



MAYRUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Week 10, Term 3

Dear All,

I would like to start by saying huge congratulations to the students and staff for the part they each played in presenting such a fun and enjoyable production. I would also like to thank the whole school community for turning up in such great numbers to watch the play. Many positive comments were made about the performance, especially how gorgeous the ugly stepsisters were. We are still trying to get the wigs back off their heads!!!

We are now about to embark on two weeks of well-deserved holidays, this will allow time to re-charge the batteries, scrub out school bags, treat hair, replenish pencil cases and if there is any time left have a lovely time laughing with your children!! We will be busy erecting the new cubby houses at the school. This will occur on Thursday of the first week and if anyone is available please come along and lend a hand. I will be available on my mobile (04 0788 1602) during the holidays if you need to contact me for further information.

Term 4 sees the beginning of our summer weather, which means that school hats will once again be a compulsory part of the students' school uniform. Our sun policy states that if the student does not have a hat then they must remain in the COLA area. To save disappointment please ensure that your children come to school each day with their school hats and that they are clearly labelled with their name.

Term 4 will also be the start of our summer timetable, with an early lunch from 11:30 – 12:15pm, followed by an afternoon recess between 1:35 – 2:00pm. This allows for the students to not be out in the hottest part of the day for too long a period of time. Attached to the newsletter is a flier for the up and coming annual bike ride and camp out, we look forward to seeing as many people taking part as possible.

I can't finish this final term 3 newsletter without saying a very sad farewell to two of our wonderful students Alanieta and Atticus Salusalu and their mother, Stacey Salusalu. The Salusalu family have been a valuable asset to our school, extremely supportive in many ways, advocating the beauty of Small Schools and participating in all school activities, always giving their time generously. We wish the family all the very best for their new adventure, wherever it may be and remind them that we are always here to welcome them back whenever they are free to visit.

Enjoy the holidays and have a safe one!

Julie Eason
Principal

You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself.

Important Dates

Day	Date	Details
Tuesday	8 th October	1 st day back Term 4
Friday	11 th October	Bike Ride/Family Camp Out
Tuesday	12 th November	½ Day High School Orientation
Tuesday	3 rd December	Full Day High School Orientation
Wednesday	18 th December	End of Term 4

Terrific Kids Award:

The recipient for this term was Luke Wooden and last term's Edwina Barclay. Edwina was absent when the Kiwanis Club came out to present the awards. Well-deserved award for both students.



News form K-2:

Hi Everyone,

We have all enjoyed a very busy term 3. The children are very tired but still excited after the play. Please continue to read regularly with your child during the holidays..

Next term we will begin building our igloo so keep sending in the milk bottles.

Haev an enjoyable and restful break.

Thank you

Jenny Adamson

Health, Fitness and Sports News:

Holidays have yet again arrived so quickly. This week was the last week of hockey for Active After school sports but not for the year. Next term we are planning to have Tennis and with some extra money grants from the program the school hopes to purchase some new tennis rackets and possibly practice nets too.

As the weather will eventually be warming up (fingers crossed) it is important we encourage our children to drink lots of fluids, especially water. It has been unfortunate to see that many of the students have not been bringing drink bottles to school, in particular on the days we have active after school activities and sport. Often we go across to the tennis courts to conduct fitness where it is not safe or conventional to allow students back and forth from the school to have a drink, so to ensure students remain hydrated please, please, could parents ensure there is a drink bottle in their bag so they can bring it with them during these active times.

A reminder about the Mayrung School Annual camp over and bike ride, this year is going to be the first Friday of term 4. I would like to recommend that families get out there and start some light training for the bike ride. I would not want to see any casualties due to lack of fitness. Also cycling is a low impact exercise and a great way to spend some time with your family outdoors.

Last of all I would like to wish Sophie Strong best of luck at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush. It is not about winning but the fact that she is there representing school and region, so have fun Sophie and just do your best.

Have a great holiday everyone and remember active kids are healthy kids.

Stacey O'Meara

Production News:

Thank you everyone for the fantastic support and all of the positive feedback that we have received for the play. The children all performed to the best of their ability and put on a fantastic play. Congratulations, I am very proud of you all.

Jenny Adamson



Raffle:

Thank you to all the parents who donated on such short notice towards the hamper and purchased tickets on the night. The profit was \$151. Well done everyone.

The roster for next Term's canteen:

Date	Family 1	Family 2
18 th October	Ball	Flannigan
1 st November	Hetherington	Jansen
15 th November	Mullens	Laverty
29 th November	Wooden	Barclay
13 th December	Loader	Macdonald

If you can't do canteen could you please find somebody else and let the school know. Thank you.

Attachment:

Please find attached an information sheet from Department about the Fruit and Vegetable serves

Community Notice

20th September 2013

To: The Principal,

Please find enclosed an information booklet about the Preschool at Dubbo School of Distance Education. At present we are endeavouring to reach isolated families who may be living in your area who have children starting Kindergarten in 2013. Despite our endeavours there may be families who are unaware of our existence or indeed, that such a service is offered.

The Preschool at Dubbo School of Distance Education has been in operation for over 23 years and provides an individual, child-centred and play-based program via distance education. Although priority is given to children who will be continuing their education through distance education, we can offer vacancies to children who do not have access to a Preschool in their local community.

If there are any families in your area who you feel may be able to assist themselves of this service please give them our contact phone number. It would be appreciated if you could display our booklet on your parents information board. Alternatively, you might include this information in your school newsletter over the next few weeks.

Thank you in anticipation for your co-operation in helping us to inform rural and isolated families of our preschool services.

