From the Principal’s Desk
What a fantastic Walkathon we had today! Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 walked around the course in Victoria Park. Everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere mixing with their mates and their teachers. Thank you to Mr Hare for organising such a great day. We look forward to seeing how much money we have raised to help buy new equipment for our playground.

This week was the last meeting of P&C for 2014. May I take this opportunity to thank this wonderful group of parents and carers who work so hard all year to support our school. The staff and students appreciate your time and commitment – thank you.

Although we only have four weeks to go until the end of the year, we certainly have a lot of exciting things to come. Next week we begin two weeks of Intensive Swimming followed by Christmas Carols, Year 6 Farewell and Presentation Day. Information will be sent home regarding these events. Please come along and celebrate with us!

Enjoy your week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

PSSA Sport and Extreme Weather
PSSA summer sport will continue on tomorrow, Friday 21 November. Students will be leaving the school at 9.20 am. Yet again, extremely hot weather has been predicted so it is essential that students take a hat and water bottle to sport with them.

School Swimming Scheme 2014
The School Swimming Scheme starts next Monday and will run for the next two weeks. Please ensure that your child has their lunch as they will not be able to access the canteen for that time. Payment of the $25.00 pool entry should be made by Friday 21 November.

K-2 Assembly Times for Weeks 8 and 9
Due to the holding of the School Swimming Scheme in Weeks 8 and 9 the K-2 assembly will be held from 11.45 am to 12.00 pm on Thursday 27 November and 4 December. The item for Week 8 will be performed by S1P.

Awards Close Next Week
Processing of awards for students will finish next Tuesday 25 November for students in Kinder to Year 5. Students who bring in awards after the closing date will be asked to take them home and bring them back to school early in 2015. Year 6 students should bring their awards to school as soon as possible so they can be processed and presented before school finishes.

Library Stocktake Starts Next Week
Thank you to all students who have returned their resources. All outstanding books need to be returned in the next few days as our annual stocktake is about to begin. Books do get misplaced and, while we try to be accurate, sometimes the computer record is incorrect. If there are any problems, please write a note or ring Mrs Neville. Students are not being requested to pay for missing books at this stage.

Leaving Students
We are fast approaching the time of year when teachers are considering next year’s class placements. It would assist us greatly in this process if parents of students who will be leaving at the end of the year could inform Mrs Pritchard, their child’s teacher or office staff.

PBL Focus
The current PBL focus is ‘We are respectful. We listen. We do.’
Guitar Group 2015
There are a few places available for students wishing to learn guitar as part of the school’s instrumental music program. Cost of the program will be $80.00 per term. If your child is in Stage 2 or 3 and is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Cathi in the school office on 6882 2399 to register your interest. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a ‘first in, first served’ basis.

Walkathon Money
The final date to return Walkathon sponsor money to the school is next Friday 28 November.

Talent Quest Auditions
Auditions for the school talent quest are on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week in the S3H room from 1.30 pm. The talent quest is on Friday 12 December 2014.

Wacky Wednesday
The Wacky Wednesday meal for Week 8 is chicken and gravy rolls. Cost is $5.50 for a roll and a popper. Orders need to be placed at the canteen by Monday 24 November at 1.30 pm.

Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Tuesday 9 December at Dubbo RSL from 6.30 pm. Dress code is smart casual, heel height to be no greater than 5 cm and no joggers. Year 5 students are asked to contribute $10.00 towards the cost of their meal and drinks. There is no cost for students in Year 6. Reply slips should be returned to Mrs Lawes by Monday 24 November.

For Sale by Tender – Fish Tank
The school is selling the fish tank, stand and light which were in the front office corridor until last month. Dimensions are 1200 x 500 x 350 mm. Guide price is $200 to $300. Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope marked ‘Fish Tank Tender’ and returned to the school office by Friday 28 November. Lowest or only tender not necessarily accepted.

School Calendars
School calendar order forms were sent out yesterday. Calendars cost $5.00 each. Order forms will be sent out early next week.

Applications for Selective Schools Placement 2016
Parents of Year 5 students are advised that applications for selective high school placement in 2015 closed on 17 November 2014.

School Magazine
The 2014 school magazine is in the final stages of production. It will be on sale at the Christmas Carols evening on Wednesday 3 December. Cost will be $10.00 each.

Year 6 to 7 Transition Program
Students in Year 6 who will be going to South Campus next year will be attending a transition day next Wednesday 3 December. They will be leaving the school at 9.30 am and returning at 2.15 pm. Full school uniform will need to be worn and students will need to bring food for recess and a drink.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Lachlan Sinclair (Year 6) who represented Dubbo Public School on Friday 14 November at the Western Academy of Sports All Schools Aquathon. Lachlan came 3rd in the Year 6 race which involved a 750 metre run, 200 metre swim and a final 1km run.