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**New Classroom arrives**

Our new demountable classroom arrived on Tuesday and is currently being readied for Mr Hare and S1H to move in next week. Once the move is complete the hall will be free again. I thank Matt and his class for being so patient.

**Term 2 Staff Development Days**

The first two days of Term 2 will be pupil free. Staff of all public schools in NSW will be taking part in professional learning in the areas of Mathematics, student welfare and the new national curriculum, which will be phased in from 2014. Please do not send children to school on these days. The first day of school for students is Wednesday, 1 May 2013.

**MySchool Website**

The My School Website has been updated to show the school’s literacy and numeracy average results for 2012. Dubbo Public School’s areas of strength are Year 5 spelling, punctuation, grammar and numeration. Year 3 spelling is our area of need.

The public school system provides a fair go for all students regardless of their background or circumstance, not just those who can afford to pay. Because public schools support all areas of society our average scores may be lower but our students are achieving to their potential and this is all we can expect from them.

**Student Representative Council Disco**

The children of Dubbo Public School love to dance and they are all excited about the disco on Wednesday, 3 April following the Easter break. The theme is ‘dress as a Celebrity’. Entry fee is $5.00 per student and includes a drink and a packet of chips. Please pay at the door.

**Disco times are:**

- **Kinder** 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm (Hall)
- **Stage 1** 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm in Stage 3
- **Stage 2** 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Hall)
- **Stage 3** 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Stage 3 rooms)

Please be punctual to pick your children up.

The disco night is one when children have to act appropriately without close direction. During Term 1 some children have shown they have difficulty making appropriate decisions and as a result they have been excluded from the disco for their own welfare.

**K-6 Assembly in Week 10**

Our next K-6 Assembly will be held on Thursday, 4 April in the RSL Theatrette at 12.00 pm. We will be recognising student achievements and S2E and S1M will be performing class items.

**‘Setting the Scene’ Survey Results**

The results of the ‘Setting the Scene’ surveys accompany this newsletter. Thank you to all those parents who returned the survey.

**PSSA Knockout Results**

The senior boys’ cricket team played well to defeat Dubbo North Public School last Friday. They are improving with every game and have progressed to round 4 of the knockout. The girls’ cricket team played Wellington Public School last Friday. They scored 67 runs, however this was not enough to defeat Wellington. The girls showed great sportsmanship and team spirit. See also Mr Hare’s comprehensive roundup on page 2.

The knockout tennis team travelled to Nyngan on Wednesday to play Bourke Public School. Our players did well to cope with very hot and windy conditions, winning the same number of games as their opponents. It was a close contest but victory went to the Bourke side on points. Congratulations to team members Charlie Hooper, Connor Sullivan, Mackenzie Schulz and Emma Stuart.

**Parent tip**

By supporting school events and talking positively about our school you signal to your children that learning and education are important. This will have a positive impact on their performance.

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**Dates for Your Diary**

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**Greg Shortis**

Principal
School News

PSSA Sport Term 2

PSSA winter sport will start in Week 2. Cost is $3.00 per week or a one-off payment of $24.00 can be made at the school office. As students are representing their school they will need to wear full sports uniform.

ICAS Competitions

Entries in the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Competitions are due at school by Monday, 8 April. Students can take part in competitions in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Entry forms are available from the school office. For more information on the competitions visit www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

Student Report

Students in S3D have been busy studying Australian explorers as part of their unit on Australia and its’ Colonies. Oliver Knight and Dominic Ambler are pictured with an excellent project they produced on Charles Sturt. They wrote (in part)

‘Captain Charles Sturt was born on the 28 April 1795. He was a British explorer of Australia, and part of the European exploration of Australia. He led several expeditions into the interior of the continent, starting from both Sydney and later from Adelaide. His expeditions traced several of the westward flowing rivers, establishing that they all merged into the Murray River. He was searching to determine whether there was an ‘inland sea’ ... On November 3, 1829 Sturt left Sydney to assume command of the expedition that eventually turned itself into the famous Murray River voyage ... The team members, soldiers and convicts also proved themselves. Sent on a tough, punishing job with no guarantee of reward, they displayed unfailing loyalty and endurance’.

Sports News

Boys Knockout Cricket

Last week Dubbo Public’s cricket team played two matches, winning on both occasions. The first match was against West Dubbo Public who were dismissed for 37 runs. Dubbo Public chased down the runs in four overs. This allowed the team to progress to the next round where they met North Dubbo Public. Batting first on a wet pitch, Dubbo Public scored 118 runs, with Ben Rosenbaum top scoring with a solid 32. Mitch Rosenbaum also did a great job of lifting the run rate late in the innings. When it was their time to bowl, Dubbo Public gave away few sundries, bowling North out for 58 runs. Both Lawson Shepherd and Owen Campion were the pick of the bowlers. The team now progresses to Round 4 of the competition. With only 8 teams left in the entire Western Area this is an excellent result.

Western Area Boys Cricket Trials

Congratulations to Baye Wallace who represented Dubbo District at the Western Area Cricket Trials last Friday. It was an excellent opportunity to compete with boys from throughout the Western Area and he should be very proud of his achievements. If you see Baye in the playground make sure you give him a high five.

Western Area Girls Soccer Trials

Good luck to Kate and Emma Duffy who were selected to represent Dubbo District at the Western Area Soccer Trials to be held on 5 April. They will play against other Districts in the Western Area at this carnival.

Thanks to Mr Hare for this comprehensive roundup.