Wednesday 7th May 2014

Message from the Principal

What an incredible start to Term 2! Students returned on Tuesday and settled straight in to work, preparing for NAPLAN. NAPLAN testing will start on Tuesday of next week with students in Years 3 and 5 sitting tests in Language Conventions and Writing. Testing will continue on Wednesday and Thursday with students being tested in Reading and Numeracy. Reports will be forwarded to parents later in the year.

I would like to congratulate Callum Dowling who has been selected to compete in the Western Primary Schools’ Open Rugby League Squad. Callum will have three training runs with other students selected from other schools before taking on the best Primary School footballers from across the state in a carnival to be held over 3 days in June at Kingscliff on the NSW/Qld border. At the carnival, a team will also be selected to represent NSW. Callum’s first training session will be on Sunday May 11th and we wish Callum the very best of luck. Well done, Callum.

The Infants Department has secured the services of two trainee Occupational Therapist students from Sydney University who commenced work on Tuesday and will work with targeted students in classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and we welcome James and Theresa to our school.

Next week, the Hearing Bus will be attending our school on Thursday and Friday. Students identified as having a possible hearing difficulty have had notes sent home and these should be returned as soon as possible.

The Schools as Community Centre will continue to run programs throughout May with a Community Playgroup on Tuesdays from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm for children from 0-5 years and their parents/carers. Wednesdays sees the Music and Movement group for children 0-5 years and their parents/carers. This group runs between 10.00 am and 11.30 am.

On Thursday, the Play to Learn Program will run from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm and on Friday, the Mums and Babies program is open from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm for anyone who is pregnant or for mothers with a child under the age of one.

An exciting opportunity was presented to all students from Preschool to Year 6 on Friday when we were visited by the people from Fullflight Game Farm and their feathered friends. The students were thrilled and excited as the birds in varying sizes were flown in the auditorium. Our thanks go to Trish Mansell for organising this wonderful display and to Linton Auld from Dubbo City Council for making it possible.

I look forward to continuing to meet many of you and I can be contacted at the school at any time.

Regards
Eileen Day
Principal
I am SAFE
I am RESPONSIBLE
I am RESPECTFUL
I am COOPERATIVE

Welcome back everyone after a well deserved break. The holiday weather was exceptional, so I hope you all took advantage of it. We have certainly seen how quickly it can change!

Term 2 – This will be a very busy term of only 9 weeks, with lots happening. We have an excursion, visiting performance, assessments and report writing, hearing and dental checks, visiting Occupational Therapist students – not to mention the daily programs which keep our students focused and busy building on their skills. It is very important that your children attend school every day unless they are sick, so they can participate and enjoy all activities. Parents are reminded that participation in excursions is dependent on appropriate behaviour at school.

Bird Show – Students and staff enjoyed this informative look at birds of prey, and often got a much closer encounter with the kestrel, barking owl and wedge-tail eagle than they anticipated! Many thanks to Mrs Mansell for initiating the contact with Dubbo City Council which resulted in all students in our school participating.

Assembly – Parents/ Caregivers are welcome to join us for our assembly at the Primary Hall next Friday 9th May at 10:40am. 1C will be entertaining us with an item, and we are looking forward to it.

Labelling Clothing – With the onset of colder weather, lots of students are wearing new jumpers and jackets to school. Please make sure that these items are labelled with your child’s name. Staff understand your frustration if your child loses items of clothing, but it is an almost impossible task to trace these belongings if they are not labelled. Your cooperation in this matter would be much appreciated.

Welcome back to Term 2 and it is time for a menu change. Please find attached to your newsletter a copy of our winter menu for Terms 2 and 3. Please be aware that there are some price changes, as we have had price rises on many of our products in the last 12 months and also an increase in wages to cover. This new menu will commence on Thursday 8th May, so please remember to check prices when filling out orders.

On Friday 23rd May the Infants canteen will be closed as they have an excursion to the Dubbo Show but the Primary canteen will be open as usual.

Fridays for Terms 2 and 3 is PSSA sport at Primary so lunch and recess will be reversed. So there is no misunderstanding with orders, please write on the bags if you want them first or second break instead of writing ‘lunch’ or ‘recess’.

Please ensure lunch orders are in on time and this will assist Leah and myself to get them out on time.

Jenny Ford
Canteen Manager

CANCER COUNCIL’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Parents and members of the community are invited to the Cancer Council’s BIGGEST MORNING TEA in the COMMUNITY CENTRE of Dubbo West Public School (Primary Campus) on WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY commencing at 11am to 1pm

Cost will be $5 per person

We hope you are able to join us in this fundraiser for the Cancer Council
Primary School Rugby League On Show

Congratulations to Dubbo West Public School rugby league representative Callum Dowling on his recent selection in the Western Primary Schools Open Rugby League Squad.

Callum has 3 training runs with his mates and Coach Andrew Hooper of Grenfell Public School, to hone his skills and develop a close working relationship with his new team mates, before taking on the best Primary School footballers from across NSW in the NSW PSSSA Open Rugby League State Carnival to be held at Kingscliff, on the Qld NSW border. The NSW carnival runs over 3 days from June 17-19 with the view of selecting a NSW squad that will compete at the Australian Schoolboys Championships later in the year.

