Western Area Swimming Carnival

Our swimmers had a very successful day at the Western Area Swimming Carnival last Friday and displayed incredible effort to perform at their best. Four DPS students will compete at the State Carnival in Sydney next month after putting in some outstanding performances:

Lachlan Sinclair  
First place - 100m freestyle, 12 yrs freestyle, senior breaststroke, senior individual medley  
Second place - senior backstroke, senior butterfly

Sophie Orth  
Second place - 8 yrs freestyle

Cooper Ferrari  
Third place - junior breaststroke

Seamus Eddy  
First place - boys multi-class backstroke

New P&C Office Bearers

The vacant President’s and Vice President/Canteen Coordinator’s positions were filled at last Tuesday’s meeting by Cath Harvey and Cathy Pascoe, respectively. On behalf of the Dubbo Public School community I would like to thank Cath and Cathy for taking on these positions.

Safety Day

The school’s Safety Day is on next Thursday, 20 March from 9.30 am to 1.20 pm. Students will be learning about how to stay safe in a variety of situations they commonly encounter at school, home and in the community. They will also learn about how to keep their pets and wildlife safe. Representatives from the Fire and Police Services, State Emergency Service, Dubbo Buslines and the local rangers will be in attendance.

AECG Thank you

Thank you to Miss Trudgett and the contemporary dance group who performed for the AECG meeting last week. You were absolutely brilliant — congratulations! Thank you also to the P&C for providing the luncheon – everyone was very appreciative.

A little about the AECG

The New South Wales Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc (AECG) is recognised as the principal source of advice on Aboriginal education and training at all levels and in all stages of planning and decision making. There is a partnership agreement between DEC and the NSW AECG. This agreement was designed to formalise a two way partnership for developing programs in Aboriginal Education.

Bike Riders Must Wear Helmets

Please ensure that if your child is riding a bike or scooter to school that they wear a helmet. This is a requirement by law. It is also worth noting that young children do not develop their peripheral vision until primary age so it is not advisable for students K-2 to be riding bikes or scooters to school.

Drop off/Pick Up

Police have been patrolling the drop off zone in Darling Street. Please remember the following important points when dropping off or picking up children

- No parking in the drop off/pick up zone between 8.30am to 9.30 am and 3.00pm to 4.00 pm
- Double parking is illegal and children will not be permitted to run through traffic to a waiting car

Parent tip - Helping your child make friends:

- Talk to your child about making friends
- Identify unfriendly behaviour
- Teach some social skills such as how to start a conversation
- Provide opportunities for your child to invite friends to our place
- Encourage your child to participate in out of school activities
- Limit the time spent in solitary activities
- Technology offers children opportunities to make and maintain friendships

Dates for Your Diary

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Dubbo Public School Newsletter

At Dubbo Public School we believe in being safe, respectful learners

Phone 6882 2399 Email dubbo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au web: www.dubbo-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
PBL Focus
Week 8’s PBL focus is ‘we keep our hands and feet to ourselves’. The staff will be explicitly teaching the students the importance of showing respect for others by keeping their hands and feet to themselves.

School News
Premier’s Reading Challenge
There has been a wonderful response for the 2014 PRC. If your child would like to enter they need to see Mrs Neville in the library to ‘activate’ their name for 2014. Kinder will be completing the Challenge as a class, with books read in the library and classroom. To help children locate the books for their level there are stickers on the books in the library for the K-2 (red sticker) and 3-6 (green sticker) challenges. Students are also able to use the MyLibrary database via the student portal.

Book Club
Book club orders, including those paid online, need to be returned to school tomorrow Friday, 14 March. Please include the correct money as change cannot be given until the order is processed, which could be several days. Items will be given out as soon as possible after they arrive. Please note that not all children will receive their orders on the same day.

Incorrect orders – if your child receives the wrong item, please return the book with the order slip to Mrs Neville the next day.

Excursions
1. Year 5 Excursion to Old Dubbo Gaol
The Old Dubbo Gaol excursion is on Thursday, 27 March from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Students need to bring recess and a drink bottle in a carry bag. Full school uniform and a hat need to be worn. Cost is $7.00. Notes and money need to be returned to school by Friday, 21 March.

2. Year 6 Excursion to Wambangalang
The Year 6 Wambangalang excursion is on Thursday, 27 March from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm. Students need to bring fruit, recess, water bottle, sunscreen and a hat in a small bag. Casual clothes and sensible footwear should be worn.

Year 6 Shirts
Year 6 shirt Shirts cost $50.00 each and a deposit of $20.00 or payment in full must be made when order forms are returned. Orders and are due by Friday, 21 March. Late orders cannot be taken. A payment plan may be arranged by contacting Mrs Pritchard before the due date.

Canteen Chatter
The Wacky Wednesday meal deal for Week 8 is chicken and gravy rolls. Cost is $5.50 for a roll and juice popper. Orders must be in by 1.30 pm on Monday, 17 March. We are having a ‘Red Food Day’ next Monday, 17 March to celebrate St Patrick’s Day. Green lollies will be on sale and donations of green coloured food (e.g. iced cakes, biscuits) would be much appreciated.

P& C News
New P &C Office Bearers
The two vacant positions on the Committee were filled at last Tuesday’s P&C meeting. Cath Harvey has once again stepped into the President’s role and Cathy Pascoe is the new Vice President/Canteen coordinator. The P & C is very grateful to have these two capable parents step into these roles.

Reminder about Facebook page
Dubbo P and C has a Facebook page – Dubbo Public School P&C and all parents are welcome to ask to be a member of this closed group. The page is useful for keeping up to date with P and C and school happenings. We do have social media guidelines covering what is and is not acceptable on the page, but please accept the invitation to join in the conversation!