Wednesday 6th August 2014

**Message from the Principal**

We have had another exciting two weeks at Dubbo West as we joined together to celebrate the wonderful opportunities and achievements in education at Dubbo West Public School. It was wonderful to see so many parents take advantage of the opportunity to speak with teachers at Parent/Teacher night, athletics carnivals and assemblies and to see so many at our BBQ lunch. It really was a wonderful week and I look forward to other events which build the partnership between home and school.

Jump Rope for Heart was another feature of our Education Week celebrations with demonstrations and, what can only be described as interesting takes on what used to be just skipping. It was very interesting to watch children performing the Criss Cross and the Pretzel. Some very interesting shapes there!!

As we move into weather with cold mornings and mild to warm days, many students are removing jumpers, particularly as they play at recess and lunch. Please ensure that your child’s name is written inside the jumper and reapplied often so that it can be returned as soon as possible.

Next week we have a combined scripture presentation on Tuesday 12th August in the hall. Whilst it will be crowded with all of the children together, parents are still most welcome to attend.

Next Wednesday, I am looking forward to taking Sathmi Herath and Brett Ashby to the network finals of the NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge where they will compete against teams from Kelso, Bourke, Tullamore, Cooerwull, Cowra, Spring Hill, Holmwood, Coonamble and Forbes. I have no doubts that Sathmi and Brett will represent Dubbo West admirably.

Finally, a reminder that we are now accepting enrolments for Preschool and Kindergarten for 2015.

Regards
Eileen Day
Principal

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday 6th August**
Kindergarten Teddy Bears’ Picnic

**Friday 15th August**
Dubbo District PSSA athletics

**Monday 18th August to Thursday 21st August**
Stage 3 Tea Gardens

**Friday 22nd August**
Infants P-2 Assembly
10:40 Primary hall 1T item

**Tuesday 26th August**
Westfund Kinder Vision Screening

**Wednesday 27th August**
Kinder - Yr 6 Circus Show at Primary

**Friday 29th August**
WSSA athletics
Primary Assembly
12:50pm - 5/6H item

**Tuesday 9th September**
T20 Cricket

**Friday 12th September**
P-2 Assembly 10:40am
Primary Hall - P2 item

**Thursday 18th September**
NAIDOC: P-6 community day/assembly

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**There is a P&C Meeting, Monday 11th August at 5:00pm in the Community Centre.**

**ALL WELCOME**
**A MESSAGE FROM MRS MCKINNON**

**Education Week** – It was so lovely to see the large numbers of family members attending all the different activities during Education Week. The students love to see you taking an interest in their school and are always very proud of their efforts. I noticed a lot of proud parents as well, and justifiably so!

**Kindergarten Excursion** – By now lots of families will have their Kindergarten students home exhausted after a very full and exciting day at Wambangalang for their Teddy Bears Picnic. Please take the time to talk to your child about the excursion, as they were involved in many activities with an environmental theme.

**School Uniform** – I have noticed a lot of our students recently wearing sloppy joes and jackets which are not part of the school uniform. We have lots of lost property at school which we are unable to return to owners because they are not labelled. Unclaimed sloppy joes which have been washed are available for sale at school for $2.00 each if you would like to stock up with a few spares.

**2015 Enrolments** – We are eager to take enrolments for next year in both Kindergarten and Preschool. If you know of anyone living in our area who has a child who is eligible for enrolment in either class, please encourage them to contact the school for an enrolment form. We are currently organising Transition and Orientation Programs, and do not want children missing out on these valuable experiences.

**Communication** – The staff at Dubbo West value your input as parents and are always willing to discuss any issue regarding your child’s education and social interaction with other students. Like you, we want the best for all students. Please feel free to come and discuss any issues, and together we can work out a solution.

**PREVENTION AND AWARENESS**

Is it time to have your child’s ears and eyes tested again?

**Ears** - Best practice for children age 4 - 8.5 years having hearing, speech, learning and behaviour problems is hearing testing every four months. Children 8.5 - 18 years should have 1 test per year. Did you know **permanent hearing loss** can occur at ANY age after sicknesses with constant high temperatures.

In Dubbo please phone Community Health for a free test (up to five month wait) 68858999 or Hearing Life ($40) 68820807. Always share your results with your child’s class teacher or the Hearing Support Team 68846714.

**Eyes** - yearly eye tests, free through Medicare, at any Optometrist in Dubbo.

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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.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Many thanks to the parents that helped out in the canteens at the Infants and Primary sports carnivals. Both days were very successful for the canteens and the students were all well behaved.

Please remember to get orders in on time before school and purchase fruit for fruit break.

This helps us to get lunch orders out on time if we are not constantly interrupted.

Jenny Ford
Canteen Manager
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HAVE A GO AT HOCKEY

When: Wednesday 20th and 27th August
Time: 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Where: Aboriginal Seventh Day Adventist Church, cnr Wattle & North Streets
Cost:: FREE
Contact: Kate - kate.p@hockeynsw.com.au

MACQUARIE REGIONAL LIBRARY

WHAT’S ON

♦ Book Week is on 16 - 22 August. The Library is hosting a colouring competition for students in Kinder to Year 2 and a “my favourite book” drawing competition for Years 3 to 6. Pick up your entries in the Library and have them back before 14th August, to be in the running to win.

♦ Get a sneak peak at songs from the musical production “Still Awake Still”, appearing at the Dubbo Regional Theatre - the cast will be visiting the Library on Thursday 4th September at 4pm.
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Jump Rope for Heart
PBL
AWARDS

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Diamond Creenaune
Logan Davidson

I AM SAFE

Robert Cubby, Claire Gorton,
Marcas Rogers, Natalie Hunt,
Wondarra Hill, Lorina Byers,
Abbie Wilson, Lauren Blunt,
Mark Lawson, Javen Gibbs,
Mikea Glen-Weldon, Cheenoa Bower,
Anorah Cole, Jacinta Shillingsworth,
Chloe Triplett, Zac Bligh,
June Jones