Wednesday 20th March 2013

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers & Community members,

I know I have said it before but I cannot believe how fast this Term is going. Staff and students are working hard however also taking some time out to enjoy some extra-curricular activities.

I had the absolute pleasure in helping Mr Tarry walk the DWPS Choir to the official opening of the new Regional West Area and Regional West 1 Zone Offices and the refurbishment of the Delroy Fire Station. Our choir performed the National Anthem and our school song unaccompanied by music. I realize I am slightly biased but I thought they were magnificent. They sat through a lengthy ceremony and displayed their best manners throughout. Mr Tarry had his 20 seconds of fame collecting a beautiful framed Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the school. I think he had stars in his eyes for hours later given how many cameras were there. I hope students and their parents saw themselves on Prime News that night. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking one of our wonderful parents, Sue Pascoe. Having Sue help on the excursion certainly made crossing the highway an easier and much safer task. Sue was also our official photographer for the day and I look forward to sharing some of her photos with you.

School photos are this week and we are asking all students to make a special effort to be in correct school uniform. With the onset of chilly mornings please ensure that school jumpers are worn. Primary students have been reminded to keep their trendy coloured hoodies for the weekends.

Infant’s staff are once again surrounded by chocolate eggs in preparation for their Easter Hat Parade and raffle. I look forward to catching up with you next Thursday and good luck with those Easter Hats!

Staff will be involved in two extremely busy days of Professional Learning at the commencement of Term 2. They will be looking closely at the new National Literacy Curriculum, Child Protection and Code of Conduct updates as well as looking at innovative ways to ensure our school targets for 2013 are met.

I have included some photos that have been taken at two recent events; the choir visit to the Fire Station and Primary students enjoying the recent Samba workshop.

Mrs Janette Read
Principal (Rel)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 28th March
Primary Assembly 10:45am
Easter Hat Parade - Infants

Friday 29th March
Good Friday

Monday 1st April
Easter Monday

Friday 5th April
P - 2 Assembly Primary Hall
10:40am

Friday 12th April
Last day of Term

Monday 29th April
Staff Development Day
(NO STUDENTS)

Tuesday 30th April
Staff Development Day
(NO STUDENTS)

Wednesday 1st May
STUDENTS RETURN

Term 2 commences 29th April for staff only.
Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April are Staff Development Days.

STUDENTS RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2013
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 8! The term is flying by with lots of hard work and exciting activities to keep us busy. In the next couple of days we will be sending home permission notes for the Life Education Van which is visiting us in week 2 next term. Please add that to your calendar as something to remember.

**Easter Hat Parade** – All classes are busy making their Easter hats for the big day. Our Easter Hat Parade is one of the most well attended events and students and teachers are looking forward to seeing you there. We are still asking for Easter egg donations for our raffles. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents who have already sent in eggs and Easter gifts. The canteen will be selling tea, coffee and hot cross buns on the morning of the parade.

**School photos** for the Infants will be Friday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of March. Please make sure your child is in full summer school uniform and is at school on time.

**Parent/Teacher interviews** will be held from week 9. PLP’s (Personalised Learning Plans) are learning plans aimed at setting achievable academic goals for students and including the parents in this process so they are aware of what is happening in their child’s education. A note will be sent home from your child’s teacher with dates and times soon. Please nominate a time and make the effort to see your child’s teacher and have input into their learning. It is a great opportunity for you to talk about what is happening in their classroom, ask questions and get to know the teacher. The children love seeing their parents at school and interested in their education.

See you at our Easter Hat Parade!

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**HEALTHY EARS**

Stage 2 have been busy with the Healthy Ears Puppets, Sam and Lucy, learning all about nose blowing to keep your ears healthy. Rachel Mills from the Department of Education Hearing Support Team came to teach us all about the Breathe Blow Cough Wash Chew Program that Year 3 are about to do at the start of each day. The program helps to clear the Eustachian tube (tube that goes from the nose to the ear) after a short blowing/coughing exercise. Clear noses means clear ears. The children are excited to be doing the same program that the Infants have been doing for 12 months now. Teachers have noticed the difference nose blowing makes to the children’s hearing.

School Holiday Job—time to have your child’s hearing tested. Did you know children 4 - 8 years should have a test every 3 months.
I am SAFE
I am RESPONSIBLE
I am RESPECTFUL
I am COOPERATIVE

Many thanks to our volunteers for your help. Please try to have all lunch orders in by 9:15am as both canteens get busy and we haven’t a lot of time for heating food.

Many thanks
Jenny Ford,
Canteen Manager Phone: 6882 0885

**ROSTER**

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**Dental and Oral Health Centre – River Street**

Charles Sturt University Student Clinic is open from the 4th of March until the 18th of October.

Come and book into our final year dental students. Treatments provided at a **MUCH REDUCED COST** include:

- Preventive
- Periodontal (gum) care
- Fillings
- Extractions
- Dentures

Our students are under constant supervision by registered dentists and/or therapists

**To enquire or make an appointment now call 1300 278 642**

A Welcome to Sacrament evening for Parents will be held on Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm in St Brigids Church, 2013.

It will be necessary for Parents to attend this meeting as information and dates will be given in regard to enrolment weekend, home group meetings and dates for the reception of the Sacrament.

For further info please ring Katrina Isbester, Sacramental Coordinator 6882 4233

**EAR BUS PROJECT—HEAR OUR HEART**

**PIZZA CAPERS - Gourmet Kitchen**

**CHARITY DAY**

**WHEN:** Thursday 21st March

2013

Purchase a Gourmet Pizza all day for $15 (normally $17 - $22) to support

Dubbo Deaf Club/Hearourheart Ear Bus project

(to receive the $15 pizza please tell them you want the - Dubbo Deaf promo).

John and Sally Nixon will be generously donating $1 per pizza and 50c per garlic bread from all Pizza sales on the day to our local charity.

Urban Village: Shop 6/43 Whylandra Street Dubbo

Phone: 6885 5000 **PICK UP ONLY**
Dubbo West Public - a PBL School

I am SAFE

Dubbo West Public School Choir

I am RESPONSIBLE

Dubbo West Public School District Swimming Team

I am RESPECTFUL

Samba Workshop

I am COOPERATIVE