Wednesday 27th May 2015

Message from the Principal

I see the development of our students into leaders as an integral part of school life and to this end, eighteen of our students attended a Student Leadership Course at the Dubbo RSL last Friday. This venture was jointly funded by West Dubbo Rotary and Dubbo West Public School. Our elected student leaders and Primary SRC joined Mrs Furnell and I’m told, had a wonderful time as they learnt about goal setting and developed a plan for what they would like to achieve over the remainder of the year.

Student debaters also accompanied Miss Baker and Mrs Furnell to Wellington on Wednesday to participate in the Western Region Debating Challenge. Our team presented strong arguments and rebutted well, only narrowly losing to the home team. Well done!

Our first attendance reward lunches were also held last week with Primary and Infants students with 100% attendance being rewarded with a free lunch with their favourite teacher. Good food and good company were enjoyed by all. Congratulations to those students who come to school every day.

The P & C will be holding a BBQ fundraiser at Aldi this weekend. If you are able to spare a little of your time to support your school, please contact the school and we will let Leah know. Many hands make light work and I’m sure we will all have a lot of fun. See you there!

On Friday, Questacon will come to visit. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to participate in the fun activities which will be a large part of this travelling Science show. P-2 will have their opportunity at 10.30 with the Primary show at 9.30. Parents/Carers are most welcome to attend.

Eisteddfod also commences this week with choir and signing choirs performing on Thursday. We wish our students every success and I’m sure that they will represent our school with pride.

Next Thursday students in Primary will also be able to participate in a Speak Ezy Workshop based around Public Speaking. With the Year 6 competition well under way, I’m sure that students will pick up a lot of good ideas which will help them as they progress to the next level.

Finally, as you are no doubt aware, there has been some damage done to our infants and primary buildings and to Delroy buildings. This is our school and vandalism takes resources from our children. If you see someone in the school who should not be here, please contact the police to ensure that no more damage is done.

Remember ‘Success is knowing that if today were your last day on earth you could leave without regret’.

Enjoy your week

Eileen Day
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 28th May
Speak Ezy - Yrs 3 - Yr 6
9:30am
Eisteddfod: Choir and Singing Choir

Friday 29th May
Questacon Yrs 3 - 6
9:30am
P2 - Yr2 - 10:30 am

Wednesday 3rd June
DDPSSA Cross Country
ICAS: Science

Friday 5th June
P2 - Yr 2 Assembly 10:40am Primary Hall

Monday 8th June
Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June
Eisteddfod: Dance
Primary - Rugby clinics

Wednesday 10th June
Eisteddfod: Band
WSSA Cross Country

Thursday 11th June
Primary Assembly 2:20pm

Monday 15th June
Primary - Rugby Union Clinics

Tuesday 16th June
NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge
ICAS: Spelling
ICAS: Writing

Thursday 18th June
Yrs 3 and 4 Wellington Caves

Friday 19th June
P2 - Yr2 Assembly 10:40am Primary Hall
**Soccer**

I would like to thank all of the boys’ soccer team for doing your best in the senior boys soccer game against Orana Heights Public School. It was a close game with Orana beating us only 2-0, the team work was absolutely fantastic and the defenders and keeper were as good as we ever wanted to be.

At half time we were down 1-0 if it were not for Tyrell’s awesome goalkeeping and the teams great defence they would have smashed us out of the park. In the second half we had a new keeper, Zac who also did an extremely good job only letting one shot through.

The mid fielders also played well helping with the defence and doing some great passes down the field. The attackers had a few shots at goal but were unable to put them into the back of the net.

All in all the team definitely tried their hardest and had a great time.

By Logan, Harry and Jaiden

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**GRIP Student Leadership Conference**

Last Friday 22nd May, eighteen of our Student Leaders from Years 3-6 participated in a practical and interactive training conference for student leaders. Our students helped to make up a group of over 200 students from the Dubbo district. The auditorium in the Dubbo RSL Club became a hive of activity and participation with lots of fun games and leadership activities.

There were three sessions during the day, titled:

- **Stand up** - Making the Most of Leadership Opportunities
- **Pay it forward** - Looking for opportunities to lead
- **Developing your leadership plan**

All the sessions included a main presentation, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games and entertainment. We learned that a good leader is not just a person who wears a badge but someone who is proactive every day and stands up for others, for what is right, for yourself and whenever there is an opportunity to serve.

We also learned about how student leaders often have great ideas that could benefit their school, but the ideas are not implemented and achieved because a plan was never written, discussed and acted upon. The last session gave students the opportunity to write down some of their own thoughts, to be later discussed at school.

This Student Leadership Conference was a first for our school but hopefully not the last. Everyone had a fantastic day and went away feeling better equipped to be a school leader.
Debating: The Western Challenge

Last Thursday, Mrs Furnell and I took the Western Challenge Debating Team to Wellington. We debated the topic: All children should play weekend sport. We had to disagree with this topic. We presented well rounded arguments and rebuttals, but unfortunately the Wellington Team were victorious on this occasion. I would like to congratulate all the team, Thomas Nguyen, Lisa Bayliss, Lexi Pilcher and Laura Swinn. The team were supported throughout the preparation of the debate by Amelia Sanders, Anthonela RoJas Del Portal, Rhianna Bligh and Jada Coe-Kennedy. We look forward to our next debate and are already working hard on the topic.

Melissa Baker
Classroom Teacher

CANTEEN

A reminder to Parents/Carers that the Primary and Infants canteens do not provide credit.
All orders must be paid for at time of purchase.

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.

QUESTACON SCIENCE SHOW

Don’t forget Questacon this Friday, 29th May 2015. Payment and note must be in by this Thursday.
NO money/notes will be accepted on Friday.

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS - UPDATE

Once again thank you to all those parents/carers and children who have contributed to this program.
We still need more pictures for some categories so in each newsletter we will have a focus category.
This week our focus is on TRANSPORT!
Please send in pictures of any type of transport e.g. cars, planes, trucks, bikes, scooters.

THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY FOR INFANTS OR PRIMARY THIS WEEK.
**ORANA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY INC**

31st Annual

**BIRD SHOW**

**When:** Sunday 31st May 2015

**Where:** Ray Clarke Pavilion
Dubbo Showground

**Time:** 9am to 2:30pm

**Cost:** Gold coin donation
Raffles, Sales, Food & Refreshments

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**AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE**

**NSW Boys Group**

**CITY OF DUBBO BOYS SQUADRON**

Www.airleague.com.au

A youth group for boys (8 to 18 years)

Local contact: (02) 6887 2633

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**PARENT LINE NSW - Professional Telephone support for parents**

Parent Line NSW provides a great resource for child and family services needing immediate assistance with parenting concerns. We provide respectful, supportive counselling and referrals by telephone for parents and carers of children 0 - 18 years.

Our opening hours are 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm at weekends. Callers can leave a message out of hours and a counsellor will assist them during the next operating period. Our counsellors are all fully trained professionals with specialist expertise in working with families with complex issues.

Parenting counsellors can be accessed for the cost of a local call from a land line (some charges may apply for mobile phones).
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notifications.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Dubbo West Public School on 6882 3086.

27th May 2015