



WEST NEWS

Monday 18th March 2024 | Week 8 Term 1

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL JODY HALL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 8.

This week we are celebrating Harmony Week and World Down Syndrome Day. Our Harmony Day Team of staff have put together an exciting, comprehensive week for everyone to share in. I will be looking out on Thursday for all of the funky, crazy socks to support World Down Syndrome Day. This is a very worthy cause, but it is close to our heart for staff at Dubbo West. Please show your support by donating a gold coin and wearing your best and brightest socks. The flyer for the celebrations is attached to this newsletter.

NAPLAN

This week students in Years 3 and 5 will continue with NAPLAN testing. Today they did Reading, tomorrow is Language Conventions and finally, on Wednesday, they will do the Numeracy component of the process. Good luck to all students and please know, results of NAPLAN are only a snapshot of our student capabilities. Results will be sent to parents later on in the year.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for Week 7 was 82%. This is slightly down from the previous week, but the FANTASTIC news is – we have three classes whose attendance is above 90%.

Congratulations to 5/6T – 97%, 1/2B – 92% and 1/2C – 91%.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Last Thursday we held our Annual General Meeting to nominate executive members for 2024.

I would like to congratulate the following dedicated parents who have agreed to take on the roles of:

President: Leesa

Vice-President: Erin

Vice-President: Bridget

Secretary: Bethany

Secretary Support: Katrina

Treasurer: Mark

Staff Representative: Ms Harris

Personalised Learning Pathways (PLP) Meetings

Personalised Learning Pathway meetings will take place on Wednesday 3rd April between 3.30 and 6.00. Meeting will be 10 minutes in length and will be held in the Hall. There will be a notification on Parent Portal with available timeslots to meet with your child's teacher this afternoon. These meetings involve goal setting for every student at our school. Staff, students and parents will reconvene later on in Semester 2 to follow up on how each student has gone in achieving their targeted goals. I am looking forward to seeing all stakeholders participating in these meetings.

	% attendance
1/2A	87
1/2B	92
1/2C	91
1/2L	79
1/2V	83
3/4A	87
3/4G	78
3/4H	71
3/4N	82
5/6D	84
5/6H	81
5/6L	74
5/6M	78
5/6T	97
Budyabudyas	74
Giinmas	89
K Green	78
K Purple	76
Wilays	87
Overall %	82



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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.

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			

Wilay's Classroom

Wilays had the opportunity to attend the 'Come-and-Try Athletics' day run by the NSW Department of Education School Sport Unit. They participated in a variety of races on the track and some exciting field events such as shotput, long jump, javelin and discus. All the students had great instruction and experiences which will put them in good stead for our athletics carnival. This year we have continued to develop our creative arts skills and produced some beautiful 'Still Life' artworks.—Mrs Mansell



5/6L Classroom

In STEM Students in 5/6L needed to design a tower made of spaghetti and marshmallows that were stable and had height. Students researched real- life towers to gain ideas to help them plan their design. After many attempts at making their towers, they discovered that teamwork, and a triangle structure were essential to making their towers tall and stable.—Ms Lucas



Kindy green are going on a bear hunt!

In writing we have been talking about the beginning, middle, and ending of stories.

Through creative art, kindy green students have created a foyer display that tells the story of, *'We're going on a bear hunt.'*

Students worked in teams to create swishy swashy grass, splash splosh river, squelch squerch mud, stumble trip forest, hoooo woooo snowstorm and tip toe tip toe cave!



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

