Wednesday 4th June 2014

Message from the Principal

West certainly is proving to be best! Our signing choir led by Ms Thorpe was successful in winning their section of the eisteddfod last Tuesday with their display being simply spectacular. Congratulations and thanks go to Miss Thorpe and Mrs Pilcher for training them. Our choir also competed but were unsuccessful. Thank you to Mr Tarry for your hard work in preparing the choir. The dance troupe will compete next Tuesday. Good luck to all involved.

Angel Brown was the star of the District Cross Country which was held last week. Angel came second in her race and will compete at Western Region on Wednesday in Wellington. I would like to wish Angel all the best. I am sure that she will do both Dubbo West and herself proud. Well done, Angel!

A debating workshop was held at the school for almost eighty teachers and students from around the district. The day was very successful with positive comments from all involved. Thank you to Miss Thorpe for organising.

Finally, congratulations go to our debating team who, on Friday, debated the topic “That Australia Needs a New Flag”. Speaking as the affirmative against Orana Heights Public School, the team presented well thought out arguments and convinced the adjudicators. Our thanks go to Sue Furnell for assisting the girls. Perhaps we will see a new flag in the future, particularly if these girls have anything to say about it.

Well done to all students who have participated in eisteddfod and sporting events over the past two weeks. In every case, students have represented our school with pride and dedication, proving that West really is Best!

Regards
Eileen Day
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

BEWARE

Syringes have been found in the West Dubbo community. Please speak to your children about the possibility of finding syringes and how to keep themselves safe by not touching the syringe and letting an adult know what they have found.
**Show Excursion** – Some very tired but excited students returned from the Dubbo Show bearing lots of goodies and balloons. Staff reported that everyone had a most enjoyable day with lots of opportunity to engage in observation and discussion. Students were able to write excellent recounts of their visit. Congratulations to all students on their behaviour and a big thank you to the parents who gave up their time to accompany classes and make supervision much easier.

**Attendance** - Now that the cold and flu season is upon us, quite a few students have been absent because of illness. Please make sure that you advise your child’s teacher if your child has been away sick, either by phone, note or by seeing the teacher personally on your child’s return. You are also able to advise the school using the **school app**. School attendance is being closely monitored, especially if you have not given any reason for absences.

**Assembly** – The P-2 assembly will be held this Friday June 6th at 10:40am in the Primary Assembly Hall. Parents are welcome to join us. Kinder Blue will be entertaining us with an item and we are all looking forward to watching them perform.

**Reports** – Teachers are busy putting the finishing touches on school reports, which will be sent home on Monday of Week 9. We hope you take the time to carefully read these reports and praise your child for his/her efforts. You are welcome to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss your child’s progress.

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**Aunty Doris is starting an Aboriginal Parents Group commencing this Friday, 6th June in the Community Centre.**

**For more information please contact Doris here at school on 6882 3086.**

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**Zoo Adventures - Taronga Western Plains Zoo**

**Winter 2014**

Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school, aged from 5 - 12 years which is run by qualified staff.

Children experience the sights and sounds of the zoo; join in with art/craft and other activities with an animal theme.

**Age:** 5 - 12 yrs (must be attending school)

**Time:** 8.30am to 3.30pm

**Cost:**

- **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL** - payment must be made before close of business 20th June 2014.
  - $40.00 per child per day
  - $36.00 - ZooFriends per child per day

- **NORMAL RATE** (after 20th June)
  - $55.00 per child per day
  - $50 ZooFriends per child per day

You must be pre-booked to use this service.

- No refunds on cancellations after 24th June.
- Bookings close 27th June.
- Payment must be made at time of booking.
- ZooFriends must send copy of current membership in child’s name when booking to obtain discount.
- Program/activities subject to change without notification.

For more information please ring 6881 1433 or Fax 6884 4530

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PBL AWARDS

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Hayden Fearne, Talisha Ford,
Nate Smith, Johny Scholes

I AM RESPONSIBLE

I AM SAFE

I AM RESPECTFUL

I AM COOPERATIVE

Kyarna Knight, Jayden Tillman, Abbie Farmilo,
Ty Pittman, Jaylin Walford, Lorina Byers,
Mark Dewar, Ruben Lemon, Joshua Fairbanks,
Sarah Bayliss, Courtney Redford,
Daemon Fohmsbee, Maree Buckley,
Willow Coe-Kennedy, Bree Bush, Te-Arni Murray

Luke Bruckner, Alisha Gow, Cameron Hellowell,
Brandon Lemon, George Thomas,
Roddy Riley-McEwen, Kiara Triplett, Bobbey Jones,
Shante Bower, Holly Adams, Tyran Morris,
John Toohey, Gweneisha Milson, Kaylee Blunt,
Jarrod Ramirez, Emi Webber
Dubbo West Public - a PBL School

Dubbo West Debating Report

Round 1

Last Friday 30th May our school debated Orana Heights. We were the host school and the topic was that “We need a new flag”. As the host school we were the affirmative team so we had to agree with the topic.

