Wednesday 23rd July 2014

**Message from the Principal**

Welcome back to Term 3 at Dubbo West Public School. This term is already becoming jam-packed with a variety of activities and learning experiences identified for students.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Callum Dowling on his representation in the Western Opens Rugby League Team which competed in the NSW Championships. Callum displayed wonderful sporting ability as well as a positive sportman-like attitude throughout the entire carnival. This contributed to the good-will and success of his team. Well done, Callum.

On Wednesday of week one I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying Ms Furnell and a team of students to Dubbo Public School where Sathmi Herath, Lisa Bayliss, Brooke Pilcher and Bree Bush debated the topic of whether primary students should have a facebook account. I was impressed by the team’s well thought out arguments and responses to the opposing team’s points. I was particularly amazed by the degree to which these girls worked together to achieve a smooth flowing argument that provided them with a win. Well done girls and I look forward to seeing our next debate in Wellington. A big thank you to Ms Furnell for her time in preparing the team, and also to the other members of the team who support, encourage and add to the ideas of the team during preparation.

This term, Infants welcome Tsz Lee (Jess) and Yi Kwee (Matt) who are undertaking their Masters of Occupational Therapy through Sydney University. Jess and Matt will work with specific students in infants to develop their skills. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students as early intervention can greatly assist in later development.

Next week is Education Week with lots of activities and opportunities for interaction with the school and your children in the school environment. Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoon/evening for most classes and you are encouraged to make a time to see your child’s teachers to discuss their progress and participate in forming goals for the remainder of the year. Jump Rope for Heart will be held on Tuesday with our Primary Athletics Carnival on Wednesday. The week will culminate with separate infants and Primary assemblies with a BBQ for all students and parents on the Primary Campus.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that the School P&C meeting for Term 3 will be held on Wednesday evening at 5.30 pm in the Community Centre. I encourage all parents and carers to come along and become involved in decisions regarding the school and your children’s education.

Regards
Eileen Day
Principal
Welcome back to a very busy Term 3. Already the calendar is looking congested, and you need to take particular note of when events are occurring so you don’t miss out.

**Education Week** – This is next week, and we have two days of activities planned to which you are invited. We would love to see you if you are able to attend on either or both days.

**Thursday July 31st – 12:05pm-12:25pm** – Open classrooms to observe Maths activities.
  - 12:30pm- 1:30pm – Sports Carnival commences – age races.
  - 1:30pm- 2:00 pm – Recess. Snack food available from canteen.
  - 2:00pm- 3:00pm – Novelty races/ Tabloid activities

**Friday August 1st** – P-2 Assembly at the Primary Hall at 10:40am. We will be entertained by KY, the Primary Signing Choir and the Infants Choir. Infants S.R.C. members will also be receiving their official badges. Following the assembly we will join Primary students and parents for a free B.B.Q lunch. We hope you can attend.

**Wambangalang Excursion** – This very valuable experience is for all Kindergarten students on Wednesday August 6th for the whole day. The lesson based on the ‘Teddy Bears Picnic’ is very educational and worthwhile. We would like all students to attend if possible.

**Jump Rope for Heart** – The Jump Rope for Heart Team will be visiting the Infants Campus on Tuesday July 29th from 12:30pm – 3:15pm. During this time they will do demonstrations and hold workshops with students on different skipping techniques and reinforce how skipping is a valuable fitness exercise.

**Parent Teacher Interviews** – These will be held on Tuesday 29th July from 3:30pm – 6:30pm. We hope you will take the time to come and see your child’s teacher. Students will be taking home notes today with a time preference for you to circle. Please return these notes promptly, especially if you want an interview at a particular time. Miss Turner (1T) and Mrs Mansell (2M) are currently on Long Service Leave and will not be holding their interviews on this date. They will contact parents promptly on their return to make interview arrangements.

**Suitable Clothing** – Some of our students have been coming to school during the very cold weather dressed only in shorts and T shirts. Please check that your child is appropriately dressed for the colder weather. We have a number of unclaimed sloppy joes available for purchase at school for $2.00 each if you wish to purchase some spares.

**Enrolments** – We are now accepting enrolments for 2015 for both Kindergarten and Preschool. Please call at the Office for an enrolment form.

**Book Fair** – The Book Fair will definitely be finishing this Thursday at 4:00pm, so there is still time to visit the Infants Library to purchase a book. Already lots of parents and students have availed themselves of the opportunity and purchased a book, but there are still plenty left at reasonable prices. A big thank you to Mrs Campion for organising this event. Our school will benefit from some of the proceeds of the sales.

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**Your Opportunity Learning Offered (YOLO)**

This is an exciting new upbeat program designed to develop skills and get your kids on track at school. It commences on Friday 25th July for parents/carers of young children and 29th September for High school students. For further information contact Jacqueline at 68842899

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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.
Debating Report

Dubbo West defeated Dubbo Public.

Last Wednesday our school debated Dubbo Public in the second round of our Western Region debating competition. The topic was “that Primary children should have a Facebook page”. We were the negative team and so we had to disagree with the topic.

We had some very convincing arguments and were able to present some strong rebuttals. We were also told by the adjudicator Mrs Thompson, that we knew our topic well.

This was a great experience and we feel that we are becoming more confident in our speaking and research. We were very pleased with our win.

Debating members were: Sathmi Herath, Lisa Bayliss, Brooke Pilcher and Bree Bush. Squad members were Laura Swinn and Brooklyn Thomas.

HOCKEY CLINICS

Students at the Primary participated in hockey clinics at the end of last term.

The clinics were delivered by Kate Pulbrook, Regional Hockey Development Officer.

EDUCATION WEEK

Dubbo West Public School
28th July to 1st August 2014

Tuesday 29th July

Infants - ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ - Demonstration and workshops.

Primary and Infants - Parent Teacher interviews afternoon/night and classroom visit.

Wednesday 30th July - Primary

Athletics Carnival at Bob Dowling Sporting Field (near Officeworks).

Thursday 31st July - Infants

12:05 - 12:25 Open classrooms - Maths activities.
12:30 - 1:30 Age races.
1:30 - 2:00 RECESS - snack food available for parents to purchase from the canteen.
2:00 - 3:00 Novelty races/tabloid activities

Friday 1st August

10:40 - 11:20 P-2 Assembly (Primary Hall)
11:25 - 12:00 Free BBQ lunch at Primary
12:05 - 12:45 Primary Assembly (5/6T signing Choir)

Dubbo Touch Association
Junior Competition 2014

Commences 11th August 2014. Must register online.

Information nights: Monday 30th June and Monday 14th July from 4pm to 6pm at Dubbo Touch Clubhouse.

For more information contact Donna Curtis 0407669580 or donnacurtis67@bigpond.com
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AWARDS
PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Ana Rauca
Jacob Fairbanks

I AM COOPERATIVE

Robert Cubby, Lakita Jackson, Aiden Campion,
Natalie Hunt, Lily-Louise Walker,
Zoe-Maree Parkes-Blanch, Bobbey Jones,
Tamara Derrick, Walter Gray, Cherokee Elwood,
Samuel Reid, Cheenoa Bower, Willow Coe-Kennedy,
Angel Brown, Leah Hellowell, Zac Bligh

I AM SAFE

Sharneka Ramirez, Nil Jadhav, Levi Drew,
Sophie Dicker, Mark Bugmy, Diamond Creenaune,
Bayley Readford, Aiden Campion, Cody Eastwood,
Jordan Higgs, Shakoda Edwards, Brianna Knight,
Axelle Scholz, Whitnee Thomas,
Jarrod Ramirez, Billy Bateup