Wednesday 18th March 2015

Message from the Principal

Congratulations Harry! Harry Kater competed at Western District Swimming last Friday and was successful in making it to State where he will compete next week. We wish Harry all the best as he represents us and we are sure that he will do the very best that he can. Our cheers are with you, Harry! We also congratulate Anorah, who competed in the hardest stroke of all, butterfly, and whilst not making it to State this year, she has been training very hard and will be ready to compete next year. Keep practicing for next year. We are all very proud of both of our swimmers.

A reminder that the P&C will be holding an Infants and a Primary Easter raffle this year. Please keep those donations of an Easter item coming in to the offices. Funds raised by the P&C go towards additional resources to support our children so encourage everyone to support this fundraising event.

The Infants Crazy Canteen Thursday will be held again this Thursday with students able to select from gastronomical delights such as blue haven milkshakes, blue mineral water, trifle, jelly sundae, blue haven sundae, blue haven jelly, bubblegum jelly, cupcakes and cookie monster cookies. Last fortnight we had Peter Pan and Tinkerbell come to visit – I wonder who will visit this week. Don’t miss out, join in the fun.

The P&C has put out a call for help. They will be running the football canteen on 30th March between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. Anyone who can spare an hour to assist would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help, please contact the office and give them your name and contact details so that the P&C can contact you.

The school photographers are on their way to Dubbo West and will be taking photos in Infants on Friday 20th of Infants students, Preschool Families, 5/6T, Captains, SRC and Year 6 Graduation. The Primary photos will be taken on Thursday 26th March. Don’t forget to get your orders in to secure this precious memento of your child’s school years.

It has recently come to my attention that a number of students are now wearing Roller Shoes (joggers which contain wheels which are built into the sole of the shoe). Please note that these are not appropriate footwear for school and in fact, there have already been a number of accidents occur as a result of children wearing these shoes. Parents of any student wearing these shoes in future will be contacted and asked to bring suitable shoes to the school.

Finally, a reminder about the vocabulary extension program currently being put together by Infant’s teachers. Parents/Care givers are asked to assist by collecting pictures from magazines in the categories which are located elsewhere in this newsletter. Your help in getting this started is really appreciated.

Have a great week and remember that today is the first day of the rest of your life.

Kind regards
Eileen Day
Principal
Here we are nearly at the end of our first term and hasn’t it gone by quickly. The Canteens are very busy and Primary especially could do with some help.

If you have any spare time at all from 8:45am to 2pm Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, please come along and help out. Even if it is only for a half hour, it all helps.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped out over the last few weeks.

This Thursday 19th March the Infants canteen is having another crazy day. The theme for the day is ‘blue’ so look out for lots of blue food.

We will have blue trifle, blue jelly, blue shakes blue cupcakes and lots of other blue items. Please note that this is NOT a red food day and there will be no lollies sold.

I hope all Infants get involved and enjoy their ‘blue’ food day.

Jenny Ford
Canteen Manager
We had a fantastic PBL prize draw!

We inducted our 2015 Student Representative Council.

Mrs McLeod and 2 Lime took delivery of some supplies ready to start off a fun project for the whole school. Can you guess what?

WHAT'S HAPPENING

IN STAGE 1?

2 Sapphire have created a swarm of great bug art.

Year 1 showing their awesome dance moves.

Year 1 performed the cutest rendition of Agado ever seen.
Primary Assemblies

Change of Time

In Term 2 we will be trialling afternoon Primary Assemblies. Assemblies will still be held on a Thursday. They will commence at 2.20 and conclude by 3.10

Week 8 Primary Assembly

There will be an item by 5/6R and 5/6B.

Week 10

Whole school assembly – Thursday 2nd April.

Primary Hall.

Starting at 10.00 am.

Award winners from Week 6.

