Message from the Principal

Over the past week we have been honoured to host a Regional Debating workshop where our students shone, both as participants and hosts. Students developed their debating skills and learned how to structure good arguments. They then had the opportunity to practice these skills in real debates. Well done to all of the students from Dubbo West who participated. Other schools were also impressed with one teacher emailing me to say that, “I just wanted to thank you for hosting a fabulous day yesterday at your school. The organisation was exceptional and we had a terrific day. Please pass on a message to the children from your school that were on meet and greet at the gate in the morning-I would like to acknowledge how beautifully well they greeted the visitors to your school with their happy smiles and fantastic manners. Please let them know they represented Dubbo West beautifully and should be very proud”.

Dubbo West students also had the opportunity to use this learning and followed up with the first round of Premier’s Debating taking place at Dubbo West against Gilgandra. Logan, Sathmi, Harry and John presented a fantastic case that ‘Primary Schools should offer martial arts classes’. Their arguments were strong and their case presented well. The team won! Well done. I would also like to congratulate the audience for this debate who showed great respect, interest and support for their peers. Thank you also to Mrs Sue Furnell who gave up a lot of her own time to coach our students and organise these two very successful events.

Another successful event held within the school over the past week has been the P&C’s Mother’s Day Stall. This event was a huge success thanks to the tireless efforts of Leah Bayliss and Leanne Hellowell. Thank you to both ladies and I’m sure that your Mother’s Day was made a little brighter by these beautiful gifts. Leah has advised that there has been a product warning issued on the wax burners. The company has advised that prolonged use may mark benchtops. This can be overcome by ensuring that a coaster or trivet is placed underneath the item when alight. Should you wish to exchange this gift, please return to Leah who will organise a replacement.

Parents of Infant’s children are reminded to wait under the COLA to pick up their children. This allows teachers the time and space to pack up classrooms at the end of the day without distraction and encourages early leadership and independence skills from our children.

Volunteers are also being sought for both the Infant’s and Primary canteens. If you are able to give a little of your time to assist in the preparation of lunches or serving students, please contact Leah through the school. You will need to obtain a volunteer working with children check (free of charge) and complete a prohibited employment declaration through the school office. For this you will need 100 points of identification.

Infant’s children will participate in their show excursion on Friday. 2 Lime have certainly gone out of their way to convince me that this excursion should go ahead, with each of them writing a persuasive text to convince me. I can see future debaters in the making in this class. Well done 2 Lime!

Persuasive Texts were also the order of the day for our Year 3 and 5 students on Tuesday as they undertook the NAPLAN writing and language conventions tests. Students will participate in reading on Wednesday, Numeracy on Thursday and catch up on Friday. Parents and students should be aware that these tests only present a snapshot on the day and should be used in conjunction with other information provided by your school teacher.

Remember ‘To be successful, the first thing to do is to fall in love with your work’.

Enjoy your week

Eileen Day
Principal
May is family reading month.
Spend some time sharing books with your child/children.
Modelling reading helps students of all ages.

**Book Club**

We only received some book club forms. These have been given to the students who wanted them. Forms and money are due back at school on Thursday 14th, this week. There will be another book club order going in towards the end of term. You can pay online. If you do this please record the receipt number in the box provided. Explain to children that we send the orders away and it takes about a week for the books to be sent back. Our school receives reward points for all books purchased. Thank you for supporting our Library.

**PRC**

Congratulations to Olivia. She is the first person to have her PRC (Premier’s Reading Challenge) record validated. Students need to add books they have read to their reading log. If they bring in a written list we are happy to help them complete their record online.

**Happy reading.**

**Overdue books**

As we move closer to the launch of our new Library system we need to clean up our database. If you have any library books lurking around at home please send them back to school with your child.

Thank you.

Sue Buttrey
Teacher Librarian

**Assemblies**

There will be a Primary Assembly this Thursday (14th) commencing at 2.20.

Week 6 assembly (28th May) has been cancelled due to students being out of the school at various events.

Alley Tyson & Tyreece received awards.
Our PBL focus for week 2 was:

“respect for self, others and the environment”.

