From the Principal’s Desk

We are all very proud of the girls’ cricket team who are off to Blayney on 11 November to compete in the grand final of the Western Area PSSA cricket knockout. This is an outstanding result. The Stage 2 students who attended the Dream Lantern workshop created some spectacular lanterns and enjoyed walking with these in the sunset Lantern and Light parade.

DPS students preparing to march in the Lantern and Light Parade

Highlights of this week include the dance-a-thon, ‘Leap into Learning’ session two and the Kinder zoo excursion tomorrow. The dance-a-thon was a great success with almost $1500 being raised. Thank you very much to all the students and parents for your support. Proceeds are going to the SRC for the Year 6 gift to the school.

It was lovely seeing the excitement of the little ones as they came into the school for their second orientation session! Parents are reminded that next week’s session is an extended one from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Also, next Wednesday we have the Kinder parent information session and lunch in the school hall. We look forward to meeting our new parents.

Have a great week!

Heather Thompson
Principal (Relieving)

K-6 Assembly Next Week
The K-6 Assembly will be held at the RSL Auditorium at 12.00pm next Thursday 6 November. Items will be performed by S1F, S1L and Kinder Red.

ICAS Certificates
Students who were not presented with their ICAS competition certificates at assembly last Monday will receive these at the K-6 Assembly next Thursday 6 November.

New School Plan 2015
A new 3-year Dubbo Public School Plan is currently being developed. Thank you to all those parents who have returned their surveys and to those parents who were able to attend the planning session last Tuesday afternoon. Interested community members are invited to attend the next planning session to be held on Tuesday November 11 from 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

Walkathon
The school walkathon is on Thursday 20 November 2014 at Victoria Park from 10.00am to 11.30am. Students can get sponsorship from family, family friends and other trusted people or parents may obtain sponsorship from colleagues and other associates. Sponsorship can be per lap or donation of a set amount. Sponsor cards are available from the school office.

Kinder Orientation Program
The final session of ‘Leap into Learning’ for 2014 will be an extended one from 10.00am to 1.00pm. All children will need to be at school before 10.00am and bring food for recess, a drink, hat and $1.00 to spend at the canteen.

Kinder 2015 Parent Information Meeting and Lunch
The information meeting for parents of 2015 Kinder students will be held on Wednesday 5 November at 12.00 pm in the Kinder rooms. This will be followed by a light lunch. Please accept our invitation to attend.

School Swimming Scheme 2014
The School Swimming Scheme is on from Monday 24 November to Friday 5 December (Weeks 8 and 9) at the Dubbo Aquatic and Leisure Centre. It is open to all students in Year 2 and non-swimmers in Years 3 to 6.

Students interested in taking part in the SSS will need to first attend an assessment day on Thursday 6 November 2014. If they meet the eligibility criteria and are chosen to take part in the program a note will be sent home to parents advising them of this at the end of testing day. All students in Year 2 and those in Years 3 to 6 who wish to participate received an information sheet and permission note today. Please return notes and $2.50 pool entry fee for assessment day by Tuesday 4 November.

PBL Focus
The current PBL focus is ‘be safe. Stay in bounds.’
Term 4 PSSA Summer sport
PSSA summer sport is on tomorrow, Friday 31 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 and Stage 1 ‘Pete the Sheep’ Excursion
There are still some places on the Kinder and Stage 1 visit to DRTCC to see the stage performance of ‘Pete the Sheep’ is on Friday 14 November 2014. Permission notes and payment of $15.00 need to be returned to the school as soon as possible.

Selective Schools Year 7 2016
Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016 close on 17 November 2014. Students intending to apply need to return an Intention to Apply note to their class teachers. Spare notes are available from the school office. Applications can only be made online and will not be accepted after the closing date.

Kinder Zoo Excursion
The Kinder Zoo excursion is on Friday 31 October. Students should wear their sports uniform, a hat, comfortable shoes suitable for walking and sunscreen. They will need to bring food for morning tea and lunch with a drink or drinks in a small bag which they can easily carry with them.

Wacky Wednesday
The Wacky Wednesday meal for Week 5 is noodle boxes. Cost is $5.50 Singapore noodles with stir fried chicken and vegetables and a popper. Orders need to be placed at the canteen by Monday 3 November at 1.30 pm.

Canteen News
Leonie Lesslie and Kellie Burgess, canteen supervisors, are asking for donations of sweet and savoury food suitable for the Kinder parents lunch next Wednesday 5 November. Items can be left at the canteen. Thank you for your assistance.

Congratulations
Congratulations are due to Dubbo Public students who have excelled recently in activities which are a little outside the usual ones we report on, with Lillian Oke (Year 4) achieving great results in cattle showing and the Dubbo Public School team shining at the Coolah Central School horse sports day. Lillian Oke proudly represented Dubbo Public School at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza cattle show at Scone. Competing as part of the Dubbo College South Campus team under the expert guidance of their ag teacher (her father Dave Oke), she presented her 500 kilo plus steer ‘Chilli’ and did very well. She also competed in the ‘Primary Paraders’ and junior judging, receiving many favourable comments from the judge.

On 17 October Jesse Dennis (Year 5), Joe Sinclair (Year 3) and Isabella Sinclair (Year 1) participated in the Coolah horse sports day. The day was attended by 140 riders from surrounding areas. All three riders were very successful, as can be seen from the photograph, bringing home a swag of ribbons including 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, and 4ths. Jesse was also awarded reserve champion boy in his division. Unfortunately, the fourth member of the team, Lachlan Sinclair, had to withdraw.

Student Report on the Dance-a-thon
Yesterday, we held our school dance-a-thon with games, circus and lots of dancing. There were games like giant chess and lots more fun activities and chips and drinks on sale to raise money for playground equipment. Everyone came with wild hair and excellent costumes and had a magnificent time. We would like to thank the SRC and Miss Brien for organising this crazy but enjoyable event.

By Mackenzie Schulz and Ella Matthews

Hearing Team News
The Western Region Hearing Team is part of Dubbo Public School and each year they hold a major excursion to Taronga Western Plains Zoo for deaf and hearing impaired students across Western NSW. Dubbo Public’s Wade Miller (Year 6) was one of the students who joined teachers from the Hearing Team to enjoy an action-packed ‘Zoosnooz’ experience. Activities like giraffe feeding, a behind the scenes tiger encounter and an Australian night walk kept all participants busy and entertained. The teachers were very proud of their students’ exceptional behaviour and would like to congratulate them all.

Community News
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