**Message from the Principal**

Last week, Dubbo West Public School and the Western Region were represented at State level in spelling by Simon Ramirez. Simon performed extremely well in, what was needless to say, some very strong competition. Simon was able to reach round four where he was faced with the word ‘valedictorian’.

Parent surveys were sent home yesterday and families are asked to complete them and return to school by Friday 21st November 2015. These surveys provide the school with valuable information which we will use to help us decide on future directions and programs to be implemented over the next three years. Each family who returns their completed survey by the due date will go into the draw to win a family ticket for two adults and two children to the zoo.

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, planning is well under way for digging up the time capsule which was buried at Dubbo West. This ceremony will occur on Tuesday 19th November. If you would like to attend, please contact the school and let us know as soon as possible. It will be very interesting to see what treasures we unearth.

Kind regards

Regards

Eileen Day
Principal

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Thursday 13th November**
Primary Assembly 12:50pm

**Friday 14th November**
P - 2 Assembly 10:40am
Primary Hall

**Monday 24th November to Thursday 27th November**
Kinder 2015 Orientation

**Wednesday 3rd December**
*Preschool 2015 Orientation
*Yr 6 - Yr 7 Orientation

**Thursday 4th December**
Primary Assembly 12:50pm

**Friday 5th December**
Infants Concert

**Tuesday 9th December**
Presentation Day

**Thursday 11th December**
Year 6 Farewell.

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**ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS 2015 FOR KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL NOW**
Jump Rope for Heart – A very successful morning of fitness activities including skipping was held, and although the weather was very hot, the students participated with great enthusiasm. A total of $126:00 was raised for the Heart Foundation including a very generous donation from the school P&C of $50:00. Thank you to everyone, especially to Mrs Connolly for her expert organisation of the day.

Grandparents Morning Tea – How lovely it was to see such a large roll-up of grandparents to our school to watch some of the Jump Rope for Heart activities and stay for Morning Tea. The Computer Room was overflowing with visitors reminiscing over their own school days and commenting on how much schools have changed. Our students were very proud to have their grandparents visiting Assembly – The next P-2 assembly will be this Friday 14th November at 10:40am in the Primary Hall. 2H will be entertaining us, and we all look forward to seeing what they have in store for us. They have been practising very hard.

Kindergarten Orientation – A reminder that Orientation for next year’s Kindergarten students will commence on Monday 24th November from 9:30am – 10:30am and continue each morning until Thursday 27th November. If you have not already enrolled your child, or know of anyone who intends sending their child to Dubbo West please contact the school so that the children concerned do not miss this vital experience.

Year 2/3 Transition – This will continue this week when Year 2 students remain at the Primary Campus after assembly, stay for lunch and participate in some organised fun activities. This will give Year 2 students the opportunity to meet Primary staff and become more familiar with the Primary Campus.

Many thanks to the volunteers that have helped out in the canteen.
Banana milk has been taken off the menu due to our supplier no longer stocking it.
This Friday, 14th November, the canteens will be having a RED day. The following will be available to purchase:
- Brain Licker’s $2.50
- Ring Pops $1.50
- Trolli Xmas $2.00
- Curly Wurls $0.60
- Stockings $0.20
- Zombi Chews $0.60
- Wicked Fizz $0.60
- Frucca lollies $0.10
- Cans of drink $1.50 Primary only.
Year 2 will be at Primary on this day for lunch break.

Thank you
Jenny Ford
Canteen Manager

Year 6 into Year 7 information nights are on Wednesday 19th November 2014 at Delroy and South Campuses at 6:30pm.
Delroy - in the school library
South - in the school hall
I am SAFE
I am RESPONSIBLE
I am RESPECTFUL
I am COOPERATIVE
**Spelling Bee**

We extend huge congratulations to Simon Ramirez for his efforts in the State Final of the Spelling Bee.

Since winning the regional finals held at Dubbo West in September Simon has been busy trying to learn pages and pages of words – luckily he already knew lots of them.

Simon gave up most of his recesses for a few weeks to spend time looking at the more difficult words.

On Tuesday Simon and his Mum flew to Sydney. They met up with other regional finalists at their motel. On Wednesday they went to the ABC centre where they had their photo taken with a Tardis. (Dr Who fans will know all about a Tardis.)

Senior competition started at 2pm. Simon was in the first row. There were 43 finalists from NSW Public Schools.

Simon’s first word was ‘project’, followed by ‘oxygen’ in the next round and then ‘spelunker’ in round three. In round four Simon was given the word ‘valedictory’. Unfortunately he misspelt “valedictory” and was eliminated. This put him in the top 30 for seniors in NSW public schools.

A great experience for our School Captain and a fantastic effort. Well done Simon.

**Library News**

**Book Fair**

We sold just over $1000 worth of books at the Primary Book Fair. A huge, huge, huge thank you to staff who helped out with the fair during my absence.

Special thanks to Miss Kasey and Miss Naomi for setting up and organising sales at the fair. Thank you to Mrs Harris and Mrs Memorey for organising classes and the dress up day.

Thank you to students who dressed up and congratulations to those who won vouchers.

We were able to choose $350 worth of books for our Library from the fair.

Next year we will have a fair at Infants in July and one at Primary with the date yet to be decided.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fair.

**Overdue Books**

Congratulations to all students who completed the 2014 challenge. Thank you to Mrs Campion for assisting so many Infants students to complete the challenge. Certificates will be printed and handed out before the end of the year.

Primary certificates will be presented at Primary presentation assembly.

Sue Buttrey
Teacher Librarian

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**MACQUARIE REGIONAL LIBRARY**

The Dubbo branch is having their launch party in early December, giving families a chance to register for the annual Summer Reading Club and receive a free Reading Adventure Kit.

Children are invited to join in a free launch session at the Dubbo branch on 2nd, 3rd or 4th December at 4 - 4:45pm. Bookings open on November 24th and can be made in the Library or phone 68014510.

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**FARRER AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL 2016**

Students in Year 5 wishing to attend Farrer Agricultural High School in Year 7 2016, parents/guardians need to register online between 14th October and 17th November with Selective Schools to enable them to sit the Selective Schools exam in March next year. To register, go to the Farrer website: [www.farrer.nsw.edu.au](http://www.farrer.nsw.edu.au) and follow the Selective Schools link.
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AWARDS
PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Ana Rauca
Simon Ramirez

I AM RESPECTFUL

Jordayne Morris, Andrew Derrick,
Youen Walford, Sophie Dicker,
Mark Bugmy, Shirley-Ann Cubby,
Ashleigh Jones, Jacob Fairbanks
Mailik—Zane Widders, June Jones,
Trent Drayton, Brianna Bruckner,
Caitlyn Dicker, Leah Hellowell,
Lisa Bayliss, Jayde O’Farrell

Keep your hands and feet to yourself