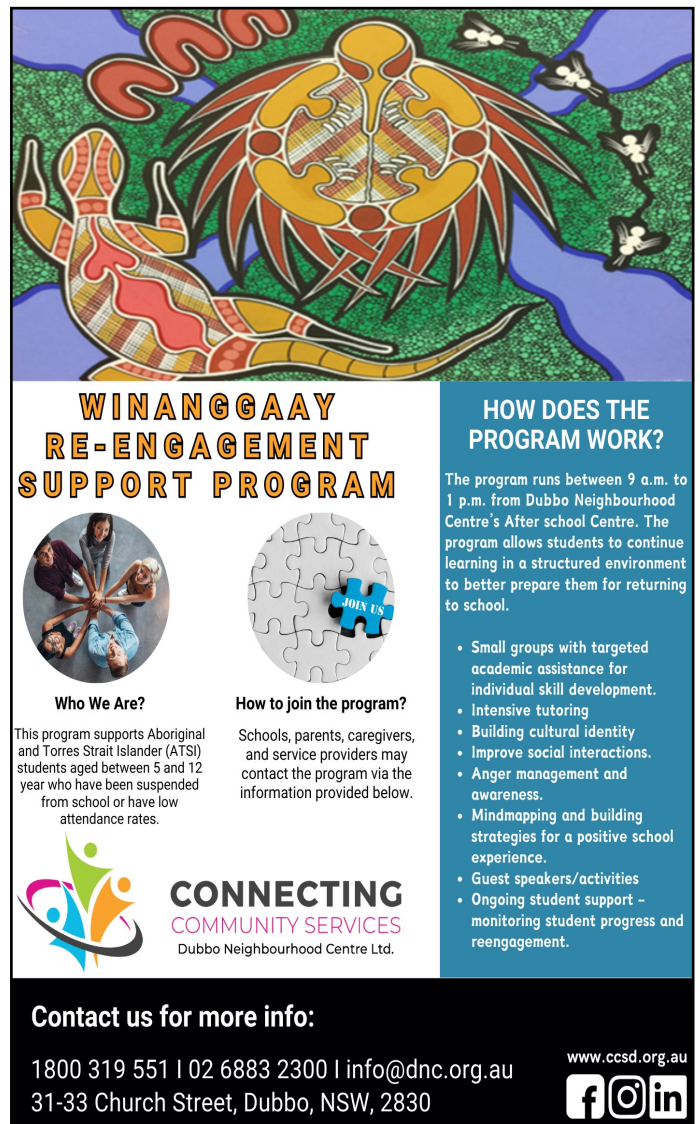
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



GOLD COIN DONATION

Wear your craziest, most colourful, odd or favourite socks on Thursday 21st March!

It's not my extra chromosome that makes me happy. It's because I'm loved.



WINANGGAAY RE-ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

The program runs between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre's After school Centre. The program allows students to continue learning in a structured environment to better prepare them for returning to school.


- Small groups with targeted academic assistance for individual skill development.
- Intensive tutoring
- Building cultural identity
- Improve social interactions.
- Anger management and awareness.
- Mindmapping and building strategies for a positive school experience.
- Guest speakers/activities
- Ongoing student support – monitoring student progress and reengagement.

Who We Are?

This program supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students aged between 5 and 12 year who have been suspended from school or have low attendance rates.

How to join the program?

Schools, parents, caregivers, and service providers may contact the program via the information provided below.




CONNECTING COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre Ltd.

Contact us for more info:

1800 319 551 | 02 6883 2300 | info@dnc.org.au
31-33 Church Street, Dubbo, NSW, 2830

www.ccsd.org.au





DUBBO WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 2024

Order online at spriggyschools.com.au or drop your order to the canteen before 9:15am



MINI SNACKS

Piece of Fruit	\$ 1.00
Fruit Muffin	\$ 1.00
Cheese and Crackers	\$ 1.00
Plain Popcorn	\$ 1.00
Jelly Cup	\$ 1.50
Custard	\$ 1.50
Sea salt chips	\$ 1.50
Grainwaves	\$ 1.50
Mini Scroll	\$ 1.00
Pizza Muffin	\$ 2.00
Noodle Cup	\$ 2.50

SANDWICHES/ SALAD BOWLS

Vegemite	\$ 3.00
Cheese	\$ 3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$ 4.00
Ham & Salad	\$ 5.50
Chicken & Cheese	\$ 4.00
Chicken & Salad	\$ 5.50
Salad	\$ 5.00
Salad Bowl	\$ 6.00
Chicken Salad bowl	\$ 6.50
Ham Salad bowl	\$ 6.50
Cheese Salad Bowl	\$ 6.50

(Salad includes lettuce, tomato, carrot and Cucumber)

HOT FOOD

Yummy Drummy	\$ 1.50
Junior Pie	\$ 3.50
Chicken Fingers x5	\$ 3.50
Sausage Roll	\$ 4.00
Pie - Large	\$ 4.50
Lasagne	\$ 4.50
Fried Rice	\$ 4.50
Hamburger, Cheese & T Sauce	\$ 5.00
Add Salad	\$ 6.50
Chicken Burger, Lettuce & Mayo	\$ 5.00
Add Salad	\$ 6.50

GLUTEN FREE

Chicken Tender	\$ 1.50
Toasted Cheese Sandwich	\$ 3.50
Fried Rice	\$ 4.50

Extras

Toasted	\$ 0.50
Bread Roll	\$ 1.00
Cheese	\$ 0.50
Extra Salad Item	\$ 0.50
Tomato/BBQ Sauce	\$ 0.50
Teaspoons/forks	\$ 0.10

DRINKS

Water	\$ 2.00
Strawberry Milk	\$ 3.00
Chocolate Milk	\$ 3.00
Apple Juice	\$ 3.00
Orange Juice	\$ 3.00
Apple & Blackcurrant	\$ 3.00

FROZENS

Quelch Sticks	\$ 0.50
Snap Sticks	\$ 1.00
Apple cup	\$ 1.50
Fruit Based Slushi	\$ 2.50
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.50

Spriggys Schools

Order online at

spriggyschools.com.au before
9:15am or write your child's name,
class & order on a paper bag & drop
into the canteen by **9:15am**.

All items are subject to availability

Due to OH regulations we are unable to reheat food not purchased from the canteen. This includes filing noodle cups with water