



DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 1ST AUGUST

**TREE PLANTING AT THE
RAILWAY STATION IN
STUART TOWN**

FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST

**DUBBO/WELLINGTON
SMALL SCHOOLS
ATHLETICS IN DUBBO**

WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Welcome back! I hope that you have all enjoyed your holidays and are looking forward to a busy term 3.

2023 Kindergarten Transition

Our Kindergarten Transition student attended their first session this week and have settled into school routines very quickly. Students have been on a tour of the school, participated in literacy and numeracy activities and borrowed their first library books. Transition days will continue every Wednesday during Term 3 & 4. Any students enrolling in Kindergarten at Stuart Town next year are eligible for a free place in the transition program and will develop friendships with their peers and older students through a structured, engaging and fun program of learning activities. Please contact the office with the names of families who may be interested.



Teachers help students find important things they've lost every day. Sometimes it is a paper, backpack, or jacket...other times it is courage, confidence, or a smile.



National Tree Day

On Monday 1 August, students will be assisting staff from Sydney Trains to improve the gardens at the Stuart Town Railway Station. Students will be maintaining the existing gardens and planting new flowering native plants that attract birds. We are excited to contribute to the community this year in marking National Tree Day.

Student-Led Conferences

Parents and carers have been invited to attend student-led conferences on Tuesday 2 August. Students have been reflecting on their individual achievements and working with staff to set new learning goals to communicate with families. Please contact the office to book an interview if you have not already confirmed a conference time.

Athletics Carnival

All students will travel by bus to the Small School Combined Athletics Carnival in Dubbo on Friday 12 August. Students who are turning 8 year old this year and older will take part in competitive events while younger students will take part in a rotation of fun tabloid activities. We are hopeful that we will be able to invite parents to attend and cheer on our athletes at the carnival this year! Please check the School Enews app for further details closer to the carnival.

Mumbil PS Sport and Dance

To prepare students for the athletics carnival, we have collaborated with Mumbil Public School to practice athletics skills each Friday afternoon before the carnival. In our first week students refined their skills at discus, shot put and long jump and will move on to new events each week. Students will also be learning a dance routine with an instructor from the Wellington PCYC in preparation for a combined performance at a concert held by schools in the Orange network later in the term.

Book Week and Education Week

We will be celebrating Book Week and Education Week in Week 7 this term with a variety of events. Make sure you are prepared for our Book Week Parade on Wednesday 31 August where students and staff will dress up as their favourite book character and parents and families will be invited to take part. The theme for this year is 'Dreaming with eyes open'.



COVID-smart measures

Our priority continues to be ensuring every student has as much face-to-face learning as possible while supporting student and staff wellbeing. We are confident that with the very high levels of vaccination in our workforce and significant COVID-smart measures in place, we can maintain continuity of learning while keeping our students and staff safe. Masks are an effective way of minimising the transmission of respiratory diseases. In response to NSW Health advice and the current COVID-19 situation in the state, the Minister for Education and Early Learning has strongly encouraged mask-wearing indoors for all school-based staff and for all students, particularly during the first 4 weeks of Term 3.

Winter Uniforms

Please remember to check that students bring enough warm uniform items for playing outside in cool weather throughout the term. Despite the cool weather, students are also required to wear a hat every day to protect them from the winter sun.

Attendance

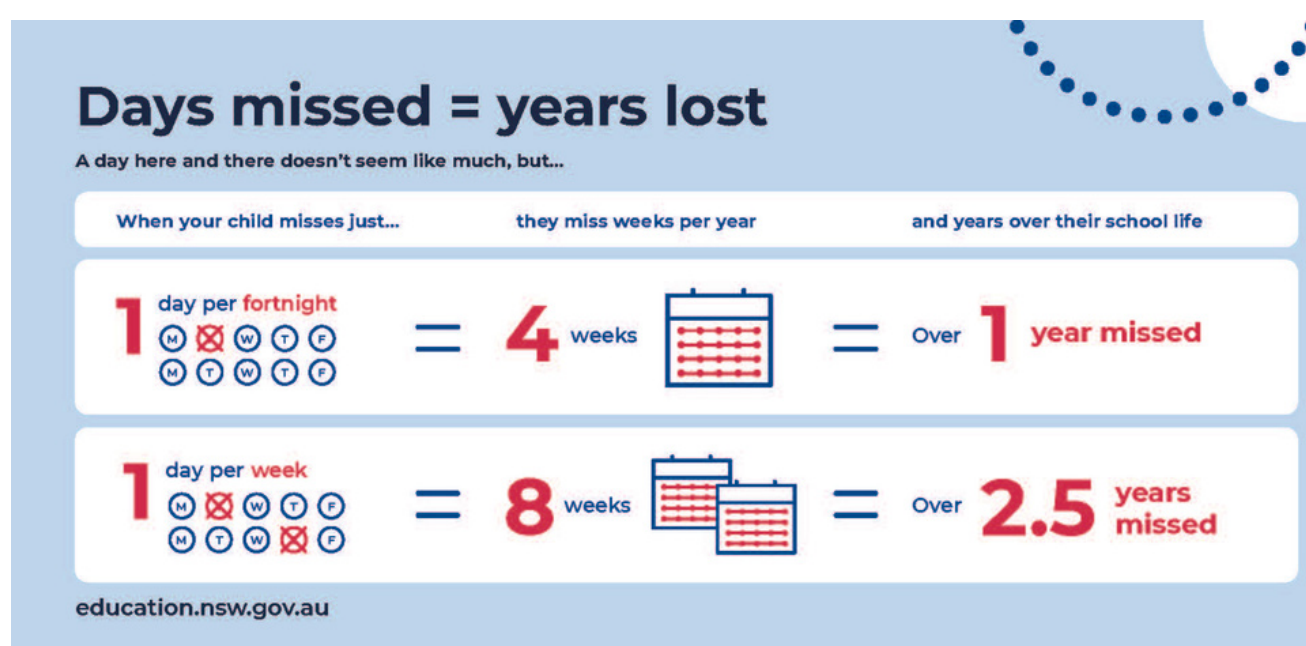
Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, 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 circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide a written explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. For absences of 2 or more days a doctor's certificate is required.

