At Dubbo Public School we believe in being safe, respectful learners.

Term 1 Week 6

154 Years of Quality Education

Thursday, 7 March 2013

‘Setting the Scene’ Conferences
The ‘Setting the Scene’ program ended today on a high note with a full program of Kinder conferences. Ms Stewart, Mrs Duffy, Mrs Sayers and Ms Graham were very pleased with their positive and productive conferences and with the opportunity to get to know parents who are new to the school. All our teachers have been thrilled with the large numbers of parents who attended the conferences and we thank you all for your strong support.

School photos
School photos will be held on Monday, 11 March. Individual, class and family photos will be taken. As usual, we ask students to wear full school uniform, with black uniform school shoes. Spare student and family photo envelopes are available from the school office. Order envelopes and payment need to be returned to school no later than Monday, 11 March. Sports and full school photos will be taken early in Term 4.

Safety Day
Today’s Safety Day was a great success, with students rotating through a series of activities focusing on ways of staying safe in a variety of situations. Areas covered included how to be safe on buses and bikes, what to do in case of fire, crossing the road safely, cyber safety and how to keep pets safe. The police talked about how they can help people to stay safe and a new topic for this year was how to be safe at the river and the weir.

Science and Engineering Exhibition
Twenty-eight Stage 3 students took part in the the Science and Engineering Challenge at Dubbo Racecourse last Tuesday. They returned to school full of excitement and proud of their achievements after receiving third place in the overall competition and being the highest placed public school of all those who competed. Check out the great photos on the website.

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting
Our local AECG met at Dubbo Public school today with a great roll up of Aboriginal representatives, Aboriginal Education Officers and school Principals present. The meeting was productive, friendly and informative with a wide range of topics coming up for discussion.

Parents &Citizens Facebook Page
Our P&C Association have opened a facebook page to provide effective communication between parents about P & C events. This has proven to be a huge success with parents and keeps everyone informed about school happenings. Thank you to Donna Ambler for setting up the Facebook page and administering it. At our last P&C meeting we all discussed the need to abide by the Department of Education and Communities’ guidelines for appropriate conduct on social media sites which stress courtesy and respect.

District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed in the Dubbo Public School team at the District Swimming Carnival last week. The list of competitors was so long it would not fit in last week’s newsletter so it appears on page 2 this week. All our team members did themselves and the school proud and their effort and sportsmanship is to be commended. Several children were selected to take part in the Western Area Swimming Carnival to be held tomorrow, Friday, 8 March at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre. We congratulate these swimmers on their achievement and wish them the best of luck. I would like to thank Scott Sinclair and Scott Ferrari for organising a training session for the relay teams.

Senior Boys Cricket
The senior boys’ PSSA cricket team travelled to Gulgong today to play their first round match after it was rescheduled from last Thursday due to wet weather. The DPS boys did extremely well to take the victory. Gulgong PS scored 62 runs overall and our boys passed their score in the eighth over. Some of the highlights were a hat trick by Ben Rosenbaum (3 wickets in 3 consecutive balls) and a great knock from Thomas Potter who retired after scoring 40 runs. Congratulations to all the boys and thank you to cricket co-ordinator, Matt Hare and to Donna Ambler and Tam Shepherd for assisting with transport.

Dates for Your Diary

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Woolworths Earn and Learn
Thank you to all the parents and family members who supported us in the 2012 Earn and Learn program. The school received 20 cartons of assorted resources including games, puzzles, lego and other construction kits, science models, craft items, paint, textas and (the big one!) an electric pencil sharpener.

Parent tip: Maths is a numbers game but for some students and adults the numbers don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out maths in their head in a way that makes sense to them. Find out more visit http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics-a-to-z/-maths-glossary/Rld5/141mental-strategy

Greg Shortis
Principal

School News
Science and Engineering Challenge Report
Yesterday, some of the Stage 3 students attended the Science and Engineering Challenge. There were 21 activities and 19 groups from all of the schools who went so we only got to do 2 activities. My group (blue group) got to do puff puff golf and we had to design a balloon powered car and see how far it went. We also did ‘ElectraCity’ where we had to use clips to make lights pop up on a board. Overall, Dubbo Public School came third out of the groups but we won out of all the public schools.

Mitchell Rosenbaum S3T

Students Selected for District PSSA Cricket
Congratulations to Baye Wallace and Ben Rosenbaum who were selected to compete in the Dubbo District PSSA boys’ cricket trials held last Wednesday. Both boys tried their best with Baye being selected to go to the Western Area trials in a couple of weeks’ time.

Matt Hare
Boys Cricket Co-ordinator

Wacky Wednesday Canteen Special
Week 7’s WW is ‘Noodle Box Day’ and is a box of Singapore noodles with stir fried chicken and vegetables and a popper. Cost is $5.50. Please note that we CANNOT ACCEPT ORDERS AFTER 1.30 pm ON Monday, 11 MARCH as the noodle shop requires notice in order to have the meals prepared and ready for lunch on Wednesday.

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. Payment can now be made by EFTPOS.

Year 6 Shirts
Payment of the deposit of $20.00 is required before Friday, 8 April for your child’s Year 6 shirt order to be placed. Shirts cost $41.00 each. For any queries or concerns please contact Mr Ebert as soon as possible.

Year 6 Wambangalang Excursion
The Year 6 excursion to Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre is on Wednesday, 20 March Cost is $25.00 per student. Payment and notes should be returned to school by Monday, 18 March. For any further information or concerns, please contact Mrs Lawes.

District Swimming Team
Lachlan Sinclair
Brendan Coffee
Redmond O’Connor
Joe Sinclair
Tom Knaggs
Charles Hooper
Cooper Ferrari
Leo Bassingthwaite
Lawson Shepherd
Alex Orth
Liam Deaves
Oscar Harvey
Anthony Hollman
Brendan Coffee
Haylee Burton

Harry Dimmock
Baye Wallace
James Finch
Nathan Burgess
Harry Dimmock
Dylan McLaughlan
Ruby Hammond
Jailyn Webb
Lucy Roberts
Ashleigh Steele
Tanisha Eisel
Amelia Chapman
Eloise Knight
Charlotte Steele

Lillian Oke
Montana Hinton
Abby Knaggs
Ebony Furner
Myah Wallace
Mackenzie Schulz
Lucy Power
Emma Stuart
Chelsea Dodd
Heidi Hinton
Liberty McCarthy
Emma Duffy
Brooke Galley
Meg Rosenbaum

Western Swimming Team
Baye Wallace, Harry Dimmock, Lachlan Sinclair, Leo Bassingthwaite, Cooper Ferrari, Joseph Sinclair, Ruby Hammond, Brendan Coffee, Alex Orth, Nathan Burgess and Tanisha Eisel.