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Dubbo Excursion



Education

From the Principal's Desk

Wow! We made it to the end of another extremely challenging term of illnesses and floods. We have had to all dig deep, be kind, find resilience, take care of each other and most importantly, demonstrate empathy. Thank you to all staff, students and parents for supporting me, as Principal, this year, particularly with my injury and absences from school.

2023 will see some big changes to staff at school. I will be leaving the school to commence a role in the corporate office at the Department of Education. I look forward to keeping track of everyone's progress through newsletters, the Facebook page and phone calls. I maybe even pay everyone a few surprise visits. Thanks to my staff for making this a wonderful place to work. I have learned a lot as a school leader and hope to use my skill set in my new job. Thank you to our wonderful students. You always give 100% to your learning and it has been a pleasure to teach each and every one of you. I know you will give as much support to the new Principal next year as you have given to me over the last five years.

We also say goodbye to Nerissa Jackson who has worked as a Student Learning Support Officer for 10 years. Thank you, Nerissa, for supporting our students and teachers in the Library and classroom. Good luck in your next role.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Mrs Charmaine Johnston
Principal

Dubbo Recounts by Cameron, Claude and Clancy

My favourite activity on our excursion to Dubbo was bowling. I came last. Lily came second. Lochie came first. Kate came second last and Mrs Weatherall came third last. I almost got a strike but I missed one pin. I got mad and then I sat down. By Cameron

My favourite bit of the excursion was seeing the hippopotamus and the python that wanted to strangle Miss Kerwin, and a ginormous seal and a ginormous giraffe. We rode around on mountain bikes and Cameron had a ginormous crash! Luckily he was ok. Back to the excursion I camped with Max and Mr Pritchard and Cameron. I was on the top bunk. It was fun. By Claude



On our grand camp I got ill but the next day I was well. We went to Dubbo Gaol. It was fun. And I went to the zoo. We rode in a buggy. We saw a hippo, a monkey and a zebra. I got a key ring at the zoo.

We went ten pin bowling. I played against Ted, Lylah, Stevie and Miss Kerwin. Stevie won. We went on the bouncy pillow. The next day we hopped on the bus and went to the RFDS. At the RFDS I got another keyring. We went to the big screen in the RFDS. We had morning tea at the RFDS. We hopped on the bus and went home.

We had a fantastic time! The end! By Clancy

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

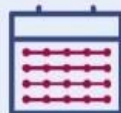
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**



= **4** weeks

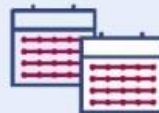


= Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

Lily's Dubbo Recount

On Wednesday we all had to get up early because we were all going to Dubbo Zoo. We all met up at the school gate and we all said goodbye to our mums and dads. When we got to Dubbo it was three o'clock. We found our cabins and I was in a cabin with Stevie, Lylah and Bib. When we were all settled down we all met at Mrs Weatherall's cabin to get the food to eat. While we waited we played on the bouncy pillow. We pretended that the sand was lava and we had to save everyone or you would turn into a lava monster. Dinner was ready to eat. We went to our cabins. We had a shower, brushed our teeth and went to bed. On Thursday I was the last one awake. We got dressed and had breakfast and brushed our teeth and went on the bus to the zoo. We rode bikes. After the zoo we went to the cabins to get ready for bowling. I came second. The next day we went to the RFDS. It was fun then we went home.



K-2 All Stars News

Wow! Another very busy term with excursions, incursions, wet weather, sporting opportunities, presentation day practice, assessment and our usual teaching and learning all occurring!

In English the All Stars we have been busy practising our writing skills. We wrote informative texts about the Pacific Octopus, recounts about our Dubbo excursion and the incursions that occurred at school, as well as letters to Santa. We hope you enjoy reading some of our work!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and holiday break. Keep reading aloud regularly to an adult over the holidays!!

I look forward to seeing you all again and teaching at Yetman Public School next year.

Ruth Weatherall - Classroom Teacher and Assistant Principal - Curriculum and Instruction



Dubbo Recounts by Olivia and Max

On Wednesday the Yetman kids went to Dubbo and we went to the zoo and after we went to the zoo went to the water park and it was cold. We had dinner and we played on the big pillow and then we went to bowling and then we went to the flying doctor and my favourite two animals was the lion cub and the otters.

By Olivia

On the excursion we went to Dubbo and we went bike riding at the Dubbo Zoo. I saw a peacock!

