**Principal Appointment**
I’m very excited to announce that I have been successful in securing the position of Principal at Dubbo Public School. I feel very privileged to be leading this school and look forward to working with the staff and the students and their families. My appointment is subject to departmental processes which hopefully will be finalised next Tuesday.

**Safety Day**
Today our students enjoyed learning about the ways they can remain safe at school, home, and travelling to and from school. Various community groups and essential services led very informative talks throughout the day on fire, cyber, pedestrian, bike and bus safety. It was great to see the children working together in peer support groups with the peer support leaders supporting the younger students. Thank you to Mr Thompson for the wonderful organisation.

![Miss Parkes in her Hazmat suit.](image)

**Bright Colours Day**
Today our students wore bright colours in memory of Ellen Lawler, a very popular teacher who passed away suddenly two years ago. The SRC were keen to raise money to add more plants to the memorial garden. Thank you to our school community—we raised $528.

A special thank you to some of our Stage 2 and 3 girls who made some beautiful coloured wrist bands and raised $50 which has gone towards our Bright Colours Day.

Hannah Coote, Liberty McCarthy, Ashley Steele, Eloise Knight, Jemma Brill, Pollyanna McCarthy, Amelia Orth – who made colourful wrist bands for our Bright Colours Day.

**Sport Update**
Mr Hare has certainly been busy organising lots of sport opportunities for our students. PSSA sport begins next term. Students in years 3 to 6 will compete against other Dubbo schools in soccer, rugby league, netball, lawn bowls and a new sport – league tag for girls.

**No Hat No Play**
Please support our No Hat No Play policy by encouraging your children to make sure they have a hat in their bag when they come to school. It is important students cover up when in the sun with a hat and sunscreen. Students without a hat are asked to play in the shade.

**Dates for Your Diary**

### March
- Thursday 27: Yr 5 Old Dubbo Gaol Excursion
- Yr 6 excursion to Wambangalang

### April
- Thursday 3: SRC disco
- K-6 Assembly at 12 noon in the RSL Theatrette

- Tuesday 8: Rugby Union Gala Day

- Thursday 10: ANZAC Assembly
- Friday 11: Last Day of Term 1
- Grandparents Day/Easter Hat Parade
Setting the Scene

Setting the Scene conferences have again been very successful with 96% of our parents attending the sessions. Surveys were sent home last week and those returned have been extremely positive. We appreciate your feedback and aim to improve our practice based on feedback. Please return to the front office or your child’s teacher when completed. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Grandparents Day/Easter Hat Parade

This is a wonderful way to recognise our senior citizens and to bring our community together before the Easter break. We welcome all grandparents and family members to join in the fun and friendship on this day. The P&C will be running a barbecue and they welcome anyone who can help on the barbecue either cooking or serving.

Program for Grandparents Day is:
- 12.45pm Visit Classrooms
- 1.25pm Lunch P&C Barbecue
- 1.45 pm Concert and Easter Hat Parade
  Tea & Coffee Available

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA)

We are offering students in years 5 and 6 the opportunity to participate in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA). The Enrichment Stage consists of six different modules. During a 16 week period between April and September, students work through the six modules in the Enrichment Stage learning new non-syllabus mathematics and doing exercises. Each module is marked and results returned to students in October. The cost of the program is $41 per student. If you are interested, further information is available on the following website www.amt.edu.au or by contacting Mrs Lawes at school.

Parent tip: It is absolutely crucial that children arrive at school on time and present every day. One day absent can mean that your child will miss out on vital learning. If your child is sick please contact us immediately and send in a note. If you visit the doctor please ask for a medical certificate. Remember absences must be explained.

Have a great week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Book Club

Mrs Neville has injured her hand and will be on sick leave for the rest of this week and the following week as well. Book orders will be given out when she returns.

Excursions

Year 5 Excursion to Old Dubbo Gaol

The Old Dubbo Gaol excursion is on Thursday 27 March from 10am – 12noon. 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.

Year 6 Excursion to Wambangalang

The Year 6 Wambangalang excursion is on Thursday 27 March from 9.30am to 2.30pm. 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 shirts cost $50 each and a deposit of $20 or payment in full must be made when order forms are returned. Orders and money are due by Friday, 21 March. Late orders cannot be taken. If payment is an issue a payment plan may be arranged by contacting Mrs Pritchard before the due date.

New Uniform Prices

The school has a limited supply of new uniforms for sale. Prices are as follows. Once stock has been sold we will not be re-ordering.

- Boys grey socks sizes 2 – 8 $5.50
- Boys/mens grey socks size 8 – 11 $5.50
- Boys sport shorts size 32 $11.00
- Boys sport shorts size 34 $11.00
- Girls interlock sport shorts size 16 $11.00
- Girls interlock sports shorts size S adult $11.00
- Girls interlock sports shorts size M adult $11.00
- Girls interlock sports shorts size L adult $11.00
- Girls summer dress size 6 x 1 only $52.00
- Girls summer dress size 8 x 1 only $50.00
- Girls white skivvy size 16 x 1 only $11.00
- Boys long sleeved polo shirt size 14 $16.50
- Sloppy joe size 14 x 1 only $16.50

Stewart House Day 2014 Donation Drive

A Stewart House envelope is being sent home today with each newsletter.

- Please fill in your name, address, telephone number and the name of your school on the envelope.
- Insert a donation of at least $2 into the envelope and seal it.
- Return the envelope to the school office.

Canteen Chatter

Thank you to those who donated to our St Patrick’s Day.

Next week’s Meal Deal is Fish and chip frenzy - orders need to be in by Monday at 1.30pm. Wacky Wednesday – K6B, Kinder and Stage 1. Thrilling Thursday – Stages 2 and 3.