The categories are

- **Shoes** – men’s, ladies and children’s. All kinds including boots, high heels work boots etc.
- **Occupations or jobs that people do** – nurse, office worker, police, hospital worker
- **Musical instrument** – piano, guitar, violin
- **Fruit** – any
- **Sports** – soccer, footballs, people playing games
- **Insects** – beetles, spiders,
- **Kitchen things** – mix master, ovens, dishwashers,
- **Things we use** – washing machine, lounges, mops, broom,
- **Toys** – hula hoop, puzzles
- **Farm animals** – sheep, cows, pigs
- **Animals** – dogs, cats, birds, lizards
- **Food** – fresh, or frozen of ANYTHING that you would eat
- **Vegetables** – fresh or frozen
- **Transport** – cars, planes, trucks, bikes, scooters,
- **Accessories** – jewellery, earrings, rings, watches
- **Birds** – budgies, cockatoos, galahs
- **Houses** – all shapes and sizes, brick, fibro, timber, tents

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

I am trying to put together a package for teachers but I NEED YOUR HELP please!

Can I please ask you to collect colour pictures from any of the headings below? Just cut them out/tear them out and put them into a bag. I would like these back by the end of the term please.

If you come to the office (primary or infants) and collect a zip lock bag, it will have the list in it ready for you to start to collect pictures. Please just try to make them as colourful as possible and clear.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Michelle Hampson

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**Words Words Words**

The 2015 SRC class representatives reciting their pledge with Mrs Day.

Shaneika proudly displaying her SRC badge.
Dubbo West is a PBL school. PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning.

All students are expected to be:

respectful, responsible, cooperative and safe in all settings.

Each week students participate in PBL lessons to help them understand more about being respectful, responsible, cooperative and safe.

Last week’s lessons were about being respectful to all staff and students.

Respectful students:

- look at people when they are talking to them
- answer using words such as excuse me and beg your pardon
- use positive and appropriate language
- obey reasonable requests
- listen to people when they are speaking

Abby and Talisha. In a surprise extra draw Shakoda won a ticket to the circus.

This week we are looking at being respectful, responsible, cooperative and safe in assemblies.

We will talk about:

- being on time for assemblies
- responding appropriately to students receiving rewards
- standing to sing the school song and Advance Australia Fair
- sitting still and quiet during speeches and presentations
- sitting properly on chairs with our feet still.

We would appreciate families discussing these expectations at home.

Students receive SNAP cards when they are meeting these expectations in class and in the playground. SNAP cards are placed in a tub in each classroom and brought to our assemblies. All SNAP cards are tipped into a tub and names are drawn out for prize draws. If students fill the large tub by the end of term they will receive a bonus activity. Students who have been in planning room will miss out on the bonus. The bonus activity will be decided by students from a list developed by all students.

PBL draw winners

The winners from Week 6 assemblies were: Tyreece, Tiara, Abby and Talisha. In a surprise extra draw Shakoda won a ticket to the circus.

Mrs Harris presenting awards in week 4 - Logan & Sathmi
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2015 has started. The challenge involves students reading a given number of books from the PRC reading list.

Student logon is their (DEC) school username and password. All books need to be entered by 21 August.

Students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate at the end of the year. If students complete the challenge for a few years they can receive silver and gold certificates and medals.

Primary students have been shown how to enter their books. They may use the laptops in the library to complete their records.

K – 2 students may share a book with an adult to complete the challenge. Older students are required to read their books. Our libraries have over 500 of the selected titles.

This is not a competition it is an individual challenge. More information can be found on the PRC website - https://online.det.nsw.edu.au

We have received some book club pamphlets for the current issue. Due to changes in the organisation not all students received pamphlets. If your child wishes to order from the latest pamphlet please return orders and money by Thursday 19th March. The short turnaround is required to have books back before the end of term. Books can be ordered and paid for online. Details are in the latest pamphlet or on the Scholastic website.


There will be a book fair at the Infants campus in July and at the Primary campus in October. Details will be made available closer to these dates.

Sue Buttrey
Teacher Librarian