Wednesday 29th October 2014

Message from the Principal

I never cease to be amazed at the students, families and staff who are such an essential part of Dubbo West Public School. Last Saturday evening was no exception as staff, students, younger brothers and sisters and parents demonstrated our school’s community spirit as they marched together in the Dubbo Dream Festival. Thank you to Ms Melissa Baker who gave her time to take the children to make their lanterns and then marched with them in the parade.

This week is proving to be a particularly busy one at Dubbo West with lots of events programmed. Book Week continues for primary this week with many wonderful books and novelties on sale. Students have been invited to dress up on Tuesday 28th October with the theme of gardens and reading bugs or a character from a book. Book vouchers will be awarded for the most creative costumes.

An orientation will be held on Tuesday evening for parents and students who have been offered a position or are on the waiting list in the Opportunity Class for 2015-2016. Congratulations to students from West who have been offered a place as competition this year was extremely strong. We welcome prospective parents and look forward to their future involvement in our school.

Thursday evening will be huge as we hold Halloween discos for infants followed by primary with proceeds from this event being donated to the Ear Bus. This will then be followed by a sky stories viewing using the amazing telescope donated to our school by Charles Sturt University. Parents will need to accompany students for this event and, with other activities planned for the evening, it should be a fantastic community occasion.

The infants campus look forward to lots of visitors on Friday as they combine Jump Rope For Heart and Grandparents Day. A light morning tea will be provided for our visitors.

A reminder that orientation days have now been set for Kindergarten and Preschool. If you have a child who would be eligible to enrol for next year or if you know someone who has not yet enrolled their child, we request that they please contact the school as soon as possible. Preschool positions in particular are filling fast.

Finally, P and C are currently researching possible changes to the current Dubbo West uniform. If you would like to have your say, please come to the meetings. Everyone is welcome.

Regards
Eileen Day
Principal
**Jump Rope for Heart** – This fun fundraising activity morning will be held this Friday 31st October at the Infants Campus to raise money for the Heart Foundation. Students are asked to come dressed in red clothes and bring a gold coin donation.

**Grandparents Morning Tea** – Calling on all grandparents! We would like to show you how special you are by inviting you to the Infants Campus this Friday 31st October to watch some of the Jump Rope for Heart activities from 11am and then join us for morning tea.

**Infants Disco** – The Primary students aren’t the only ones who are going to enjoy a disco this term. Infants students are invited to come dressed in Halloween gear this Thursday 30th October at 4:00pm for their very own disco in the Primary Hall, which precedes the Primary disco. Tickets can be purchased from classroom teachers for $6.00, and this also includes a drink and a packet of chips. Glow sticks will be available for purchase at the disco for $2.00. The Infants disco will finish at 5:15pm, and parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their children.

**Hats** – A reminder that all students need to wear a hat if they are going to play in the sunshine. A full brimmed hat offers more protection for ears and neck than a cap. Students not wearing hats will be asked to play in the shade.
On Friday the 24th of October, I had the pleasure of taking 30 students from Years 3 to 6 to the Western Plains Cultural Centre. The students were involved in a lantern making workshop with artist Jyllie Jackson, who commented on our students’ excellent behaviour, saying “We rock!”

On Saturday, the students proudly represented Dubbo West Public School in the lantern parade to celebrate the end of the Dream Festival. The students marched alongside other schools and organisations from the Macquarie Regional Library to Victoria Park.

I would like to say thank you to all the parents who marched with the students and who assisted on the night. I would also like to say a big thank you to Miss Kasey who helped make our awesome lanterns.
COMMUNITY CLEAN ENERGY FORUM

Everyone welcome! Come along to this free event to hear from experts about topics including:

*Solar battery storage.
*Saving money through energy efficiency.
*What is geo-exchange and how it can benefit your home.
*Renewable energy financing.
*Community owned renewables.

A panel discussion and question time will follow short presentations. Light refreshments will be served.

When: Thursday 13th November
Where: Western Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingewarra Street Dubbo
Time: 6pm to 8pm

RSVP by 3rd November to Karin.stark@environment.nsw.gov.au