Welcome New Kinder students

The school was buzzing with excitement on Monday morning as we awaited the arrival of our new kindergarten students. The children were pleased that the big day had finally arrived. I saw some very excited parents and I know the Stage 3 students could not wait to show their Kinder buddies around the school.

School Leaders’ Induction

Today’s assembly to induct our 2013 school leaders was very capably run by our incoming School Captains, Lucy Power and Mitchell Rosenbaum. They were well supported by our Vice Captains, Ruby Hammond and Dominic Ambler. This was a very proud moment for the parents of the school leaders and we thank them for making the effort to come along and pin on their children’s badges.

Kinder Parent Meeting and New Parents’ Lunch

A meeting for Kinder parents to discuss school routines and procedures will be held next Thursday, 14 Feb at 12.30 pm in the Kinder Blue classroom. After the meeting a lunch will be held to welcome all new parents to the school. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and staff. Please accept this invitation to come along and join staff and myself at the meeting and lunch.

Parents and Citizens Annual General Meeting

The Dubbo Public School P & C Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 19 February at 7.00 pm in the Railway Bowling Club boardroom. The focus of this meeting will be the election of office bearers for 2013 and discussion of this year’s academic plans and programs. Please accept our warm welcome to join us at the meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about your child’s school, meet other parents and support your child’s education.

Class Captains’ Induction Assembly

Term 1 Class Captains will be inducted on Friday, 15 February at 11.45 am at the school. Parents are invited to come along and pin on their child’s badge of office.

Special Religious Education (SRE) Assembly

An assembly to introduce the school’s Special Religious Education (scripture) teachers for 2013 will be held next Wednesday, 13 February. SRE lessons will start on Wednesday, 20 February.

Swimming Carnival Years 3 to 6

The school’s swimming carnival will be held on Thursday, 21 February. Next week we will be calling for nominations for the swimming events; 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 200m freestyle and 50m medley. You may like to discuss your child’s nominations with them. Students in Year 2 who turn 8 in 2013 and can swim 50 metres in a recognisable stroke are also eligible to compete.

Students in Kinder, Year 1 and those in Year 2 who do not meet the criteria above will not be taking part in the swimming carnival.

Handicapped Car Park

The parking space directly in front of the school office is designated as a handicapped car park and you need an official sticker to legally park there. Several of our families need to access this car park and it is inconvenient and often dangerous if they are unable to do so. I believe it is an $800 fine for parking in a handicapped area without an official card.

No Parking in Darling Street Drop-Off Zone

The Darling Street drop off zone is strictly for dropping off and picking up during the peak morning and afternoon periods. If you need to park and get out of your car, there are car parks behind Centrelink or at Victoria Park Oval. Substantial fines may be imposed by police for cars left unattended in this area.

Parking in Carrington Lane

The residents in Carrington Lane are having difficulty accessing their driveway. Parents are asked not to park in their driveway access area between the white lines as a matter of courtesy to our neighbours.

School Gates

All school gates, except those in Darling Street in front of the office, are locked at 9.25 am each morning and re-open at 3.00 pm.

Dates for Your Diary

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School Absences

It is absolutely essential that children attend school every day. Each day we are able to see children learning and improving. If they are away for a day they miss important learning opportunities and it can become very difficult to catch up on missed work. If a child misses an average of between 12 and 15 days of school each year this adds up to one year’s lost schooling over their whole school career.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Paula Leary, Matthew Thompson and Justin and Kodie Walsh on the birth of Harry Paul. Congratulations also to Ellen Zell and Paul Croker and Cassandra and Georgia Yeo on the birth of Emma.

Greg Shortis
Principal

School News

2013 Stage Levy and Voluntary Contributions $40

The Stage Levy for 2013 has been set at $40.00 per student. Voluntary contributions are not compulsory and payment is a matter for decision by parents. They are also set at $40.00.

School Band

Band sessions for 2013 will start on Friday, 8 February. We have been lucky enough to secure the services of Mrs Shannon Laundon as our band teacher this year. She is very excited about her new role and can’t wait to start working with our enthusiastic musicians! Band members please remember to bring your instruments.

A note will be sent home in the near future for students who are interested in joining the band. If you would like further information, please contact Mr Shortis or Mrs Duffy.

School Photos

School photo day is on Monday, 11 March 2013. Photo envelopes have been sent home today. The flyer inside the envelope gives details of the photo packages available. Family photo envelopes are available from the school office.

