



WEST NEWS

Monday 8th April 2024 | Week 11 Term 1

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL JODY HALL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 11. The final week of what has been a fun filled, full of learning and new opportunities start to the 2024 school year. We have supported trials for various Western PSSA sports, had a visiting pet show, Easter celebrations, PLP Meetings, P&C AGM, assemblies – and that is just the tip of the iceberg!

Staff have undertaken professional learning to further consolidate new curriculum and model the ethos of being an ongoing learner.

I would like to thank our staff, students, and parent community for their continued support of our amazing school.

Last Wednesday afternoon, Miss Tonkin and I flew to Sydney to participate in an Opportunity Class Conference. It was the very informative and interesting professional learning – we both took away a wealth of new knowledge. I look forward to promoting all that our Opportunity Class can provide for students who apply for and accept a placement at our class.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday and I look forward to seeing you all students return Tuesday 30/04/2024.

Staffing in Term 2

I would like to wish Miss Lauren Polley all the best as she commences in a new role at Wellington High School. We will all miss her positive, happy personality at Dubbo West, but our loss is certainly Wellington's gain. I know she will miss her Kindergarten students immensely, but she won't miss the 40 minutes travel to work each day. Good luck Lauren.

Miss Rebecca Freeth will be taking over Kindergarten Purple from the beginning of Term 2. Miss Freeth is very experienced and will fit beautifully into our Kindergarten team. There will be an extensive handover between Miss Polley and Miss Freeth so there will be minimal disruptions for students.

Mrs Ashleigh Poulter has taken up a new position at Lincoln SSP. I know how much everyone in the Preschool (and big school) is going to miss her. Miss Ash has been an integral member of the team; ensuring all compliance is current, introducing engaging activities to our littlest friends and maintaining all protocols within the Preschool setting. We all wish Miss Ash ongoing success at her new school, and we know she will be amazing in that role.

PLP Meetings

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended our Personalised Learning Pathway meeting last Wednesday afternoon. I have heard there was a very impressive amount of parent/carer representation

Anzac Day

Once again, our students are invited to proudly participate in the Dubbo ANZAC Day March on 25th April 2024. It is important to note that this takes place during the school holidays. It would be amazing to see as many students as possible representing our school on this important day. Students marching will meet me and other staff, outside the old CWA building on Wingewarra Street at 10am in their full school uniform. I look forward to seeing lots of beautiful faces on the day.

Attendance

Our attendance for last week was reduced from the previous week. It will be great to see all students at school to complete the term as positively as possible. Our whole school attendance percentage was 73%. I know we can do much better than that. Huge congratulations to Giinmas whose attendance was an impressive 96%.

Jody Hall

Principal

Class	%
K Purple	56
K Green	81
Giinmas	96
BudyaBudyas	89
1/2A	89
1/2B	79
1/2C	83
1/2L	66
1/2V	54
3/4A	63
3/4G	65
3/4N	67
3/4H	61
5/6D	74
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IMPORTANT DATES

CALENDAR	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 11	8th Western Rugby	9th	10th Go Karting	11th	12th Online Chess Term 1 2024 Ends
Week 1 April/May	29th Term 2 SDD	30th Students Return- Term 2 2024 Begins	1st	2nd	3rd Aspire applications close
Week 2	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Week 3	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th
Week 4	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th
Week 5	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st
Week 6 May/June	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th



Staff return Monday 29th April 2024
Students return Tuesday 30th April 2024



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Dough-livery day is just around the corner!

Our cookie dough is due to arrive on Wednesday April 10th. All cookie dough orders and incentive prizes can be collected from Dubbo West Public School SaCC centre building at 3pm. Please come and collect by 4pm. If you have any issues call Leesa on 0408429086.

Most orders will be packed in boxes but bring some sturdy bags in case there are a few loose ones. The P&C will have a trolley and are happy to help transport to your car.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie dough can will stay fresh and safe for up to eight hours outside the fridge - but make sure you get it inside and, in the freezer, as soon as you can ☐ Enjoy!

Thank you to everyone that bought or sold cookie dough to make this fundraiser a success!

All proceeds will go towards supporting subsidising Dubbo West school excursions.

The DWPS P&C are one of three entrants in this month's Greater Bank community fundraising program! Vote for us by heading to the website. You can vote once each day until April 24!

Dubbo West Pubic School P&C Committee



WE NEED YOUR VOTE
Greater Central West

Vote now and help us win first prize!
1st \$2,000 2nd \$500 3rd \$500

VOTE greater.com.au/greatercentralwest

HELP US WIN! GreaterBank

Student resource

NSW Department of Education

**Thinking about applying for an opportunity class?
Year 5 entry in 2025**

What's different about an opportunity class?

Opportunity classes are special classes for students who have high academic potential. They are offered in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for a place in an opportunity class, your parents/carers need to apply, and you need to sit a test. Most students will leave their current school to attend a school with an opportunity class.

Opportunity classes help you learn more quickly and explore concepts more deeply, so you are challenged. They follow the same curriculum as other schools. You will still be able to explore your other interests such as creative and performing arts, sport, debating and social justice. You would be in a class with like-minded peers in an environment that accepts and celebrates high ability.

Is it right for me?

- Do you learn quickly and easily?
- Are you curious and creative?
- Do you enjoy deep investigations?
- Do you love being challenged?
- Do you prefer to learn with like-minded peers?
- If you answered **yes** to any of these, ask your parents/carers to **apply** for you!

I'm interested! What should I do?

- Scan the QR code to visit the **student resource hub** and learn about opportunity classes and the test.
- If you have questions, ask your teacher or the schools you're applying to so you can make an informed decision.
- Tell your parents/carers to **apply online by 20 May 2024**. You don't need coaching to get into an opportunity class.



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Positive behaviours which enhance learning

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCASP2025>

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Dubbo West Public School - School as Community Centre

SCHOOL AS COMMUNITY CENTRE
West Dubbo

PLAYGROUP
0 to 5 Years

FREE

10am - 12pm
Tuesday and Thursday
mornings during the school term
CNR North and East St, Dubbo