Message from the Principal

We are currently in Week 6 of a 10 week term and I am constantly surprised at how quickly the term is going and how many fantastic and varied opportunities are available to our students at Dubbo West. Last week, I had the immense pleasure of taking Sathmi Herath and Brett Ashby to the principal Network finals of the NAIDOC public speaking. There were some amazing speakers on the day and, whilst they didn't win, Sathmi and Brett presented a speech which was informative and interesting. I was extremely proud of them. Congratulations to you both!

Pictures are included in this newsletter of Sathmi and Brett with Luke Carroll who was a special guest on the day.

Friday saw another eventful day as a large contingent of Dubbo West students competed in the District Athletics Carnival. Everyone tried their very best and represented Dubbo West with pride. Two Year 2 students deserve a particular mention. Gillinga-Belle Willis and Tyreece Ewers did an amazing job, making it to the finals in their first ever District Carnival. Awesome job!

Stand out athletes on the day were Angel Brown, Courtney Gordon and Tyrell Ryan who all made it through to Western Region and will represent us on the 29th August. We wish them good luck in each of their events.

Charles Sturt University are visiting the school today and will be presenting exciting workshops for all of our students.

Next Monday our debating team will be going to Wellington. Until now they are undefeated and we wish them all the best.

Our stage 3 students braved the cold morning on Monday to catch the bus to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens. Information so far is that all students are having a great time and are fully involved in all activities. What a great opportunity.

Finally, Dubbo West is currently beginning a new planning program. Focus groups of parents which are fully representative of our school community will be set up to assist in the development of the school plan which will guide the school over the next three years. We are, however, looking for an AECG representative. If you are a member of the AECG and would like to be a part of this process, please contact Meg Parsons or myself at the school as soon as possible.

Regards
Eileen Day
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Wednesday 10th September
P&C Meeting 5.30pm
Community Centre

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

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

There is a P&C Meeting, Wednesday 10th September at 5:30pm in the Community Centre.
ALL WELCOME
Term 3 is fast disappearing with lots of activities on which to focus, and busy times ahead!

**Assembly** – On Friday this week there will be a P-2 assembly in the Primary Hall at 10:40am. 1T will be providing the entertainment for us, and I hear that there are some fairly slick movers amongst the students, who have been practising enthusiastically! Parents are invited to attend the assembly. Our students love to see you there. Thanks to Mrs Ellis who did the initial work with 1T in Miss Turner’s absence in preparation for their item.

**Hearing Retests** – The Hearing Team will again be visiting the school next week on Monday to retest some of our students who need follow-up from the previous visit, and to test some Preschool students who missed out last time. They are providing a wonderful service for our students, as hearing is vital to learning.

**Transition to Kindergarten** – Our Preschool Students will be starting their visits to Kindergarten classes next week on Tuesdays (P1) and Thursdays (P2) in the afternoons for a story and activities. This is part of the transition process to make the surroundings and staff familiar before the commencement of Kindergarten next year. More formal Orientation Days will be held next term for those students who have enrolled in Kindergarten for 2015.

**Readalong** – As part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week we will be holding a Readalong for families of Infants and Preschool students on Tuesday 9th September at 10:45 am. Parents/ Grandparents/ family members are invited to come and hear their children read to them and then stay for a barbeque lunch, which will be available for purchase at a reasonable cost. A separate note will be sent home with arrangements for the day.

**Vision Screening** – Westfund will be visiting the school on Tuesday 26th August to screen all Kindergarten students free of charge.

**FAMILY PORTRAITS**

**LAURA JEAN PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Dubbo West Public School**

**WHEN:** 15th November 2014

**COST:** $15.00

Laura Jean will donate an additional $2.00 per family for all Facebook ‘likes’ that come from our school families between today and 15th November. These ‘likes’ do not have to participate in the actual photo day.

‘Dubbo West Public School’ must be noted with each family ‘like’ to claim a bonus.

To book please see Leah at Infants Canteen to secure a time.
PBL AWARDS

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Nancy-Rose Yeo
Simon Ramirez

I AM RESPECTFUL

Lane Bailey, Martin Winkle,
Tobi O’Farrell, Benji Beardmore,
Mikayla Ball, Gillinga-belle Willis,
Jamelia Brown, Kaley Bligh,
Courtney Gordon, Cherokee Elwood,
Gweneisha Milson, Lucas Ryan,
Shanika Bamblett, Johny Scholes,
Jarrod Ramirez, John Toohey,
Oscar Riley-McEwen,
NAIDOC PUBLIC SPEAKING

Left: Sathmi Herath and Brett Ashby with Special Guest Luke Carroll.

Right: Students from other schools that were in the finals.

Kinder - Teddy Bear's Picnic
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I am SAFE
I am RESPONSIBLE
I am RESPECTFUL
I am COOPERATIVE

TISSUES

Because of the constant student demand on tissues being used in the classroom, we are asking for your assistance in helping us with the supply of same. If you could possibly provide a box of tissues for classroom use the school would be most appreciative.

Tissues can be sent either to your child’s class or to the school office.

FATHER’S DAY
FAMILY NIGHT AT BUNNINGS

When: Thursday 4th September
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Cost: FREE

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team or visit www.bunnings.com.au

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
INFORMATION FOR YEARS 6, 7, 8, 9

The children of the Catholic Faith tradition will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Brigid’s Parish and St Laurences Church, Dubbo.

A welcome to Sacrament evening for Parents will be held on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.00pm in St Brigid’s Church, Brisbane Street Dubbo.

It will be necessary for Parents to attend this evening, as information and dates will be given in regards to your child’s preparation for the reception of the Sacrament.

Contact person for further information is Genevieve Menzies, Sacramental Coordinator for St Brigid’s Parish - 6882 4233.

ART AUCTION
DINNER PARTY

WHEN: Saturday 30th August
TIME: 7.00 pm
WHERE: Western Star, Dubbo
COST: $40.00 per person
- 2 Course meal
- Dress Code - Smart Casual

Tickets can be purchased at Hot Poppyz Florist, Brisbane Street or online at www.trybooking.com/93031

Tickets close 12pm Monday 25th August
For more information ring Gini Redenbach 6884782

CRICKET

Want to play cricket? Come along to the Newtown Cricket Club Registration Day on Saturday 6th September 2014 between 12 pm and 2pm at the South Dubbo Oval (near Bob Stroud nets) or email newtownjuniortigers@hotmail.com to register your interest