Each student wishing to purchase photos must return their envelope, with purchase and payment details completed on the front. Payment for siblings’ photos can be placed in the eldest child’s envelope. Please ensure, if paying by cash, that the correct money is in your child’s envelope is change will not be given.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or money order. The photography company offers an automated, online credit payment system. Your online payment receipt number should be clearly written on your child’s envelope. For payment instructions visit www.advancedlife.com.au

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing will start next week. Students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 must have a library bag for their books. Any kind of bag which will hold a large book and is clearly marked with the child’s name will suffice.

Book Club

Book Club Issue 1 brochures were given out this week. Orders need to be returned to Mrs Neville in the library by Friday, 15 February with your child’s name and class clearly marked on the order slip. Orders with cash should be in a sealed bag or sealed envelope with the child’s name on it.

Classes and Teachers 2013

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Elle Zell and Paul Croker
Heather Thompson (Stage Leader)
Abbie Webb
Brad Flick
Emma Trudgett
Sue Lawes (Stage Leader)
Stacey Barlow
Daniel Ebert
Graham Thompson
Lauren Brien
Dianne McCabe
Belinda Sayers
Rebecca Stewart
Monique Graham
Karla Black
Paula Fletcher / Natasha Freeth
Matt Hare
Keira Mills
Brooke Ferguson
Felicity Willis

School Hours

The office is open from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm daily
Classes start
Recess
Lunch
Classes finish

Canteen Volunteers – Can you Help?

The P & C is calling for volunteers to assist in the school canteen. An expression of interest form accompanies this newsletter. Please return the form to the school office by Friday, 15 February if you are able to assist. A roster will start from the beginning of Week 4.

Just a reminder to all families that the school’s canteen is operated by the Dubbo Public School P&C. We employ a canteen manager which is job shared by Leonie Lesslie (Monday, Tuesday and every alternate Wednesday) and Kellie Burgess (Thursday, Friday and every alternate Wednesday). If you can offer your help, even for just an hour once a month, it would make a difference. Our friendly canteen staff will make you feel more than welcome.

Freezer for Sale

The P&C has an upright freezer looking for a new home. It’s well loved and needs defrosting regularly. Inspect at the canteen or call Donna Ambler for details on 0400 258 690. Make an offer by 9.00 am Monday, 11 February to donna@theverbgarden.com.au
Canteen News
Next Wednesday’s Wacky Wednesday deal is a hot dog, popper and heart lollipop for $5.50. Orders need to be in by Tuesday, 12 February. In the fruit basket next week we have apples, bananas, grapes kiwi fruit, nectarines and oranges.

Community News
Circus Arts Classes
Circus West offers a Circus Arts Class to all Dubbo school students in Years 5-12. This class runs at Delroy Campus of Dubbo College on Thursday afternoons, from 4.00 to 5.30 pm and is conducted by the Circus West Director, Paul Woodhead, with the assistance of experienced, volunteer Circus trainers. For more information, see Paul Woodhead on Thursday afternoons, or call the school on 6882 7955.

The first class for 2013 will be on Thursday, 14 February and students may register on their first training day. Clothes suitable for sport or PE are acceptable. Places are limited to ensure a safe class size is maintained! Cost is $20.00 per term ($2.00 per class) to cover program and maintenance costs. Students may choose to train in a number of areas, including:
Manipulation – juggling, diabolo, devil sticks, poi, hoop and staff
Balance – stilts, unicycle, rolla bolla, globe, acrobatics and adagio
Aerials – static trapeze, tissu and Chinese pole

Clown

Dubbo Girl Guides
Dubbo Girl Guides are holding a day for girls to come along and try guiding on Sunday, 10 February from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Venue is Dubbo South Guide Hall, Dianne A’Beckett Place. Contact Amanda on 0409 918 217

Dubbo Uniting Church Car Boot Sale
A Car Boot Sale to help support members of the Grafton community affected by the recent floods will be held on Saturday, 16 February from 9.00 am in the Dubbo Public School grounds. Car $10 each, Car with trailer $15 or just bring your box of treasures to sell for $5. Cars enter 8-9 am only. Sausage sizzle and drinks will be available.
To book or get more info, call Wendy on 0427 527 914

Dubbo City Ranger Soccer Club
Registration day, Saturday, 16 February from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm at the Pastoral Hotel. Contact Deena Robinson on 0438725767.

Apollo Netball Club
Registration Days on Saturday, 9 February and Sunday 17 February at the Garden Hotel between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. If you cannot attend at this time, please email apollo1967@live.com.au ASAP. For more information contact Karen 0409 844 832 or visit www.apollonetball.org

SASS Soccer Club
2013 registrations are being taken until the end of February. Children turning 5 this year are eligible to play. Contact Donna Ambler on 0400 258 690 or www.sassstrikers.com.au