**From the Principal’s Desk**

It is certainly busy around the school at present. Over a hundred students involved in the Special Swimming School head off to the pool each day much to the envy of those of us left at school. There is also much excitement around the talent quest auditions - I hear there are a few talented staff members polishing their acts! Teachers are also busy organising Presentation Day, our annual church service, thank you morning teas, reward days, Year 6 Farewell, the school magazine and finalising student reports. Our students, as always, are excited, enthusiastic and keen to be part of whatever is being organised. I know they appreciate our hard-working staff and parents.

It’s such a nice time of the year when we are preparing for all the end of year events and festivities and with Christmas just around the corner it’s not just the children who are excited. Enjoy the week and stay cool!

*Debbie Pritchard*

**Principal**

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**PSSA Sport**

PSSA summer sport will continue on tomorrow, Friday 28 November. Students will be leaving the school at 9.20 am. Next Friday 5 December is the last day of the summer competition.

**School Swimming Scheme 2014**

The School Swimming Scheme is on again next week. Students taking part will need to bring their swimmers and lunch to school with them next week. They will not be able to access the canteen while the Swimming Scheme is on.

**K-2 Assembly Times for Week 9**

Due to the holding of the School Swimming Scheme next week’s K-2 assembly will be held from 11.45 am to 12.00 pm on Thursday 4 December.

**Awards Closed for 2014**

Processing of awards for students in Kinder to Year 5 has closed for the year. Students who bring in awards 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. The final presentation of Silver and Gold Awards and School Medals will be on Monday 8 December.

**Walkathon Money**

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

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**Talent Quest Auditions**

Auditions for the school talent quest are on again tomorrow in the S3H room from 1.30 pm and there will be a catch up opportunity on Monday at lunchtime. Students taking part in the swimming scheme can audition at recess tomorrow or Monday. The talent quest is on Friday 12 December 2014.

**Christmas Carols Evening**

The school’s Christmas Carols evening will be held next Wednesday 3 December at the school. The festivities will start at 5.30 pm with a BBQ organised by Stage 3 students. Class items will start at 7.00 pm. All parents and family members are invited to come along and join us for what promises to be a great night.

**Presentation Day and Final Assembly**

The final assembly for the year will be held on Tuesday 9 December at the Dubbo Convention Centre at 10.00 am. All students are asked to wear full school uniform including black shoes on Presentation Day. All parents are most welcome and we encourage you to attend.

**Year 6 Farewell**

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Tuesday 9 December at Dubbo RSL from 5.00 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. RSVPs for students attending must be returned to Mrs Lawes by tomorrow Friday 28 November at the latest. The timetable appears on page 2.

**PBL Focus**

The current PBL focus is ‘We follow directions the first time’.

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**Dates for Your Diary**

**December**

- Monday 1: School Swimming Scheme Week 2
- Wednesday 3: Church Service
- Thursday 4: Thank you morning tea
- Friday 12: Reports sent home to parents
- Saturday 13: Christmas Carols
- Tuesday 9: Presentation Day
- Wednesday 10: Year 6 Farewell
- Friday 12: Talent Quest
- Saturday 13: Students’ last day for 2014

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Term 4 Week 8 156 Years of Quality Education Thursday 27 November 2014
**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.

**Wacky Wednesday**
The Wacky Wednesday meal for Week 9 is sushi. Cost is $5.50 for a vegetable, chicken and avocado or mixed sushi or mixed rice paper rolls and a popper. Orders need to be placed at the canteen by Monday 1 December at 1.30 pm.

**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.

**2015 School Calendars**
School calendar orders close next Wednesday 3 December 2014. Calendars are available with school dates or without and cost $5.00 each.

**Swim Scheme is on again next week - don’t forget your gear and lunch!**

**Year 6 Farewell Program**
- 5.00 to 6.15 Photos in Theatrette foyer
- 6.30 to 7.00 Presentations in Theatrette
- 7.00 to 8.30 Dinner and disco

Parents are asked to please be on time to collect their child.

**Kinder Coming Events**
The Kinder pool day will be held on Thursday 11 December from 9.45 am to 12.00 pm. Plenty of parent helpers will be needed for supervision so if you are able to help please indicate this on your child’s permission note.
On Friday 12 December all Kinder classes are having their class party. Party clothes can be worn to school.

**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.

**Macquarie Regional Library Summer Reading Club**
MRL is holding their summer reading club during the school holidays. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the library to register for some fun introductory activities starting next week. You will be able to sign up for the reading club at these sessions.