Wednesday 19th February 2014

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

I have been congratulating students all week on their outstanding uniforms. It is lovely to see so many students wearing our new school hats. A big thank you to parents for continuing to encourage students to be in appropriate school uniform each day.

Primary Campus hosted a wonderful Induction Ceremony last week for newly elected SRC and Sports Captains and Vice Captains. What a pleasure to have every parent on hand to pin badges on their children and join staff for a morning tea afterwards. It is a tremendous honour to be elected by your peers into a leadership role. I am looking forward to working with this very motivated and enthusiastic group throughout 2014.

Our school Captains for 2014 are Simon Ramirez and Brooke Pilcher. Both Captains will be accompanying me to Delroy’s SRC Induction this Friday at 12 pm.

We have held our first P&C meeting for the year with a small but enthusiastic group gathering to hear all about the wonderful things that are happening this term. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and community members to our next meeting to be held at the Primary Campus 14th May which will include our AGM.

Our School is one of three schools targeted within Dubbo to be a part of a very exciting program called COMPASS. As a selected school we will reap the benefits of having 2 University of Sydney Occupational Therapy students based on site for most of Terms 2 & 3 working on the early detection of motor delay and its remediation. Early detection and subsequent treatment prevent long-term effects on social development and academic achievement.

Good luck to students competing in the Dubbo District Twilight Swimming Carnival next week.

Have a great fortnight

Mrs Janette Read
Principal (Rel)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5th March
Primary Assembly

Thursday 6th March
WSSA swimming

Friday 7th March
*Infants Assembly at Primary Hall 10:40 - KR
*WSSA swimming

Tuesday 11th March
T20 Cricket

Thursday 13th March
*Netball gala day
*Performance at Primary - Adam Hill

Thursday 27th March
Primary Assembly

Friday 28th March
Infants Assembly - Primary Hall 10:40 - 2H

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Primary
8:45am to 3:30pm

Infants
8:45am to 3:30pm

CLOSED: 11:20am – 11:30am
1:30pm – 2pm

If you ring outside office hours your call may not be answered.
A number of new families have enrolled their children at Dubbo West this year. Welcome to you and your children. If there is any way we can help you with the settling in process, or any information you require, please don’t hesitate to call on us.

What a difference a fortnight makes! Kindergarten students are all settled and have started their learning programs in English and Maths with great enthusiasm. Years 1 and 2 are working hard with lots of programs in place to support those students who need a little extra boost to help them. Staff at Dubbo West carefully monitor progress, so that all students have the opportunity to have a program which specifically caters for individual needs.

I have noticed that quite a number of students are already coming to school late on a regular basis. This is very disruptive to your child’s learning and that of his/her classmates. Please make an effort to get your child to school on time. Attendance patterns are closely monitored by the school and Home School Liaison Officer.

If you could spare a box of tissues to donate to your child’s class it would be greatly appreciated. As well as the cold and flu season being just around the corner, Infants students all blow noses on a regular basis as part of the Breathe, Cough, Blow Program to prevent Otitis Media or Glue Ear.

Congratulations to all parents for the excellent manner in which you are sending your children to school dressed in full school uniform. Give yourselves a pat on the back!

I am looking forward to our first P-2 assembly which will be held on Friday of Week 6 in the Primary Hall. K Red will be entertaining us. More information will be included in our next newsletter.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped out over the last two weeks, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to get lunch orders in before the bell, this gives us plenty of time to process orders and get them out on time.

If you have any questions about either Canteen, please call in and see me at the Primary Canteen.

Jenny Ford
Canteen Manager
6882 0885
**NETBALL**

Netball NSW are currently running clinics with all Primary classes on Thursdays. The clinics will lead up to a gala day against Buninyong later in the Term for Years 5 and 6.

**NRL**

NRL development staff, along with Penrith Panthers players, Luke Capewell and Tom Humble spoke with all Primary students last week about making goals for the future, health and nutrition and anti-bullying.

**SRC/SPORTS CAPTAINs**

Simon

Thomas family

Willow
I am SAFE
I am RESPONSIBLE
I am RESPECTFUL
I am COOPERATIVE

SRC/SPORTS CAPTAINS
Dubbo West Public - a PBL School

Bree
Brett
Brooke

Brittany
Brooklyn
Emi

Cayd
Brittany
Hank

Caydean
and family

Kahlia

Jayde

Proud Parents
Proud Parents
Teneal

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Year 6 students preparing their SRC speeches.

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FREE DENTAL FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN EVERY TWO YEARS

CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE or CDBS is a Government initiative providing $1000 of free dental care to children aged between 2 - 17 years who meet the eligibility criteria. The $1000 will be valid every two calendar years.

PHONE 02 6882 1366

To make an appointment with Emma our Dental Therapist who is specifically trained to provide quality dental to children. WE BULK BILL!

PARKSIDE DENTAL SURGERY

We really appreciate the generous support that Peter Brown and Megan Casserly of Fisique Health and Fitness Professionals are giving the Ear Bus Project. This year they aim to run ten charity workout days throughout the year. The first charity workout in January was a great success and they raised $525.00 towards their goal of $5,000.00 for the Hear our Hear Ear Bus Project.

Please join us next weekend for their second workout.

When: Saturday 22nd February 2014
Time: 9:00am to 11:00am
Location: Victoria Park Oval, next to Skate Park
Entry: By donation, a little or a lot! All proceeds go to the Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project ($10pp is recommended).

Families are encouraged to come. There will be activities for the children while the adults get a good workout.

You can register for the workout by completing the form on the Fisique website, which is www.fisique.com.au/news1/charity-workout.

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (yes or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact John Edwards, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 6884 8032 / 0409 339 564
or john.edwards@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Victoria by the Victorian Multicultural Council and the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

RSL YOUTH SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

When: Saturday 22nd February 2014
Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Where: At Cobra Street McDonalds (in party room)

New Players Welcome!

Contact Danielle 0405127331 for more information.

DUBBO BMX CLUB

Dubbo BMX Club will hold a ‘Come try Day’ to coincide with the opening of the NEW track. The event will commence at 9:30am on the 23rd February at Powter Park (behind Golden West Holden). There will be a raffle, training available and BBQ. All welcome to come, try and ride the new track.