Two Development Days to Start Term 2

The first two days of Term 2 are professional learning days for staff in all public schools in NSW. Monday, 29 April will be devoted to Mathematics and student welfare and on Tuesday, 30 April we will be studying the new Australian Curriculum and principles of quality teaching. The Literacy part of the Australian Curriculum is being phased in during 2014.

Students return to school on Wednesday, 1 May

ANZAC Day

Anzac Day falls in the second week of the school holidays so the school Anzac ceremony will be held on Friday, 12 April at 11.00 am at the school. Parents are welcome to come along and join us for the ceremony.

ANZAC Day March

All students are invited and encouraged to march with our school in the Anzac Day March. The march starts at 10.30 am on Wednesday, 25 April. Children are asked to assemble at 10.15 am in Wingewarra Street just outside the bus gate. Summer uniform, proper black school shoes and a school hat needs to be worn.

Class Captains for Term 2

Our Term 2 class captains have been elected and will be inducted at Assembly on Thursday, 2 May at 11.45 am. Parents are invited to attend the assembly and pin on their child’s badge of office. Class captains play an important role in the school representing their class on the Student Representative Council, welcoming new students and acting as role models for other students.

Holiday Reading Program

Last year we ran the Holiday Reading Program over all the term holidays as it has been so successful and popular when we have run it during the Christmas break. The teachers and I would like to encourage children to take part in the program as it is really important to practise reading during the holidays to maintain reading levels. It is also important that children be encouraged to read for leisure and interest.

Some helpful websites are

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/

A Painting of Dubbo Public School by Brett Garling

Brett Garling, well-known local artist, visited our school yesterday. He set up his easel in the playground during lunch and painted a section of the school. The children were fascinated and asked some interesting questions about the process of painting a landscape. Brett is no stranger to our school as his father, Bob Garling, was for many years the principal of Dubbo Public School. Brett grew up in the principal’s residence next door to the school.

Term 2 PSSA Winter Sport

Students have selected their sports for the PSSA winter sports competition which starts on Friday, 3 May (Week 1). The school has nominated teams in the rugby league, soccer (girls and boys), hockey (mixed) and netball competitions. Cost is $3.00 per week bus fare or a one-off payment of $24.00 can be made at the office. Payments can now be made by EFTPOS. Children need to wear full school sports uniform. For more information on the requirements for each sport see page 2 or the note which was sent home earlier this week.

Dates for Your Diary

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Rugby Sevens Carnival
A Stage 3 and a Stage 2 team competed in the Western Region Primary School Rugby Sevens Carnival last Tuesday. The boys were extremely excited and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Only having 7 players with regular substitution gives everyone a chance to be engaged and learn the skills of the game.

PSSA Ladies Auxiliary
Amanda Coffee and Amanda Hammond have taken on the role of co-ordinating the PSSA canteens this year. They have been busy over the past week organising the canteen at Western Area sporting trials last Friday and today. We thank Amanda and Amanda very much for supporting our school and the Primary School Sports Association.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Baye Wallace who was selected to represent Western Region at the State PSSA Football carnival.

Thanks to our School Community
I would like to thank our parents, carers, families, teachers and children for all your support during this term. It is so encouraging to work with such a caring, harmonious and supportive school community. I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and look forward to working with you all next term.

Parent tip
Take the opportunity during the holidays to spend some quality time with your children. This time really is precious.

School News

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day stall is on Friday, 10 May 2013. Cost is $4.00 per student and gifts are supplied. Helpers to wrap on the day would be greatly appreciated (9.15 to 11.15 am). If you can help, please phone Allana Kirkman on 0412 713 525 or leave your name at the school office.

Kinder Show Excursion
Students in Kinder will be going on an excursion to Dubbo Show on Friday, 3 May. Cost is $4.00 per child. Money and permission notes need to be returned to school by Wednesday, 1 May.

Stage 1 ‘Possum Magic’ Excursion
Years 1 and 2 will be going to the Dubbo Regional Theatre on Tuesday, 14 May to see a stage performance of Mem Fox’s best-selling children’s book ‘Possum Magic’. Cost of the excursion is $15.00 per child. A permission note will be sent home early next term.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Well done to all those students who have already begun their reading.

For the K-2 Challenge students need to read 30 books – 25 from the PRC list (red sticker books) and 5 free choice books.

For the Years 3-4 Challenge students need to read 15 books from the list (green sticker books) and 5 free choice books.

