



DUMBLEYUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Parents, Carers and Community Members,

July 2-9 during the school holidays is NAIDOC Week, with the theme for 2023, 'For Our Elders.'

This week staff are planning daily activities to celebrate NAIDOC week where we build a deeper understanding of our First Nations people, and Torres Strait islander peoples, and their cultural practices. Through cultural awareness we can build a deeper understanding of Aboriginal Perspectives and forge inclusive relationships that see a positive pathway forward for all.

Students will be building a *yarning circle* and learning about Dreamtime stories that have been passed down for thousands of generations in Aboriginal Culture. Keep an ear out for the yarns your children will come home to share. Thank you Ms Bennett and Mrs Taylor who with other staff are leading this learning.

Last week saw Miss Dale's Senior Class present their Assembly to the school community. What an absolute theatrical feast it was too! We were all very entertained by their wonderful Dumbleyung Primary School skit, which they very cleverly penned as a class! Awesome effort Senior Class! Congratulations to Merit Certificate recipients, keep up the great work!

The Dumbleyung Speech, Drama & Art Festival, June 16, was the most popular to date, with 10 participating schools from across the Wheatbelt & South West Regions. It was thrilling to see so many children wanting to participate in our day that showcases The Arts. Students are to be commended on the hours of preparation & rehearsal they all committed in order to perform on the day in front of the huge 300 plus crowd. Well done to students who were considerate audience participants listening to individuals on stage. All entrants deserve their moment to shine in the lights, even when the day is long. Well done!



A huge commendation again, as always, to Mrs Tamara Bartram, who has been a huge contributor over the last 16+ years in keeping the show going and tweaked in her role at DPS. A huge amount of preparation & coordination goes on behind the scenes in order for the day to happen and aligning entrants to scoring sheets, rubrics, certificates and categories takes a lot of time. Thank you Tamara. A huge thank you to my small, but incredible team who worked very hard in ensuring our hall was setup and ready to go! In particular, Mr Stephens, thank you.

Special mention to Mrs Joy who stepped in as our Adjudicator the week prior to the show due to Mrs Goode having a family emergency, thank you. Well wishes to Mrs Goode & family. A huge thank you to Mrs Mila Balcombe who stepped in last minute as assistant scribe with Mrs Justin's, we were most appreciative of your support. Should any locals wish to express their interest in being a scribe at our future shows, please ring the school and speak to Mrs Tamara Bartram for further details. Thank you Mrs Patricia Holmes for taking the time to be our Art Judge once again. Your keen eye and love for Visual Arts is appreciated as well as the time you devote each year to our school's festival. We are lucky to have you!

*"Every child,
every day,
commitment to
achieve!"*

Dates to remember:

Term 2 2023

26th-30th June
NAIDOC Week

30th June
Last Day of Term 2

Term 3 2023

Students Resume
Tuesday 18th July

28 July
Crazy Hair Day

10 August
ECE Assembly

14-18 August
Science Week

21-25 August
Book week

14 September
Assembly Leadership Group

15 September
Interscholar Athletics Wickepin

22 September
Last day of Term 3

Term 4
10 October

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Equity Care*

Finally, to our amazing P&C who coordinated 167 lunch orders and morning teas for the festival, thank you!! The biggest lunch order takings to date! It was a huge day and visitors were so grateful of the refreshments on offer.

Well done to a small team who supported their school and so many students and families from across the region! It was mammoth & most appreciated. Special mention to Roisin Ball for setting up the PA on the day with Jess Keogh, and thank you Ylana Shepherd for doing the beautiful flowers!

I marvel at our small school community and how it rallies together to pull off many truly wonderful experiences for our rural students. I thank you sincerely for this, as our rural kids deserve such opportunities and experiences. Our Festival is a one-of-a-kind in the region, it's important in providing many children an opportunity to nurture their potential. Which is just amazing!

Inter-school Athletics training and preparation for next term has begun! Wickepin are hosting this year, so keep the calendar free for Friday September.

Safe and restful holidays to you all.

Kind regards
Melanie Ball



Holly-ann Martin Protective Behaviours Advocate 'Safe-4-Kids'

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH JUNE 2023

Congratulations to Chloe on receiving the June Aussie of the month for her helpful and humble nature. Chloe is always willing to help her fellow peers in reaching their potential and supports them to be their best. She is a willing participant in all school based activities and happily takes on challenges. For example, she ran the older students cross country track to enhance her abilities over gaining a winning outcome! Chloe we are lucky to have you at DPS!



Safe-4-Kids PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

On Friday we were lucky enough to have Holly-Ann Martin come in and give multiple lessons on Protective behaviours. Holly-Ann gave amazing lessons on consent, safety networks, warning signs and cyber safety. The students were engaged and asked critical and essential questions

The start of the day focused on saying 'NO is NO'. Reminding students that they have choices. Students also discussed safe people in the school and community, and how they need to use specific vocabulary when explaining issues that may cause them distress.

Holly-Ann also called the kids helpline to show students the process and explained all the ways they can help. The day ended with talks about cyber safety, including cyber bullying and how to report and prevent it. Students were also shocked about how easy it can be to become addicted to technology, and how it affects your mental and physical health.

We would like to thank Holly-Ann for her time and vital information.

Thursday night Mrs Ball, parents and Chappy were privileged to hear Holly-Ann talk about protective behaviours. This is a sensitive and serious subject and was delivered in a relaxed and open forum. Some of the topics included;

- We all have the right to feel safe all the time.**
- Early warning signs.**
- Public and private parts.**
- Saying no.**
- What to do when feeling unsafe/uncomfortable.**
- How to respond if you become aware of inappropriate online activity.**
- How to access the KIDS HELP LINE**

Student Voice

It was valuable to learn the "why" as well as the "what" topics would be discussed with the children on the Friday, and how the school and Holly-ann's program are developing 'Student Voice.' When we know the "why" of something the "what" makes more sense. We all left feeling more confident and empowered to talk about this with our children. Thank you, Holly-Ann, we will see you again!