Yours faithfully,


Christine Mason
Principal


Susan Gown
Assistant Principal - Preschool
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Linking Families to Services Workshop

'Keep Them Safe' Training Opportunity For Service Providers

The NSW FamS 'Linking Families to Services' workshop provides information on how to:

- Talk to families about why they need help
- Promote readiness to accept help from services
- Offer a referral or service link
- Respond to concerns about children
- Access service options and key referral services

As well as offering practical information on self-care and boundaries.

Who Should Attend?
Practitioners that have contact with families and children but aren't necessarily family support workers, as well as anyone that believes all organisations have a responsibility for child wellbeing and safety.

When: 16th October 2013
Time: 9am – 4pm
Where: Intereach Neighbourhood Centre (ex Napier & Ticket St)
Cost: Free

To Register Contact...
Intereach Childrens & Family Services
03 5890 5200



Preschool and the importance of play

The major goal of the DSOE Preschool program is to develop each child's creativity, curiosity, skills and knowledge.

The program is based on the following premises.

- Play is vital to the development of all children and is their way of learning about themselves and exploring the world around them.
- Play is essential for a child's basic development in all areas.
- Play is the way in which physical, emotional, social, thinking and language skills are gradually acquired and continue to develop throughout childhood.
- Participation in the variety of activities included in a Preschool program will allow the child to progressively develop a wide base of experience, skills and concepts.
- Future learning is built upon a quality Preschool learning program.

Criteria for enrolment Preschool Program

Children who turn four (4) before 31st July in the year of their enrolment in the Preschool and are either:

Isolated – living in an isolated area of NSW and at least three (3) kilometres from the nearest bus route to a public school (with a

distance certificate signed by the Principal of the nearest public school); or

Travelling within Australia – travelling for an extended period of time; do not live in one place for more than six (6) weeks and can supply an itinerary six (6) weeks in advance throughout each school term; or

Temporarily Resident in PNG – without access to an English speaking preschool; holidaying for up to one (1) year or with parents who have been transferred for work commitments; have a NSW home address and are Australian citizens.

Medical – students with medical conditions which prevent them from attending a school the following year, may be eligible.

What costs are involved?

Preschool contribution \$100

New student deposit
fulltime within Australia* \$100

New student deposit
fulltime overseas* \$200

PNG \$120 postage per term paid at the time of enrolment for the **duration** of the enrolment. (i.e. \$480 per annum)

* Refunded on termination of enrolment and after return of all resources and equipment in satisfactory condition.

Preschool

Information for
Parents and Carers



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About the Preschool

Dubbo School of Distance Education (DSODE) offers a distance education preschool program for isolated students from NSW and PNG who meet the criteria listed in this brochure.

Enrolment is limited to 48 children with priority given to those children continuing their K-6 schooling in a distance education school.

What does the DSODE Preschool program involve?

The Preschool Program is:

- flexible, child-centred, fun and interest based
- reliant upon supervisor (parent/carer)
 - engaging in activities and play experiences with their children
 - providing the teacher with feedback
- based on support and guidance from the preschool teacher.

How does the

Preschool program work?

- Parents/carers play a vital link in the preschool program by providing detailed feedback in both written and oral form to the teachers about their child's progress. Photos are an effective way of recording student participation in activities.
- Students receive their work in boxes and/or packs via the mail. The boxes and packs are designed to provide the child with a program that lasts three (3) or six (6) weeks. When a box or pack is completed the parent/carer returns it to the school. Prior to this the teacher will have sent the next box or pack so that the program can run continuously.
- The teacher provides feedback throughout the program and after assessing material returned to the school.
- Each student has a program designed for them to meet their interests and needs in all developmental areas.
- Various forms of field services are offered which enhance the learning program. These may include children, parents and carers participating in Dubbo camps and home visits.
- Parents/carers are supported in their role as home supervisors through phone calls, camps, email, written feedback and home visits where possible.

What is inside a box?

- Library books
- Craft materials
- Individually programmed activities and materials
- Listening books, music CDs, DVDs and Puzzles
- Educational equipment
- Matching and sorting games, construction kits etc.

What's a pack?

- programmed activities
- personal message, listening books
- Library books and craft materials
- CDs/DVDs/Computer Games

Activities are:

- planned sequentially to allow for development of skills; intended to be **REPEATED REGULARLY**, and
- provided as suggestions only.

Wednesday 25th September

@2pm - trash2art

Create something artistic from trash.

COST: \$5

@3:30pm - Learn how to play Chess

COST: FREE.

Friday 27th September & Friday 4th

October @2pm

Family History

Learn How to Research Your Family Tree.

COST: FREE

Friday 27th September & Friday 4th

October @3:30pm

Knitting & Yarn Craft

Learn how to knit and make items out of wool.

COST: \$2 (if you bring your own materials) or \$5 (with materials supplied).

Wednesday 2nd October

@2pm - Dream Catcher.

Make your very own original dream catcher.

COST: \$5

@3:30pm - Learn how to play Chess

COST: FREE

Bookings for all activities is essential.

September School Holidays

KIDS KARNIVAL!

**Saturday, September 21
11am - 2pm**

Little Digger's Kids Lounge

Chester & Jasper the Clowns.

Karnival Games.

Prizes to be won.

Fairy Floss & Popcorn.

\$5 entry



Kids disco

Wednesday, September 25

5.30pm - 8.30pm

\$10 entry - Upstairs

Food and drink included

Games and prizes to be won!

5-12 years

Supervised by RSL Staff



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