From the Principal's Desk

It has been very pleasing to hear from staff members how keen most students are to get underway with this very busy term! Congratulations to our Term 4 class captains. This responsible position offers leadership opportunities for our students. The Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) summer sports competition started last Friday. This gives students across Dubbo the chance to participate in a range of sports where they learn valuable teamwork skills and interact with students from other schools. Congratulations to our students on their model behaviour at PSSA.

Last Tuesday's P&C meeting was well attended. These meetings are a great way for parents to meet other parents and contribute to their children's education. Thank you to all those who took part.

We have a lot to look forward to in Week 3. Next week K6B and S2/3M students will participate in a Dream Cricket gala day which should be great fun and will help them learn new skills. ‘Leap into Learning’, the Kinder orientation program starts next Thursday and should be an exciting time for our prospective 2015 Kindergarten students.

On a more serious note, I take this opportunity to remind parents that it is important for students to attend school each day and to come to school on time. See further details below. Finally, I would like to thank all those parents and students who have popped in to say hello.

Have a great week!

Heather Thompson
Relieving Principal

School Attendance

Attending school each day is important to ensure children don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children who regularly attend school have better health outcomes and better employment opportunities and need to develop the habit of regular attendance at an early age. The school day at Dubbo Public starts at 9.20am and finishes at 3.25pm.

It is important that students attend school each day and come to school on time. The beginning of the day is when the most valuable instructions are given as teachers review and explain the activities for the entire day. Teachers then give explicit details and expectations for the first lesson. It is disruptive to other students when a student arrives late and time consuming for staff when instructions have to be repeated. Students who are late to school not only miss valuable interaction time with peers but can be anxious about entering a room when a lesson is already underway. If your child is absent or late the school needs to be provided with a valid reason, either verbally or in writing.

New School Plan 2015

All NSW public schools are currently developing new school plans in consultation with their school communities. The product will be an individual school plan, contextually driven to address the needs of students at the local level.

Mrs Pritchard is asking for feedback from staff, students and the community around our current strengths and wishes for our students in the future. A questionnaire accompanies this letter and a suggestion box has been placed in the school office. Your input would be much appreciated. Interested community members who would like to be part of a planning session are invited to the school on Tuesday 28 October from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm. Staff and community will work together to develop a shared vision and identify three strategic directions that will form the basis of the upcoming three year planning cycle. Please register your interest at the front office.

Darling Street Road Closure

Darling Street adjacent to the front of the school will be closed from Monday October 20 to Friday October 31. The drop off zone will be closed and access to the front of the school will be by footpath only. Parents will need to park in designated parking zones in other streets surrounding the school subject to council car parking restrictions as per the relevant signage. Please do not park in the school bus zones.

Parking is also available in the Victoria Park car park which can be accessed from Victoria Lane (turn in from Wingewarra Street at the Cultural Centre or from Talbragar Street at the Men’s Shed). There is a pedestrian walkway from Victoria Park to Wingewarra Street on the eastern side of the Pipe Band Hall and the Fire Station and one to Darling Street at the Cenotaph end of the car park. Parents must ensure their children’s safety by walking them across roads. Students who wait after school will be walked to the tennis courts in Wingewarra Street.

PBL Focus

Our current PBL focus is ‘hands and feet to ourselves’.

Dates for Your Diary

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Thursday 23 October 2014
Book Club
Issue 7 orders close on Wednesday 22 October 2014. Please make sure that your child's name and class are on the order form and that the correct payment is placed in a sealed envelope or bag. Unfortunately, orders received after that date cannot be processed. I am considering other book club options for 2015, including trialling other book club companies. If you have Scholastic Book Club vouchers you may wish to use them now.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Koda Sissian who competed in the junior boys’ shot put at the NSW State PSSA Athletics carnival yesterday. He threw a personal best to place 16th out of 40 competitors in his event. Congratulations Koda on an outstanding achievement.

Selective Schools Year 7 2016
Parents of students in Year 5 who wish to apply for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016 are advised that applications may be made between 14 October and 17 November 2017. An Intention to Apply letter will be sent home with Year 5 students tomorrow. If your child will be applying for a placement a completed intention to apply note should be returned to the school. Please note that applications may only be made online and that late applications will not be accepted.