Our team put forward a strong case and were lucky to win the debate.

Team members were Bree Bush (first speaker), Brooke Pilcher (second speaker), Sathmi Herath (third speaker), Laura Swinn (fourth speaker), Brooklyn Thomas (Timekeeper) and Lisa Bayliss (chairperson).

We would like to thank Mrs Murphy our adjudicator for giving up her time and giving us some useful tips.

Comments:

Bree - “I had a really good time and even though the debate was hard, we won and I was surprised. I want to do it again. Mrs Murphy was our adjudicator and was so nice. I loved the debate and am excited about the next one.”

Brooke - “We were against Orana Heights and as always it was tough. Our team did a great job and the hard work paid off. My whole team was nervous but once we spoke we were fine. Mrs Murphy gave us some great tips.”

Sathmi - “I have had so much fun debating against Orana Heights. I loved being third speaker. Mrs Murphy said that I did really well for my first debate. I enjoyed the experience and hope to have another again in the future. We won today, and we worked as a team to accomplish an amazing debate”.

Lauren - “I think it was scary doing the debate but I liked it and want to do it again. It was a nice experience for me and I am proud of myself. I am sure that my family is too.”

Lisa - “I was a bit scared but I had a great time as Chairperson. The debate gave me great experience. Both Dubbo West and Orana Heights did a good job.”

Brooklyn - “Today’s debate was great! It was a little scary but I think both teams went really well. Mrs Murphy was a great adjudicator.”

These are our brand new sport flags purchased by the SRC.

They were on show at the school cross country recently.

Well done to 5/6T (and invited guests) who won the signing choir section at the Dubbo Eisteddfod on Thursday! Thanks to Mrs Pilcher for her teaching of the signing, hours of rehearsals and conducting.
teams from Orana Heights, Dubbo Public, Tottenham, Mudgee, Trangie, Wellington and Nyngan attended the full day workshop, picking up excellent tips from the debating unit teachers from Sydney.

On Tuesday last week 5/6T hosted the Arts Unit Western Region Debating day. School

Congratulations to the Dubbo West Public School Rugby Union team who competed at a gala day last Monday. The team surprised everyone making it all the way through to the grand final, going down by only two points to an experienced Narromine Public School team.

Congratulations to Chloe Stewart (5/6T) who has been selected to represent Western SSA in the girls touch football side. Chloe will be competing at the NSWPSSA state carnival in Wagga next term.

Congratulations to Callum Dowling (5/6R) who has been selected to represent Western SSA in the rugby union and rugby league sides. Callum will be competing at the NSWPSSA state carnivals for rugby union in Kingscliffe this term and in Kiama for rugby union next term.

Congratulations to Brooke Pilcher (5/6T) who has been selected to represent Western SSA in the girls hockey side. Brooke will be competing at the NSWPSSA state carnival in Narellan this term.

Congratulations to Callum Dowling (5/6R) who has been selected to represent Western SSA in the rugby union and rugby league sides. Callum will be competing at the NSWPSSA state carnivals for rugby union in Kingscliffe this term and in Kiama for rugby union next term.

Congratulations to Karen Ramirez who is Chairperson of our P&C for 2014. Leanne Hellowell is Treasurer and Laura Ferguson is Secretary. The Canteen committee - Karen Dicker is Treasurer and Tracy Walford is Secretary.

Many thanks to these parents/caregivers who volunteered for these positions.

As part of our unit on ‘Eating Out’, 4B created these wonderful artworks, rainbow iceblocks on sticks. Mmmm, they look good enough to eat, don’t they?
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

The Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project is taking off but we need more help.

The demands on the committee are mounting and as we are all volunteers, we are now struggling to keep up. We need more man power. We are committed in bringing you the hearing testing part of our program while we are finalising the actual bus, but to do this we need more help. Our next school is Orana Heights Public on 23rd - 24th June.

We need help with things like:-

- Computer work, maintaining our website, searching for big company grants to apply for, applying for grants, maintaining events in the Community Connect, assisting with publicity, coordinating our Dinner Party on 31st August, taking photos at events, man-power at events, liaising with local councils and Lions/Rotary Clubs, presenting our slide show at P&C meetings/Rotary/Lions Meetings.

If you are able to help please contact Rachel Mills 0413687671 and Donna Rees 0419534447.

Charles Sturt University
FREE - PUBLIC LECTURE
The Good Life. What makes a life worth living?
Dr Hugh Mackay
When: Tuesday 24th June 2014
Where: Charles Sturt University Dubbo - Main Lecture Theatre
Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
RSVP to Christine Stewart - chstewart@csu.edu.au

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.