From the Principal’s Desk

Great news! We now have a mobile phone app. This application will give you instant access to Dubbo Public School information when you click on it 24/7. You will be able to access newsletters, find sporting venues and most importantly receive pop up notifications from us. We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but for now download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for Dubbo Public School. Once you have found it press install or download.

We are busy at present finalising classes for 2015. A lot of time and thought goes into this process and accommodating the diverse needs of our student population is our prime concern. A letter will be sent home shortly notifying you of your child’s proposed class and teacher for 2015.

Don’t forget our Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell next Tuesday. Have a great week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

PSSA Sport

PSSA summer sport finishes tomorrow, Friday 5 December. Students will be leaving the school at 9.20 am. Please ensure that you have paid your child’s PSSA fees.

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 this week 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 5 December. To date we have raised approximately $14 000 which will be used to purchase more playground equipment. What a wonderful effort – thank you!

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.

PBL Focus

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

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 as soon as possible.

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 at the conclusion of the evening.

Christmas Carols

What a great way to celebrate the start of the festive season. Thank you to the families who risked getting wet to come along and join us. The barbeque proved a great success as well. The proceeds from the barbeque will go towards the Year 6 Farewell. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There are some photos on Page 2.

Church Service

Our Christmas church service was held at St Brigid’s church yesterday. We celebrated the true meaning of Christmas with a nativity story. The kinder students had a great time performing. Photos appear on Page 2.

Talent Quest

The students are very excited about the upcoming Talent Quest. This a fun activity for our students to participate in and watch. With all the end of year activities, we are very conscious of the financial and time commitment families make. The Talent Quest is not one of these. Students are not required to purchase or make costumes or to go to great lengths practising. It is just a fun way for our students to share their talents with each other at the end of the year.
Year 6 to 7 Transition
Yesterday Year 6 students participated in an Orientation Day at the Dubbo College junior campuses. The students worked in groups led by Year 9 students and completed a treasure hunt and enjoyed a barbeque lunch. Each student received a goodie bag full of information about secondary school and stationery, etc. The day was very informative and a lot of fun. Everyone thought it was an awesome day.

Cooper Mooney-Macrae

Kinder Coming Events
The Kinder pool day will be held on Thursday 11 December from 9.45 am to 12.00 pm. A permission note will go out tomorrow. 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.

School Magazine
The 2014 school magazine is available in the school office. Cost is $10. Miss Trudgett has done a wonderful job of compiling a very colourful, exciting memento of the year’s activities.

Pool and Class Parties
Next week students and teachers will be celebrating the end of another successful year with Pool Days and class parties. Permission notes will go out tomorrow.

Individual Student Reports
Reports went home today. Please take the time to read and discuss the reports with your children. Teachers have worked very hard to ensure the reports are professional, meaningful and of a high standard.

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Wacky Wednesday
The Wacky Wednesday meal for Week 10 is Pizza. Cost is $5.50 for a pizza and a popper. Choices include meatlovers, ham and pineapple or cheese. Orders need to be placed at the canteen by Monday 8 December at 1.30 pm.

Design a Lunch Bag Competition
Thank you to everyone who has submitted lunch bags in our competition. There have been some really amazing entries. The competition will be drawn on Monday 15 December.

Thank You
Kellie, Leonie and the canteen committee would like to thank everyone who has supported the canteen this year.

The canteen will close for the year on Friday 12 December. There will be no canteen available in the last week of term.