



# Wongarbon Public School Newsletter

1 August 2019 ~ Term 3 Week 2

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to the parents that have been using the pick-up and drop off points for students over the last week. Students are safely leaving the school of an afternoon and we are already seeing a marked improvement in students independence during morning routines.

### Education Week

**Education Week** will be acknowledged and celebrated next week. The theme "Every Student, Every Voice" will be celebrated all across our Public Education system. We are attending the official state wide opening at Dubbo College Senior Campus. Yr 5/6 students will be attending this event.

### P&C

Thankyou to the parents that attended the P&C meeting last week. It was a productive meeting with a lot of great opportunities coming soon for our students and families.

### Dubbo Wellington Small Schools' Athletics Carnival

The Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 9 August at DCL Park, Dubbo. All students are to be at the Park by 8.45am. Please report to Mrs Rich when you arrive. Please return permission notes.

**Reminder:** Parents to arrange own transport. Students in K-2 will have a variety of activities throughout the day, plus age races. All students in Years 3-6 can participate in shot put, discus, long jump, 800m, 200m and 100m races. Please ensure all notes are returned in time for the athletics carnival.

## 'Try Always'

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### TERM 3

**Monday.....August 5**  
Education Week opening Senior Campus – Yr 5/6

**Tuesday.....August 6**  
Maths Day – Year 5/6  
St Marys Wellington

**Friday.....August 9**  
Athletics Carnival

**Tuesday.....August 13**  
School Photo Day

**Friday.....August 16**  
Year 5/6 assembly

### NOTES & PAYMENT DUE

- \*Year 4/5/6 Sydney excursion
- \* Athletics Carnival
- \* Maths Day – Yr 5/6
- \* Education Week – Yr 5/6
- \* Information update
- \* P&C Cadbury Fundraiser

DUBBO WELLINGTON  
SMALL SCHOOLS  
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL  
BARDEN PARK DUBBO

Friday, August 9



## Heads up

There will be no school newsletter published next Friday, due to the Athletics Carnival.

Just a thought.....

## BE HAPPY



## IT DRIVES PEOPLE CRAZY!



**Ed.  
week**  
Aug 5th - 9th  
**2019**

**Every student,  
every voice.**

[education.nsw.gov.au/education-week](http://education.nsw.gov.au/education-week)

**#EdWeek19**



### **Sydney Excursion – Yrs 4/5/6**

This major excursion for our Years 4 to 6 students will occur in Week 7 of this term, September 4th to 6th. Students and Staff from Geurie will also be accompanying us. Please ensure that payments are finalised and notes are returned as soon as possible.

### **Year 7 Parent Information Evening Dubbo College**

Those Yr6 students attending Dubbo College in 2020 and their families are invited to the Dubbo College Senior campus hall at 6pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 for the parent information evening. You will be able to meet and talk to each Campus Principal and hear from our teaching staff about the wonderful opportunities that Dubbo College can provide. This is a great opportunity to support your child's transition into high school.

### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

A big thank you to all the parents and community members who collected Earn and Learn stickers for us. We have just over 10,000 to allocate for equipment for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Regards

Nikki Mudge

*Relieving Principal*



### **Multi Class Carnival Dubbo**



Monday, 12 August 2019  
10am - 2pm

Yr 3 to Y12 students invited

Events on rotation 70m, 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put & Discus (400m for wheelchair & racers)

All participants will receive a participation award  
No cost involved!

Register at <https://bit.ly/2XnflXI> or contact Mick Gardiner on 0447 148 498  
Registrations close Monday, 5 August 2019

## **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**



**TUESDAY  
13 AUGUST 2019**

# **HAVE YOU ENROLLED FOR KINDER 2020?**



**Year 5/6**

**Assembly**

**Friday, August 16**

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# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

#### **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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# Carnival Officials

<b>CONVENER:</b>	Kylie Turnbull [B]
<b>ANNOUNCER:</b>	Jenny Ballhausen [DE]
<b>RECORDERS:</b>	Coll Clayton [ST]      Robyn Irwin [B]
<b>STARTER:</b>	Shelley Darcy [E]
<b>MARSHALL:</b>	Rebecca Hutchings [M]
<b>CHIEF TIME KEEPER:</b>	Penny Zell [T]
<b>TIME KEEPERS</b>	Megan Rich (W) Rebecca Wilson (B) Gai Williams (E) Jody Hall (ST) Trish Farley (G) Karen Smith (T)
<b>JUDGES:</b>	Melissa Cox (DE) Delroy Students [6]
<b>HIGH JUMP:</b>	Mel McNair (DE)    Delroy Student (2)
<b>LONG JUMP:</b>	Nikki Mudge (W)    Delroy Student [2]
<b>DISCUS:</b>	Wendy Irwin [G]    Delroy Student (2)
<b>SHOT PUT:</b>	Wendy Muir [W]    Delroy Student (2)
<b>K-2 CONVENER:</b>	Simone McIntyre (M)
<b>K-2 TABLOIDS:</b>	Leanne Swinn [E]    Kirsty Mills [ST]    Rebecca Monterio (DE) Jason Stewart [G]    Karen Farley (W)

*Thank you to all parents, students and staff who have attended and helped with the Dubbo Wellington Small School Carnival today.*

# DUBBO WELLINGTON SMALL SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

## Friday 9th August 2019

**DCL Park** (formerly known as Barden Park)  
Gipps Street, North Dubbo

**Arrival 9:00am**

**March Past 9:15am**



**Participating schools are:**

Ballimore PS, Dubbo School of Distance Education,  
Eumungerie PS, Geurie PS, Mumbil PS,  
Stuart Town PS, Tooraweenah PS and Wongarbon PS

**Catering:** Tooraweenah Public School

## CARNIVAL PROGRAM – 8yrs & Over

9:30 800m Track Events

Junior Boys	Junior Girls
11yrs Boys	11yrs Girls
Senior Boys	Senior Girls

### BOYS – TRACK 8yrs & Over

#### 100m Events

8yrs 100m  
9yrs 100m  
10yrs 100m  
11yrs 100m  
12yrs 100m

#### 200m Events

Junior 200m  
11yrs 200m  
Senior 200m  
**200m Finals**

### GIRLS – FIELD 8yrs & Over

Junior Long Jump

Junior High Jump

Junior Discus

Junior Shot Put

11yrs Discus

**\* ONLY nominated  
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Senior Discus

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Seniors Shot Put

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## CARNIVAL PROGRAM - K-2

Age Races commence at the conclusion of 800m races

K-2 Tabloid activities

### 11:00am: RECESS BREAK

K-2 Tabloid activities  
K-2 4x 70m Shuttle Relay

### 12:30pm: LUNCH BREAK

### RELAYS

P6 4 x 100m Circular Relay

P5 4 x 100m Circular Relay

**SCHOOLS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP THEIR OWN AREA  
AFTER THE LAST EVENT AND PRIOR TO PRESENTATIONS.**

## PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

