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Term 2 Week 3

160 Years of Quality Education

Wednesday 16 May 2019

## From the Principal's Desk

I'm hoping all our mums had a lovely Mothers' Day and got to spend some time with their families, as I did. Thank you to Lana Eather and her helpers for organising the Mothers' Day stall.

NAPLAN testing began yesterday and continues into next week. As you are probably aware NAPLAN is now being conducted online except for Year 3 writing which will be the old pen and paper format. Last week a team of teachers and myself attended a two day workshop in Sydney on numeracy. The team gained valuable knowledge and insight into current mathematical trends with a view to upskilling our staff and driving best practice across the school. Teachers have begun report writing with Semester 1 reports being sent home in Week 10 of this term. Parents/carers will have an opportunity to meet with teachers early next term to discuss these reports and their child's learning. We are considering changing the Three-Way Conference format to better cater for the needs of our families – if you have any feedback or suggestions please let me know.

Enjoy the week.

Debbie Pritchard  
Principal



3-6D Bionic Hand STEM challenge

## Opportunity Class for Year 5 Students

Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2020 will open on 30 April and will close on 17 May 2019. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications must be made online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

## Assemblies

The next K-2 assembly will be Thursday 16 May at 2.45pm. KR will be presenting an item. The next 3-6 assembly will be Friday 24 May at 2.30pm. The next whole school assembly will be held on Thursday 30 May at 12noon. All school assemblies are held at school and parents, carers, family and friends are all welcome to attend.

## Walk Safely to School Day Friday 17 May 2019

It's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

## Music News

### Dubbo Eisteddfod Performance Dates

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| Monday 3 June    | Guitar Group and Recorder                          |
| Tuesday 4th June | Advanced Band Beginner Band<br>Junior Ensemble     |
| Thursday 6 June  | Primary Choir Years 5&6<br>Primary Choir Years 3-6 |
| Friday 7 June    | Infants Choir                                      |

All sessions will commence at 10am. Students will need to be at school by 9am in **full winter uniform** with instruments and music if needed. When students arrive at school, they are to meet in the music room. There will be extra practice for advanced band on Friday 1.30-2.00pm and Beginner Band on 12.30-1.00pm Thursday up until the Eisteddfod performance.



## ICAS

### ICAS Competitions 2019

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) is an independent, skills-based assessment program run by University of NSW Global which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling, Writing and Digital Technologies.

Students wishing to take part in ICAS 2019 can obtain an information flyer from next week from Mrs O'Brien or the front office. The flyer will give instructions on how to nominate and pay for ICAS online. **There will be NO nominations or payments taken by the school.** Further information can be found at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

| Year 2 Competitions  | Sitting Date          | Cost     |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Science              | Thursday 5 September  | \$ 14.50 |
| Spelling             | Thursday 12 September | \$ 14.50 |
| English              | Tuesday 17 September  | \$ 14.50 |
| Mathematics          | Thursday 19 September | \$ 14.50 |
| Years 3 -6           | Sitting Date          | Cost     |
| Digital Technologies | Tuesday 3 September   | \$ 14.50 |
| Science              | Thursday 5 September  | \$ 14.50 |
| Writing              | Tuesday 10 September  | \$ 14.50 |
| Spelling Bee         | Thursday 12 September | \$ 14.50 |
| English              | Tuesday 17 September  | \$ 14.50 |
| Mathematics          | Thursday 19 September | \$ 14.50 |

## Sport News

### Correction in Term 2 Calendar

Field Events trial day is Mon 1 July NOT Tues 2 July.

### Term 2 PSSA Sport for Years 3 - 6

PSSA Sport will hopefully start this Friday for students in Years 3 to 6. Students will travel to various sporting venues by bus each week. Bus fare for the term is \$28 which can be paid online, by phone or EFTPOS at the school office. Students may also pay \$4 per week to their class teacher.

### PSSA Knockout Teams Selection Criteria

NSW PSSA Knockout Sports teams at Dubbo Public School are competitive teams that are selected based on sporting ability. According to Dubbo District PSSA guidelines, a student may be selected for a team if they display the following:

- Technical ability and tactical skills for the particular sport
- Positional play and understanding
- Fitness and athletic ability
- Team play and court/field/pitch strategies
- Positive sportsmanship at all times and an active member of the team.

Teams are comprised of mostly Year 5 and Year 6 students unless there is a student in Year 3 or Year 4 who displays outstanding talent and experience. The types and number of knockout teams Dubbo Public School enters into competitions depend on the availability of teachers willing to organise and manage these teams during their own time including lunch times and before and after school. A further consideration is how much time students would potentially be out of the school competing.

## Library News

### National Simultaneous Storytime - Wednesday 22 May (Week 4)

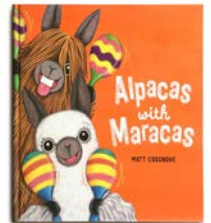
*National Simultaneous Storytime* (NSS) is held annually for the last 19 years by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) as part of Library and Information Week. Every year an Australian picture book is read simultaneously in schools, libraries, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Last year over 1 million people participated across the country!

NSS is a colourful and fun event promoting the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the infants and primary curriculum.

Next Wednesday we will read this year's book together - the fun and zany *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove.

### Week 3 Library Lessons (odd weeks)

- Monday - 1D, 1T, 1W, and 3/6D
- Tuesday - 5W and 6M
- Wednesday - KB, KR, KY and 4G
- Thursday - K/6D, KG and 3M
- Friday - 2B, 2H and 2R



### Week 4 Library Lessons (even weeks)

- Monday - 1D, 1T, 1W, 3D and 5B
- Tuesday - 5/6Y and 6F
- Wednesday - KB, KR, KY, 3H and 4L
- Thursday - K/6D, KG and 4S
- Friday - 2B, 2H and 2R

from (Mrs) Robyn Veugen

## Canteen News

Wacky Wednesday next week is Noodle Box – Singapore noodles with stir fried chicken and vegetables with water or popper. \$6 each. All orders must be to the canteen by Monday morning.

## Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.



# Easter Bunny Visit



At the end of Term 1 Dubbo Public School was very lucky to receive a visit from Easter Bunny who came to watch our Easter Hat Parade and visiting our Kindergarten rooms.



**Dubbo Drama Club Production**

Come and enjoy a marvellous night of Musical Theatre. Drama Club Dubbo students, between the ages of 3 and 21 will bring you songs and scenes from musicals such as Oliver, Frozen, Westside Story and Dear Evan Hansen. Prepare to be dazzled with stunning costumes, sets and wowed with Dubbo's talented young performers. Three shows only, tickets will sell fast so don't delay, come support these young Dubbo stars.

**3 SHOWS**

**Highlights**

FROM YOUR FAVOURITE MUSICALS

FROZEN WESTSIDE STORY DEAR EVAN HANSEN OLIVER

May 18th 2pm & 5pm • May 19th 2pm • Wesley Hall Dubbo • Tickets: [www.dramaclubdubbo.com.au](http://www.dramaclubdubbo.com.au)

# Sports Disco

