From the Principal’s Desk

Our students have had a busy week with the Dream Cricket Gala day, the Dream Lantern workshop, the ACT Junior Concert Band visit and the Water Watch excursion. ‘Leap into Learning’, the Kinder Orientation program, started this week. This is an exciting time for our prospective 2015 Kinder students as they were given the opportunity to become familiar with their future classmates, the type of activities they will be doing when they start school and the layout of the school and its amenities. It is always interesting to compare the reactions of the new Kinders with our Year 6 students anticipating their upcoming transition to High School. Both events are very much anticipated and very exciting.

Have a great week!

Heather Thompson
Principal (Relieving)

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The school has factored the rebate into the cost of the excursion.

New School Plan 2015

A questionnaire soliciting feedback from parents was sent home last week to assist us in developing a new school plan. Thank you to all those parents who have returned their surveys, your input is much appreciated. Parents who have not yet done so are most welcome to return their survey forms to class teachers or place them in the suggestion box at the school office. Spare survey forms are available from the office.

Toy Donations Requested

Mrs McLeod and Rachel Mills are collecting toys for the children to use in the playground. Donations of girls and boys toys that are strong enough for the playground would be much appreciated and can be left with Mrs McLeod at the S1M classroom or left at the school office. No toy guns, please.

Dance-a-thon

The SRC dance-a-thon is on Wednesday 29 October. Students can come to school in casual clothes and crazy hair for a donation of $2.00. At lunch there will be a variety of activities including disco, circus and marathon dancing games. There will also be an optional $3.00 chip and drink deal at lunch time.

Darling Street Road Closure

Thank you to all parents and family members for their forbearance with the changed arrangements for picking up and collecting their children as a result of the closure of Darling Street. 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.

Girls Cricket Team Reaches Western Area Final

Congratulations to our girls’ cricket team who defeated Wellington Public School in their semi-final of the PSSA cricket knockout yesterday. They will now play in the Western Area PSSA grand final in two weeks’ time.

PBL Focus

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

Dates for Your Diary

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(Back) Brooke Galley, Emma Duffy, Ebony Furner, Haylee Burton, Abby Knaggs, Montana Hinton (middle) Stevie Boney-Chillie, Myah Wallace, Kate Duffy, Cia Read (front) Lucy Roberts and Meg Rosenbaum.
Kinder and Stage 1 ‘Pete the Sheep’ Excursion
The Kinder and Stage 1 visit to DRTCC to see the stage performance of ‘Pete the Sheep’ is on Friday 14 November 2014. Please note that places are limited. Permission notes and payment of $15.00 need to be returned to the school as soon as possible to ensure that your child does not miss out. Spare permission notes are available from the school office.

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. Students intending to apply should return their Intention to Apply note to class teachers. Please note that applications may only be made online and that late applications will not be accepted.

Term 4 PSSA Summer Sport
PSSA summer sport is on tomorrow, Friday 24 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. Bus fare is $3.00 or $27.00 for the term. Students whose bus fare is not paid will remain at school.

Kinder Orientation Program
‘Leap into Learning’ the school’s Kinder orientation program started today and will continue over the next two Thursdays, 30 October and 6 November. A parent information meeting and lunch will be held on Wednesday 5 November at 12.00 pm at the school.

Wacky Wednesday
Wacky Wednesday for Week 4 is twisted chicken. Cost is $5.50 for a crumbed chicken strip in a wrap with lettuce and tomato and popper. Orders need to be placed at the canteen by Monday 27 October at 1.30 pm.

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.

DREAM Lantern Workshop
Students in Stage 2, accompanied by Mrs McLeod and Valda, attended a workshop with professional lantern artist at the Western Plains Cultural Centre last Tuesday to make lanterns to carry in the sunset Lantern and Light Parade. The parade is on this Saturday as part of the Dubbo Regional Entertainment Arts and Musical Festival. Students taking part need to assemble at the car park of the Macquarie Regional Library by 7.00 pm on Saturday evening.

DREAM Cricket
Last Tuesday students in K6B and S23M joined children from other schools around Dubbo at Victoria Park for the Dream Cricket clinic. They spend the first half of the day rotating through various skills-related activities to learn more about the game of cricket. To round off the day they played a game to put their newly acquired skills to work and received a medal in recognition of their participation. Thank you to Don Stephens and the members of the Rotary Club, the DREAM Cricket coaches and to Miss Brien, Mrs McCabe, Mrs Renneberg and Mrs Attenborough for accompanying the children.

Stage 3 Waterwatch Excursion
Yesterday some Stage 3 students went to Sandy Beach for the Waterwatch program. We learned about the Macquarie River system and the importance of the new curtain at Burrendong Dam. Experts talked to us about how the river system works and how the Burrendong Dam curtain affects animals such as fish. We also did salinity and turbidity tests to see how salty and dirty the river water is. We then used nets to catch water bugs and classify them.

Canteen News
On Friday 31 October the canteen is holding a Halloween ‘red food’ day. Donations of ‘spooky’ food items such as lollies and cakes to sell at recess would be much appreciated.

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 wsaulders@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

Term 4 Class Captains