By Max



Lylah's Dubbo Report

12.10.2022

Today we left for Dubbo. We had to go on a big bus for 8 hours. When we got to Dubbo we had to look for the Dubbo shed sign, so we could get a jelly snake. We got dropped off at Dubbo gaol. The boys got scared because there were some fake people, to show what they did in gaol. At 4:00pm we got picked up to go check in to the accommodation and put our suitcase and bags in the room. The girls stayed in cabin 16. We had to go back to the bus to help get the food supplies, to bring to Mrs Weatherall's cabin and when that was done we went to a big jumping pillow. We played a game that we couldn't touch the sand, then we had to have dinner, we had tacos, we went back to the cabins to have a shower and get in our pyjamas, and at 8:30pm we went to bed.

13.10.2022

In the morning we got up at 6.00am. We got ready and went to the zoo and got our bikes and things. We were looking for the Education Centre, on the way Cameron had a small brake issue and collided with a sign. We ended up finding the Education Centre and got to see some animals and pat them. My favourite animal was this snake and the possum. We looked at the zoo and my favourite animals were the otters and meerkats, and a big Galapagos tortoise. After the zoo we got dressed in our swimmers and went swimming. My favourite was the water slide and the massive pool. After swimming we went back to the cabin and had a shower and got dressed and went to dinner. After dinner we went bowling. It was funny because the way people were bowling was funny. We got back into our pyjamas and went to bed.

14.10.2022

On the start of a new day, we had to make sure that we packed everything. And didn't forget anything because we were going home. We got our things and left the cabin to go get our morning tea and lunch. Off we went on another long journey on the bus for another 8 hour drive back home.

The end.



Wishing a very happy birthday to:

Zac who turned 11 on 21 October

Claude who turned 7 on 27 November

Lily who turns 8 on 24 December

Ted's Dubbo Recount



On Wednesday all the kids from Yetman went for an exciting excursion to Dubbo. We all met at Yetman Public School then hopped on the bus heading to Dubbo. Then we stopped at Narrabri for morning tea. There I saw a header. I pressed a buzzer which made it turn the harvester. Then we hopped back on the bus heading to Dubbo. Then we stopped at Coonabarabran for lunch. Then we hopped back on the bus and the next stop was Dubbo!!!! Clancy got sick. We went to our cabins. I had James, Zac and Lochie and Mr Moncrieff. We went to sleep and the next day we went to Dubbo Zoo!!!! We saw 93 animals. Then we saw the RFDS then we all went home. I loved it!



This is a reminder that we are an allergy aware school. Could you please be considerate of this when preparing your children's lunches and seek alternatives to nut and egg products?

Good for kids
good for life



Importance of sleep for growing kids

Did you know that primary school-aged children need between 9 - 11 hours of sleep every night?

Poor sleep quality and insufficient sleep has been associated with a range of physical and mental health problems that can impact on a child's health and development.

Here's some sleep tips to help make sure your kids are getting their zzz's...

- Have a consistent sleep schedule and bedtime routine to help your child relax and wind down each night.
- Switch off all screens (TV, tablets, computers, phones) an hour before bed, and no screens in the bedroom!
- Encourage daily exercise and time outdoors to promote good sleep.
- Make sure your child is getting plenty of physical activity throughout the day.



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Keeping active and cool in summer

Physical activity makes kids stronger and fitter, they can concentrate and learn better at school, and sleep better at night.

The weather is warm, and it's a great time to get outdoors and get your 60 minutes of activity each day. Just remember to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide!

Some fun ideas to keep active and cool in summer are:

- Create a slip and slide in your yard with a tarp, water and detergent.
- Go for a bike or scooter ride.
- Go out for a picnic and pack the soccer ball with you.
- Turn on the hose or sprinkler in the backyard.
- Use chalk to draw on the path/driveway and play games like hopscotch, or draw a target.
- Use wet sponges or water balloons.

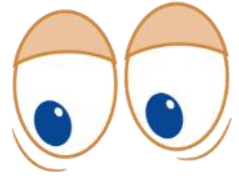


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From your Library



What a year! Congratulations to everyone who earned a certificate for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge. You will receive it on Presentation Night and I look forward to hearing about it. Remember to bring back your library books by Friday 10 December.

Miss Jackson asked for you to keep reading and to look after my books, and said she will miss you all!

Enjoy your holiday!

Lochie's Dubbo Trip

Last Wednesday we spent eight hours on the bus and all of our parents said it was going to be a boring bus trip but it was fun when we went around corners. We eventually arrived in Dubbo and then we finally got dropped off at the gaol. We went into the prison and we walked into a goal cell and it showed how the criminals tried to get out. My favourite part of Dubbo gaol was the fake officer who was transporting criminals. He asked our teacher if he needed to take us to prison. We then went to the gift shop and bought some fake handcuffs, Zac and I handcuffed James to the door.

I was sleeping in a cabin with James, Zac and Ted. It was fun but we got no sleep since Ted didn't stop talking. We finally got to sleep but in the morning Mr Moncrief woke us up and scared Ted, it was funny because he jumped and then hid under his doona and then he spent half an hour in the shower.

