Wednesday 21st May 2014

Message from the Principal

Another busy two weeks have passed with students in Years 3 and 5 sitting NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy. Every student tried their best, what can be, a very daunting experience. Well done to all.

Last week, the hearing bus attended our school on Thursday and Friday. Students identified as having a possible hearing difficulty were screened to determine if there was a problem and whether further follow up was necessary. In all, 98 students were tested and letters with results will be forwarded to parents shortly.

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.

A team of students will compete in the Peachey Shield today and in Rugby Union on Monday. I wish both teams the best of luck and am sure that they will represent our school with pride and enthusiasm.

As a result of concerns expressed by the Australian Dental Association and Department of Health, a decision has been made by me in consultation with the P & C to cancel the dental bus visit which was scheduled for next week. This in no way infringes upon the ‘Grow Up Smiling’ program which is being offered by the government and can be accessed through local dentists. I apologise for any inconvenience which this may cause.

Did you know: If your child is just 15 minutes late for school each day, it means that they miss 1 ¼ hours of learning time each week
2 ¼ hours of learning time each fortnight
12 ½ hours of learning time per term
50 hours of learning time per year
All for just 15 minutes per day.

Please help your child to be at school on time wherever possible.

Callum Dowling has been congratulated on his sportsmanship on and off the field, by the teacher/coach at the Dubbo District Boys Touch in the Western Carnival last Friday.

Callum made the possibles and probables, but unfortunately missed out on Western selection. Callum is a credit to our school.

All the best Callum.

Regards

Eileen Day
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd May
P2 - Yr 2 Excursion to Dubbo Show

Monday 26th May
P1/Infants Performance
Rugby Union Divisional Day

Wednesday 28th May
DDPSSA Cross Country

Wednesday 4th June
ICAS - Science (Primary)

Thursday 5th June
Primary Assembly - 3GT
12:50pm

Friday 6th June
P-2 Assembly - 10:40am
Primary Hall - KB

Wednesday 11th June
WSSA Cross Country

Monday 16th June
ICAS - Writing (Primary)

Tuesday 17th June
ICAS - Spelling (Primary)

Thursday 19th June
Primary Assembly - 5/6H
12:50pm

Friday 20th June
PSSA ends

Tuesday 24th June
NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge

Friday 27th June
P-2 Assembly - 10:40am
Primary Hall - 2M
AND

LAST DAY OF TERM 2
A MESSAGE FROM MRS MCKINNON

Assembly – It was so lovely to see lots of family members attending the Infants Assembly last Friday at the Primary Hall. Thank you to 1C for their item, even if they were a little stagestruck! Thank you also to Lauren and Gillinga-Belle for leading the assembly on behalf of the S.R.C. Other S.R.C members have been busy this week selling raffle tickets to raise money for the Royal Far West and organising activities in the playground for the other students. Well done everyone. We hope your badges arrive soon so you can proudly wear them. Thank you also to Ms Parsons who does a lot of work behind the scenes coordinating the Infants S.R.C.

Dubbo Show Excursion – We are all looking forward to this excursion on Friday. Buses will be departing school at 9:30am sharp, as they have other commitments closely following with school sport. Please make sure that your children arrive at school on time or you will have to be responsible for their transport to the showground, and to then find their class inside the showground. All students are to bring a packed recess, lunch and drink and wear school uniform, a hat and sensible walking shoes. The Infants canteen will not be open at all for any food orders.

Gigalees Crazy Circus Show – This entertaining show will take place next Monday 26th May at 2pm. If you have not already paid for your child to attend, it is highly recommended.

Attendance – There are a number of students at the school whose attendance is of concern. Your child’s learning will be severely affected and disrupted by poor attendance. Unless your child is sick, or you have a valid reason to take them elsewhere, they are by law required to attend school 5 days per week. Also of concern are the number of students who consistently arrive late. These students are missing out on vital learning. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

Interviews – A number of parents have recently been to see me regarding issues involving their children. Thank you for taking the time to come and discuss these issues, so that they can be resolved. It shows that you are genuinely interested in your child’s welfare. I can assure you that if a staff member is aware of a problem, they will always investigate it and take the appropriate action.

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 textbooks
• 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 65 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or studying yourself.

Contact John Edwards, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 6881 8032 / 0493 319 564
or john.edwards@thesmithfamily.com.au

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
PBL Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards.

Week 1 – I am Responsible
Mitchel Jones, Sienna Henry, Hayden Fearne, Jacob Fairbanks, Mikayla Ball, Ashleigh Jones, Tyreece Ewers, Malik-Zane Widders, Holly Adams, Ryhanna Hinwood, Nathan Smith, Dee Bugmy, Blake Toomey, Sathmi Herath, Brandy Stewart.

Week 2 – I am Respectful
Jamayla Gibbs, Blayze Munroe, Tah-Lae Williams, Chelsea Day, Ainslie Riches, Robert Knight, Abbie Wilson, Thomas Bateup, Stewart Gibson, Jackson Higgs, Shanika Bamblett, Liam Readford, Cassie Elliot, Simon Ramirez, June Jones.

Principal Awards
Principal Awards were rewarded to the following students:
I am SAFE
I am RESPONSIBLE
I am RESPECTFUL
I am COOPERATIVE

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

LOWES STORE (DUBBO)

Lowes stock all uniforms (Boys and Girls) at reasonable prices. Polo shirts are now available with the school logo at $13.99 and school green sloppy joe with the school logo at $26.99.