In our lessons we looked at aspects such as:

* being the best that we can at all times,
* being a great person who speaks nicely and cares for others,
* looking fantastic in our school uniform,
* being on time for school, lessons and assemblies,
* letting others learn,
* making the most of learning opportunities, and
* keeping our school neat and tidy.

This week we will look at being respectful, safe, cooperative and responsible at the canteen. Please talk to your students about taking turns and speaking respectfully to canteen staff.

Letting others in is just the same as pushing in.
District Debating Workshop Report

Last Thursday 7th May our school hosted a very successful District Debating workshop presented by a senior adjudicator and coach from the Sydney based Arts Unit Mr Tony Davey.

The workshop was one of two days being run in the Western area, the other being held in Bathurst. This workshop was designed to enhance and support classroom curriculum activities and had been planned for students to supplement work being done in debating. Mr Davey said, “There’s been an explosion of debating interest in the area, which is wonderful to see.”

The workshop covered arguments, rebuttals, definitions, and speakers’ roles as well as a few games and activities. There was also a chance for everyone to give a short debating speech and receive some feedback.

There were fourteen students from our school and over one hundred students from across the district schools which included students from Tottenham, Mudgee, Forbes, Parkes, Coonamble, Wellington, Manildra, Mumbil, Gilgandra, Trangie and other Dubbo schools.

The teachers and students all agreed that it was a very worthwhile, practical day and everyone learned a lot about debating and presenting rebuttals.

Premier’s Debating Competition

Last Monday 11th May we were successful in winning our first debate in the competition against Gilgandra Public School. The Premier’s Debating Competition is a different debating competition for our school as we only have one hour prior to the debate to prepare and cannot use any resources such as internet or books to assist. Our topic was that, “Schools should teach self-defence classes” and we were the affirmative so we agreed with the topic.

The team members were: Logan Davidson, Sathmi Herath, Harry Kater and John Toohey. They did a marvellous job of presenting their arguments and supporting their case by attacking the negative team with the rebuttals. The adjudicator was Mrs Hedger who gave a very detailed and informative summation of the debate. We also had Sasha Morrison-Zhou as chairperson and Sarah Hall as Chairperson.

We look forward to our next debate against Dubbo North Public School.

MOTHERS DAY FUNDRAISING

Thankyou to all families who supported the P&C Mothers Day Fundraising effort.

Funds raised totalled $394.70 – an outstanding effort by Leah Bayliss and Leanne Hellowell who worked very hard making sure all orders were filled in time for students to take home.

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POSITION VACANT

Canteen Supervisor – Primary

This casual position is for 15 hours per week. (5 hours each day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during term time) The Supervisor will be responsible for menus, ordering and running of both Infants and Primary canteens. Food handling and cash handling experience, and the ability to get along with students are a must, as is awareness of Workplace, Health and Safety requirements. As this is a child related position, the successful person will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance as a condition of employment.

To apply, please submit your CV and covering letter along with the names and phone numbers of 2 referees to the Primary Office before 3.30pm Friday 22nd May 2015.
**Tuesday**

**Community Playgroup**

Community Playgroup will run every Tuesday from 10am until 12pm. This program is for children 0-5yrs & their parents/carers.

**Wednesday**

**Zumba**

Zumba will run every Wednesday from 10.30am until 11.30am. This program is for children 0-5yrs and their parents/carers, all you need is a drink bottle and a gold coin donation. Come and learn some new moves and get active. Join Zumba with Tracy.

**Thursday**

**Early Childhood Music**

Music and Movement will run from 10am till 12.00 every Thursday. This program is for children 0-5years and their parents/carers. Come along and shake rattle and roll with instruments dancing and loads of music.

**Monthly**

**Immunisation Clinic**

The Immunisation Clinic will run on the first Tuesday of every month. These clinics are for families with children 0-4yrs and include child health and development checks, immunisations and parental support.
I am SAFE

I am RESPONSIBLE

I am RESPECTFUL

I am COOPERATIVE

CANTEEN

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Free Morning Tea

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* Oral Health
* Baby & Women’s Health
* Diet and Nutrition

Contact Margaret-Ann on 6885 2353 for further information.

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