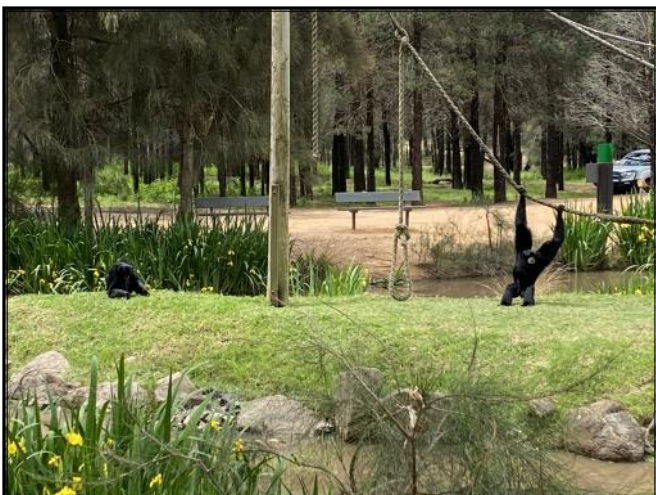
I had toast and pikelets for breakfast then we walked to the bus and we backed out of the driveway and headed to the zoo. It was actually closed when we got there but we didnt believe it. My favourite part of the zoo was probably the lions but we missed feeding time. We rode bikes and my favourite part was the downhill because we were heading uphill the entire time. We hurried to the zoo school and there was a sugar glider, a snake and another snake which was very good at parkour.

We saw otters and big show off monkeys, we saw giraffes and elephants. We had lunch, I made my own jam sandwich. After we finished at the zoo we went to the gift shop and I got a little coin which had Dubbo Zoo on it. We hopped on the bus and went back to the cabins and got changed into our swimmers and we played in the pool at the caravan park. After we got changed then we went to have some tea and while the sausages were cooking we went and hopped onto the giant bouncing pillow. We had our tea and then we went bowling and I came 4th out of all of the boys including teachers too. Then we went back to our cabins and changed into our pyjamas and we put Ted to sleep and then we made sure he went to sleep so then we could go to sleep. We woke up in the morning when Mr Moncrief woke us up again with his alarm clock.

We had a long trip home watching Fantastic Mr Fox.

I didn't ruin my story with everybody vomiting!

That is the end of the crazy Dubbo trip story!





North Star Science Day



Microbits in Moree

On the way to Moree to the Microbit day, it was a fast trip! We saw some war tanks. It was cool. Then we got there and we took our microbit room in and we set it all up but there was some coding wrong and the person fixed it then we all showed it to the other schools, there were 4 schools. Then we had some morning tea. Then we got some spheros and a cup, pin, straw, balloon and 8 paddle pop sticks. We made battlebots and then we battled. The aim was to pop the other balloons. Me, Zac and Lochie did not win but Stevie and Benji won. Then we had lunch and we got ice-cream from McDonalds then we drove home.

By James



Term 4 Incursions

written by the All Stars

YOGA

Today we did yoga and we learnt poses and we learnt a different pose and it was candle-stick. It was fun and we learnt a dance. It was fun too. By Olivia

Today I learnt the candle pose. How I learnt it from Miss Suny. And I learnt a dance to I'm a Believer.

By Cameron



ENVIRONMENTORS

Today The Environmentors came. We got to hold the worms in our hands. By Max

Today we learnt about The Environmentors with compost and worms. I learnt that worms don't have teeth, no ears and no bones. The teachers name was Bridget. She was so nice. We played a game in the classroom and the COLA. The game was about what you could put in a worms compost. By Lily



BEACH TO BUSH

Yesterday we had people over. They were called Beach to Bush lifeguards. We learnt all about rips and dangers of the sea. I got a slap band that Mrs Weatherall really does not like because I take it on and off! I like it but it stings when I put it on. Anyways, I'll tell you all about it. They told us how to spot it. The wavy bits are good and the flat bits are bad. This is the saying- Green is mean, white is nice. By Clancy

The green bits of the ocean are the bad bits and the white bits of the ocean are the good bits. I did it yesterday with the Beach to Bush. By Claude

On Wednesday we saw Beach to Bush. They said to stay in the red and yellow flags because you can get flown away by the waves. I got a lifesaver hat for my teddies. By Ted