Parents of students in Year 5 wishing to attend Farrer Memorial High School in Year 7 2016 will need to register online to sit the Selective Schools exam in March 2015. For more information on Farrer MAHS phone 6764 8611 or to register visit their website www.farrer.nsw.edu.au and follow the Selective Schools link.

Term 4 PSSA Summer sport
PSSA summer sport is on tomorrow, Friday 17 October. Students will be leaving the school at 9.20 am. Please ensure that your child is at school ready to leave as soon as the bell goes. Full school summer sports uniform and school hat must be worn as students will be representing their school.

Kinder Orientation Program
‘Leap into Learning’ the school’s Kinder orientation program will be held on Thursday 23 October, 30 October and 6 November. Parents have been sent a letter advising them of their child’s session times. A parent information meeting and lunch will be held on Wednesday 5 November at 12.00 pm at the school. If you have not already enrolled your child please do so as soon as possible as teachers will be allocating students to their classes over the coming weeks.

Wacky Wednesday
Wacky Wednesday for Week 3 pizza day. Cost is $5.50 for a pizza and popper. Varieties available are cheese, ham and pineapple and meatlovers and gluten free is available on request. Orders need to be placed at the canteen by Monday 20 October at 1.30 pm. Kinder, Stage 1 and K6B will receive their pizzas on Wednesday. Stages 2 and 3 and S23M will receive their pizzas on Thursday.

Kinder Zoo Excursion
The Kinder Zoo excursion is on Friday 31 October. Students should wear their sports uniform and a hat. Notes and money need to be returned by Wednesday 29 October.

Term 4 Class Captains
KB Aaliyah Currey Mason Albury
KR Shaynah Powell Bayley Betts
KY Sophie Murphy Preston Taylor
KG Kolbea Cain Terrance Chillie
S1P Ani-Kea Love Jackson Brightman
S1F Amber Haling Param Rana
S1W Chloe Wright Jack Irvin
S1D Alana Shepherd Haiden Teale
S1K Sophie Orth Cameron Burns
S1L Madelyn Leggett Lennon Stedman
S1M Abigail Mawbey Jackson Coults
K6B Madison McEwen
S2H Bianca Clissold Harry Mosey
S2B Tallar Simcox Hunter Mackie
S2M Amelia Orth Jack Hammond
S2G Tahlia Butler Leo Bassingthwaite
S23M Georgie Mulligan Joel Wardman
S3L Briette Smith Mitchell Campion
S3H Isobelle Sullivan Anthony Holland
S3W Haylee Burton Oscar Harvey
S3RF Madyalyn Davis Mackenzie Sampson-Barrett

Canteen News
Mrs Lesslie and Mrs Burgess are holding a ‘Design a Lunch Bag’ competition during Term 4. Students whose lunch order bag has fancy writing, colourful drawings or other decorations will go into a weekly draw for a prize from the canteen and at the end of the term there will be a major prize draw for each stage.

Community News
Dubbo Rugby Junior Cricket Club Milo In2 Cricket
DRJCC Milo in2 cricket for boys and girls 5 to 7 years starts Thursday 30 October at Lady Cutler Fields from 5.00 to 6.00 pm (meet on the eastern side of the amenities block). Registration fee is $90.00 and includes a Milo kitbag with hat, shirt, bat and ball. Registration and payment is due on the first week (cash or cheque payable to Dubbo Rugby Junior Cricket Club). Places are limited to 25 players. Coaching will be provided by first grade cricketer, Zac Murphy. For more information or to register contact Warren Saunders on 0429 392 756 or email wsaunders@geolyse.com

Hear Our Heart Halloween Disco
The HOH annual Halloween disco for children up to 6 years old is on Thursday 30 October at St Laurence’s School hall from 6.00 to 8.00 pm. Prizes for best dressed, fun, games and lots of dancing. Cost is $4.00 per child or $6.00 per family. For more information phone Donna 0419 534 447 or Rachel 0413 687 671

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk
The JRDF walk to raise funds for research into juvenile diabetes is on Sunday 19 October from 10.00 am at Roden Cutler Park (down the hill from Club Dubbo). Competitions, face painting, free jumping castlend peaks more. Register to walk by phoning 1300363126 or visit www.jrdf.org.au/walk

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