This year’s team comprises players from Oberon, Orana Heights, Blayney, Parkes, Bletchington, Cowra, Calare, Sofala, Mulyan, Condobolin, Dubbo West, Grenfell, Bathurst and Middleton Public Schools.

Mr Hooper has his sights set high for this year’s team. “Last year the team performed extremely well under the close scrutiny of their home crowd in Dubbo. Being in Dubbo meant the kids had a lot of support. We even had our halfback selected in the NSW team and we hope that this years team step up and are just as successful.” He stated from League Central. “Traditionally the Western teams are considered the poorer country cousins in this competition and don’t often have the size to match it with the bigger, stronger players from metropolitan teams, but this year we have a game plan to emphasise the extraordinary speed and skill of the Western team. We will work on that over the next few weeks in our training sessions. I’ve got great support in my manager and trainer Mr Faulkner from Bedgerabong- he’ll have the kids revved up and ready come game day. We’re all very excited and can’t wait to get into it. First training run is Sunday May 11 and I’m sure Callum is excited and ready to go.”

OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT 2015

Applications for opportunity class placement for Year 5 2015 are now open. Opportunity class placement provides an academically and educationally enriched learning environment for students who are academically gifted and talented. Opportunity Class placement is a two year program and there is currently no provision for application for Year 6.

Offers for entry are made based upon an Opportunity Class Placement test, school assessment and other evidence of academic merit.

Applications can be made online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement or by obtaining a hard copy from Dubbo West Public School office. Applications close either online or by return to Dubbo West Public School on Friday 16 May 2014. For further information regarding this process please do not hesitate to contact the school on 68823086.

AUSKICK HAS COMMENCED IN DUBBO

Auskick is for boys and girls aged 12 years and under.
Registration fee is $60 (includes footy bag, football and more).
Played every Saturday at 1pm at South Dubbo Oval (Boundary Road).

Harry Kater and Miss Thorpe at the NSWPSSSA state swimming titles in Homebush at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.
Harry made it all the way to the state titles for the 11 years breaststroke! Well done Harry! Our school is proud of you.
**Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships**

This is a **FREE** forum for parents and carers of children and young people with intellectual disability.

Find out how to support your family member’s personal development and sexuality in a positive way.

**When:** Monday 19th May 2014  
**Time:** 6.00pm - 8.00pm 
**Venue:** Family Planning NSW  
28/155 Macquarie Street Dubbo  
**Contact:** For more information or to register: Danielle Fehir  
Tel: 02 8752 4388  
Fax: 02 8752 4396  
Email: daniellef@fpnsw.org.au

**OPEN DAY AT DELROY FIRE STATION**

Firefighters are encouraging people to visit Delroy Fire Station for the Fire & Rescue NSW annual Open Day on **Saturday, 17th May**.

Delroy Fire Station will be open from **10am to 2pm** and families are encouraged to come along and meet their local firefighters and learn more about fire prevention.

A range of free activities will be on offer, including firefighting demonstrations, station tours and fire safety presentations.

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**Good Start Breakfast Club Volunteers needed**

Are you available one or two mornings a week to volunteer at Dubbo West Public School’s Good Start Breakfast Club?

We are looking for a volunteer Co-ordinator and volunteer team members.

It’s a great way to gain experience, act as a positive role model, and ensure students are starting the School day off right with a nutritious breakfast.

For more information, please contact Samara Geier on (02) 6884 7057, or sgeier@redcross.org.au

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**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.
Happy Mother’s Day to all our lovely Dubbo West mums. Mrs Read caught up with several Primary students who shared their thoughts on what makes their mums so special.

Brooklyn: My mum always thinks of us kids before herself.

Brooke: My mum spends most of her money letting me follow my hockey dreams. She sits out in the cold waiting for me and she never complains.

Kahilia: Mum works really hard at her job to earn money to give us lots of lovely things.

Emi: I love my mum very much. She came to the assembly to see me get my Vice Captain badge. She is very proud of me.

Brett: My mum takes us on amazing holidays and we have a great time together.

Teneal: Mum works hard to make sure we have everything we need. She even takes time off work to come to school assemblies - even in her lunch hour.

Dylan: My mum is very special for lots of reasons. She is raising 4 noisy children and she loves us all very much.

Zac: She takes great care of me, she cooks amazing healthy food and she even cleans my room!

Isabella: Mum takes us on lots of great adventures and she takes extra special care of Pop when he is not well.

Laura: Mum makes sure I get my homework done but she always makes time for fun. We are even going to New Zealand.
PLAYGROUP

When:   Tuesdays 10am to 12noon
Where:  School as Community Centre
        Dubbo West Public School
        cnr East & North Streets
Who:    Children aged 0-5 along with Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents or Carers

Morning Tea will be provided for all children who attend

Playgroup is a place where parents and kids can learn

Contact
Libby Wilson
Community Centre

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