For the Years 5-6 and 7-9 Challenges students need to read 15 books from the list and 5 free choice books.

Our school library database lists the books we have for each challenge. Macquarie Regional Library also has a large selection of PRC books.

Please keep a record (online or paper) of all PRC books that have been read. For more information, or to enter books online, go to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
The Earn and Learn program is on from 8 April to 9 June 2013. Points stickers need to be stuck to an Earn and Learn points sheet and placed in the collection box at the school. The sticker sheets are available from the school.

NAPLAN Testing
NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 will be conducted from 14-16 May 2013.

Tuesday 14 May
Language conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Writing
Wednesday 15 May

Reading
Thursday 16 May

Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)

Mind Challenge
A series of Mind Challenge courses will be held on 25 and 26 May at Orana Heights Public School. For more information visit the Dubbo Public School website.

PSSA Sport Requirements
Full school sports uniform, suitable footwear, hat, water bottle and protective gear (if required according to the list below).

Boys
Blue shorts with red stripe
Red polo shirt with school emblem
Red and blue football socks
Blue track pants with red school jumper

Girls
Blue wraparound pleated skirt or Blue cotton shorts (not basketball style)
Red polo shirt with school emblem
Red and blue football socks or White socks (netball)

Hockey
Mouthguard and shin pads (mandatory)
Red and blue football socks to cover shin pads

Rugby League
Mandatory use of mouthguards
Red and blue football socks

Soccer
Red and blue football socks

Greg Shortis
Principal
Community News
Carlton House School Holiday First Aid Workshop
A first aid workshop for children 6 to 12 years will be held on Tuesday, 23 April. Workshop will be conducted by a St Johns Accredited First Aid trainer. Venue – Carlton House, 212 Darling Street, Dubbo. For enrolment forms and more information visit www.carltonhouse.org.au

Holiday Activities
Dubbo Communities for children is running a ‘Master Craft’ art and craft session for children on Tuesday, 16 April. Session runs from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm at Buninyong Schools as Community Centre, Myall Street, Dubbo. This workshop is FREE and lunch will be provided. For more information contact Nicole Stonestreet on 6885 2353 (Communities for Children Childhood co-ordinator). Nicole has also provided the following handy summary of what’s happening in Dubbo these holidays.

Whats happening in the community these school holidays?:
Circus Skills Workshop – Call Robyn at Western Family Referral Service on 6885 8888
Date: 16th April 2013
Time: 2pm to 4pm
Venue: Buninyong Schools as Community Centre, Myall St Dubbo
Cost: FREE
Limited Number so please book in ASAP
Apollo House – All FREE – Collins Ave, Dubbo, 6881 8756
Morning Session: 10-12 and Afternoon Session 2-4pm. Starts Monday the 15th.
PCYC Holiday Program – 6882 3273
Variety of activities – 9-4pm weekdays - $20 per day plus membership of $5.50 if not already a member
Zoo Holiday Program – Bookings Essential
Age: 5-12years (must be attending school) Cost: $55 per child per day – Full Day or $30 Half Day
Snazzy Scrappin – Michelle 6882 9388 – from $25 a session Bookings Essential
All Sessions 9:30 – 11:30am
Monday 15th – Scrapbooking (need 1 photo) Monday 22nd – Art journaling
Wednesday 17th – Butterfly draws Tuesday 23rd – Beading
Thursday 18th – Beading Wednesday 24th – Sewing box
Macquarie Regional Library – Bookings open from the 3rd April 6801 4510 - Session cost $2
Tuesday 16th – Dinosaur fun - 2-4pm 9-12 yrs
Wednesday 17th – Dazzling Dino – 10:30-12 noon 5-8yrs
Tuesday 23rd – 3D Dinosaur – 2-3:30pm 5-8yrs
Wednesday 24th – Dinosaur Diorama – 9-12 noon 9-12 yrs
Western Plains Cultural Centre – Bookings essential 02 6801 4444
Monday 15th – Little Dreamers 10-12noon & 1-3pm 5-8yrs $25
Wednesday 17th – Drawing on Dreams 10-12noon 5-8yrs $25, Monochromatic masterpieces 1-3pm 5-8yrs $25
Thursday 18th – Terrifically Troubling Trophyheads 10-3pm 9+yrs $50
Friday 19th – Dream in Colour 10-3pm 9+yrs $50