From the Principal’s Desk

It’s great to be back - thank you to Heather Thompson who did a fabulous job as Principal in my absence. Our Stage 3 students returned from their Canberra excursion last night tired but having had an ‘awesome’ time. Congratulations to them all for their exemplary behaviour and being such outstanding ambassadors for our school. Thank you also to Mrs Lawes, Mrs Walters, Mrs Read, Mrs Renneberg and Mr Hare for their organisation and supervision. Term 4 is certainly flying with the usual end of year activities yet to come – swimming school, walkathon, Christmas carols and, of course, our annual presentation ceremony. Please make sure you add these events to your diaries as we always appreciate your attendance and support. Just a reminder for all students participating in PSSA sport on Fridays to remember sunscreen, a water bottle and, most importantly, a hat. Dubbo Public School is well recognised and admired around town for our distinctive and proudly worn uniform. Please ensure that your child has a school hat to complete the outfit when representing our school.

Finally thank you to all the parents who returned surveys providing feedback to help formulate our new school plan. A second session will be held next Tuesday from 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the school hall. An invitation is warmly extended to the school community to attend and be part of this planning process.

Have a great week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

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 this year was held today with all children coming to school for an extended session with the Kinder teachers. A letter will be sent home to parents later in the year advising them of their child’s class for next year and the times and dates for their final orientation session and Best Start Assessment. These will be held during the first school week of 2015.

School Swimming Scheme 2014
The School Swimming Scheme is on in Weeks 8 and 9 at the Dubbo Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Students attending the assessment day this morning were placed into their instruction groups. Notes will be sent home to parents in the next few days advising them of arrangements for the program. Cost is $25.00 (ten days’ pool entry fee) and should be paid by Friday 21 November.

Term 4 PSSA Summer sport
PSSA summer sport will continue on tomorrow, Friday 31 October. Students will be leaving the school at 9.20 am.

‘Pete the Sheep’ Excursion Open to Stage 2
Some places are available for students in Stage 2, K6B and S23M to see the stage performance of ‘Pete the Sheep’ on Friday 14 November 2014. Permission notes and payment of $15.00 need to be returned to the school as soon as possible. These places will be allocated in the order that notes and payment are received.

Sports and Whole School Photos
Sports and whole school photos are now available and can be ordered online at the discounted price of $14.00 each. Instructions and an online order code are available from the school office. Envelopes for manual orders can be obtained from the office. Cost for manual orders is $18.00 per photo and orders close on Friday 21 November.

Library Borrowing Closes This Week
Library book borrowing will finish for 2014 at the end of this week. All books should be returned by the end of Week 7 in readiness for the annual library stocktake. Students who have outstanding books according to the school’s records will receive an overdue notice. This is a reminder only; it is not an invoice requesting payment.

PBL Focus
The current PBL focus is ‘be safe. Stay in bounds.’

Dates for Your Diary

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Canteen News

Leonie Lesslie and Kellie Burgess, canteen supervisors, would like to thank all those parents who provided food for the Kinder parent lunch yesterday. The food was delicious and beautifully presented – a very impressive effort and much appreciated.

Wacky Wednesday

The Wacky Wednesday meal for Week 6 is fish and chips. Cost is $5.50 for oven baked fish, wedges and a popper. Orders need to be placed at the canteen by Monday 10 November at 1.30 pm. Meals for Kinder, Stage 1 and K6B will be served on Wednesday and for Stages 2 and 3 and S23M on Thursday.

Canberra Excursion

The Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra was a fantastic experience for all participants. The students learnt about democracy in action at the Electoral Education Centre and visited The House of Representatives and the Senate at Parliament House. D Zone at the Australian War Memorial was a lot of fun with costumes, trench warfare and helicopter and submarine simulators. The AIS had many interactive sporting activities for the students to try out including rowing, rock climbing, bowling speed and many more others. The Canberra Aquatic Centre had a great slide and lots of interesting and unusual water experiences. The big hit on the trip was the Laser Tag at Zone 3. The Stage 3 teachers attending the excursion, Sue Lawes, Gabby Walters, Kyle Read, Matt Hare and Sally Renneberg, were very proud and impressed with the respectful and mature way in which the students conducted themselves on the excursion. The bus drivers and many venue operators made numerous positive comments about student interest, questions and behaviour.

Sue Lawes
Stage 3 Leader

Chelsea Dodd in S3L wrote:

Canberra was a blast! We did so much stuff like Zone3, Parliament House, Questacon and swimming. This year swimming was added as well as Laser Tag at Zone 3 and the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). I think the War Memorial was a great learning experience as we learnt about the hardships of war and the sacrifices made for us. We also went to Telstra Tower which was really cool as we could see the beautiful lights and feel the fresh breeze too. Questacon, Zone 3 and swimming were the best and all the others were educational. Canberra was definitely worth the waking up at 4.30am and waiting around. Everyone had an awesome time.

Kinder Zoo Excursion

Kinder students, along with their teachers, Mrs Duffy, Ms Graham, Ms Stewart and Mrs Hines, and several parent helpers went to the Western Plains Zoo last Friday to look at safari animals and zoo animals in general. The children have been learning about these animals as part of their studies of Human Society and Its Environment and the zoo visit provided the perfect opportunity to supplement their classroom studies with first-hand experience. The students loved getting up close to the animals and meeting the baby hippo, the baby rhino and the baby giraffe. They met Cuddles the Elephant and were delighted when she used her trunk to wave back to them and flapped her ears on a command from her keeper. The otters put on a fantastic show right under the children’s noses and the siamangs hooted, jumped and danced in a very entertaining fashion. They were so engaging that one of the children asked his teacher, ‘did they do that concert just for us’. The day ended with a fun session at the Adventure Playground. Thank you to the keepers and staff of TWPZ, the bus drivers and all the parents who helped make the excursion such a great experience.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Kinder Zoo Excursion

Oliver Milling, Cooper Tonkins, Mason Albury and Ryan Eade