The most efficient way to advise us of your child's absence is via the School Enews app.

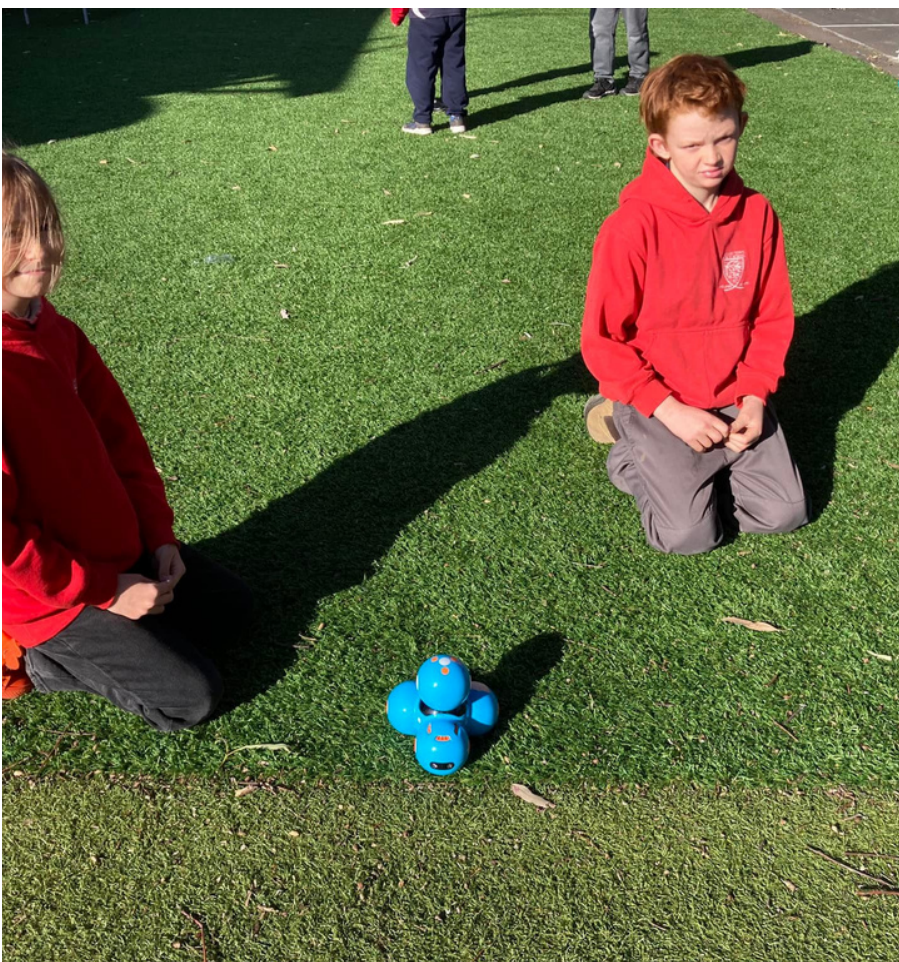


Attached with this newsletter today are letters identifying unexplained days absent for students from the past two weeks. If you receive a reminder, please read it carefully and complete the return slip and providing the reason for the absence. Please send it to school as soon as possible so attendance records can be updated. We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Peter Chase
Principal



Students have been exploring the robotics Stem.T4L kit that we have access to this term. Groups of students are working collaboratively to solve problems using block coding.





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School Timetable Week 3



Monday 1st August to Friday 5th August

Monday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Nana Kaye
Mrs Preston GA

What's on today

Tree planting at
Stuart Town
Railway Station

Tuesday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Coll
Mrs Champion
Mrs Frazer
Mrs Preston GA

What's on today

Wednesday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Mrs Sinclair
Coll
Mrs Frazer

What's on today

Library



Thursday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Mrs Frazer

What's on today

Friday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Coll
Mrs Frazer
Mr Yates
Mrs Preston GA

What's on today

SRE - Scripture
Sport at Mumbil PS





School Timetable Week 4



Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August

Monday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Nana Kaye
Mrs Preston GA

What's on today

Tuesday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Mrs Campion
Coll
Mrs Frazer
Mrs Preston GA

What's on today

Wednesday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Mrs Sinclair
Mrs Frazer
Coll

What's on today

Library

Thursday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Mrs Frazer
Coll

What's on today

Friday

Who's at school

Mr Chase
Mrs Barker
Coll
Mrs Frazer
Mrs Preston GA

What's on today

Dubbo/Wellington Small
Schools Athletics Carnival
in Dubbo