Stevie's Dubbo Report

Hurry up hurry up I said to my brother as he was carrying my suitcase that weighed 150 pounds. When we got on the bus everybody was so excited. About 2 hours passed and we stopped at Bingara and had morning tea then when we got on the bus about another 2 hours passed and we stopped at Narrabri. Then after that we hopped back on the bus then after a while we made it safely to Dubbo and Mr Moncreiff and Teddy spotted the State Wide Sheds Dubbo sign. But before we could go to the cabins we split up and the Yowies went to the gaol then had a look around it was nice then we went to the shop and we all brought handcuffs. Then after that we hopped back on the bus and drove to the cabins, dropped off our bags and jumped on the jumping pillow. After that we cooked some dinner. It was tacos. Everyone ate a lot of them. Then after that we went to our cabins, had a quick shower then went to bed. In the morning we had some breaky then got ready to roll. When we got to the zoo the gates were closed so we had to wait for a minute then they opened the gates after the teachers paid and we found the right bike. Mr Pritchard was the leader as we went down a hill. Poor Cameron had an accident on his bike but fortunately he is okay but he hopped on the buggy. Then we went to the animal encounter and got to see two turtles, a tortoise and a python. It was so cool. I had the best time. I will never forget it. After the animal encounter we did a lot of spot-seeing. Then after a while of spot-seeing we had a call that there was going to be a cheetah feeding show so we all raced to the cheetah pen it was so cool to watch. Then when it was finished, we looked at all the animals after a while we had some lunch. Thanks to our bus driver I ate two ham and cheese sandwiches and an apple and lots of water. Later on we saw the Galapagos tortoises - they are so big and slow and very stinky. It smelt like the world's smelliest smell - luckily no one puked which was very good for everyone especially me. Then we put back everything, then went to the shop, bought some souvenirs and hopped back on the bus to the cabins, took all the stuff out for dinner and the adults cooked dinner. Which was really yum! After we had a quiet play everyone went to their cabins and got ready for bowling when we got there we put on our bowling shoes and tried hard to win in my team it was Lylah, Ted, Clancy and Miss Kerwin. I won by a touch. After a while we went back everyone was tired we had a quick shower and went to bed in the morning we had breaky packed our stuff and left for the Royal Flying Doctor Service it was so cool you could take your picture and see what they would use in emergencies then went in an elevator and see planes take off and land it was amazing when we got to the shop we all looked and brought our stuff and had a snack before getting on the bus hours past and we stopped for a toilet and food break hours past and we finally went home we cuddled our parents and siblings and that's the story about our Dubbo excursion.





Is it time for a dental check-up?

Hunter New England Oral Health provides free dental care for all children under 18yrs of age

We accept the Child Dental Benefits Scheme

HNE Dental Clinic opening hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm



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Hunter New England
Local Health District

Call 1300 651 625 to book an appointment for your child

For more information about oral health and accessing our service, visit the HNE Kids Health webpage at [Healthy Mouths Healthy Living \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://HealthyMouthsHealthyLiving.nsw.gov.au)



Swimming School with Bonshaw



Zac's Dubbo Report

I think our favourite part about the trip was the zoo so let me tell you about it. We were on the bus on the way to the zoo. Me, James and Lochie were sitting at the back arguing about which animal was the best. James said a cheetah but Lochie said lion and I said wolves are the cutest animal ever. So anyway, we were soon at the gates but something was wrong - the gates were shut and the zoo was closed but thankfully it opened in about two minutes. We drove in and hopped off the bus and walked up to get our bikes and carts to ride around the zoo. Once we got our bikes we rode to the educational centre. In the educational centre we saw snakes and turtles and a possum and so much more after that. The first animals we saw were lemurs. They looked like King Julian, they had ropes that they swung on and they were playing around. After that we went to the bongos which are like deer but with thicker antlers and fatter. They were lazing around. Then we went to the giraffes and the zebras, we wanted to feed them but we couldn't so we moved onto the hippos. Then we had recess and we saw the cheetah which was getting fed. Then we saw meerkats and a rhino. He was sleeping so next we rode on to the elephants and we ran up on a tower where you could see rhinos and giraffes. Then we had lunch next to the deer, we had sandwiches and apples, then we saw more meerkats, then we rode to the Galapagos tortoises. They were so big and there were some really tiny ones that were 11 years old and there was a really huge one that was about 130 years old. Then we saw the Tasmanian devils that were hiding in logs so we went on. Then we saw quokkas, emus, koalas, echidnas, and kangaroos. We didn't see the quokkas because they were hiding but we saw 2 koalas 4 kangaroos and 2 emus. So then we went on to see the goats that they had there. We were allowed to pat them, but they were resting so we couldn't so then we headed back to the place where we started to return our bikes and carts. Then we headed off to the gift shop where I bought a fake spider, a snake striped hyena and a stubby cooler for Dad. Then we headed back to the caravan park, got changed into our swimmers and played in the pool then we went back to our cabins and got changed then at 8:30 we went to bed to get ready to go to the Royal Flying Doctors service then back home on Friday.



Teddy and Bradley's Favourite Dubbo Activities

