From the Principal’s Desk

This term has certainly gone quickly – we only have two weeks left until the holidays. The staff and students have worked hard this term and we’d like to showcase some of our talents by inviting our parents and carers to the K-6 assembly next Thursday. S1W, S2M and S3L will entertain us with class items. Our whole school assemblies will now be held in the RSL auditorium to accommodate our growing numbers. On the last day of term, Friday 11 April, we celebrate Grandparents’ Day. I have heard that this is one of the highlights of the year and I know our students enjoy welcoming their grandparents into their classrooms. Please come along and enjoy our mini concert and a barbecue cooked by the P&C. I look forward to seeing you all. Hope you have enjoyed the lovely rain?

Dobbie Pritchard
Principal

SRC Disco

We are pleased to advise you of some new and exciting changes to the format for our SRC disco to be held next Wednesday, 2 April. The venue is now Wesley Hall, Church Street and we will have music and a lightshow provided by a DJ. Times are:

- Kinder and Stage 1: 5.30 to 6.30 pm
- Stage 2 and Stage 3: 6.30 to 8.00 pm

Cost is $6.00 for a drink and packet of chips and glowstix are available for 50 cents each. The theme is ‘circus’.

Please be on time to collect your child when their disco ends.

K-6 Assembly

The K-6 assembly will be held next Thursday, 3 April at the RSL Auditorium from 12.00 noon. Please note the change of venue. Parents and family members are warmly invited to come along and join us. Items on the programme include presentation of Gold and Silver Awards, entertainment from S1W, S2M and S3L and an iMovie featuring highlights of the term.

Transport Excursion

As part of their unit of study on transport students in Stage 1 will be taking a mystery tour of Dubbo on the ‘Big Red Party Bus’ to look at transport systems. They will travel to Geurie on the party bus, have lunch at Geurie Public School and then travel back to Dubbo on the XPT. The excursion will be held on Wednesday, 2 April (Year 2) and Friday, 4 April (Year 1).

Stage 3 Excursions Postponed

Wet weather has forced the postponement of the Year 5 excursion to Old Dubbo Gaol and Year 6 excursion to Wambangalang. These will now be held on Wednesday, 9 April and Thursday, 22 May respectively.

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA)

The MCYA offers students in Years 5 and 6 the opportunity to develop and extend their mathematics skills. From April and September students complete 6 modules of new non-syllabus mathematics. Each module is marked and results returned to students in October. The program costs $38.00 per student and not $41 as advised in last week’s newsletter. If you are interested, further information is available on the following contacting Mrs Lawes at school or visit www.amt.edu.au

P&C Easter Raffle

The P&C will be running an Easter raffle and are asking for donations of Easter-related goods for the prize hampers (nothing containing nuts, please). Ticket books will be sent home with this newsletter and need to be returned to school by Thursday, 6 April. The raffle will be drawn at Grandparents’ Day on Friday, 11 April.

Grandparents Day/Easter Hat Parade

The P&C are providing a barbecue lunch at Grandparents’ Day. If there are some parents or friends out there who can assist the P&C would love to have your help, even for an hour. Please contact Kylie McKeown on 0428 892937 or via the P&C facebook page.

Grandparents’ Day program

- 12.45 pm: Classroom visits
- 1.25 pm: Lunch (tea and coffee available)
- 1.45 pm: Concert and Easter Hat Parade

Lost Property

The school’s lost property trolley is overflowing. Parents may come in at any time and check the trolley for lost items. It will be cleared at the end of the term and all unnamed items which cannot be returned to students will be donated to charity.

Dates for Your Diary

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Sports Report

Girls Netball Knockout
The schools’ girls netball team defeated Yeoval Central School 50-9 on Wednesday and now move on to play in the netball Divisional Day on 7 May. The girls played very well and showed great sportsmanship during the game; they were encouraging and supportive of each other and their less experienced opponents. Congratulations to team members Mackenzie Schulz, Haylee Burton, Brooke Galley, Lucy Roberts, Kelsie Scott-Aitken, Kiah Gordon, Sarah Williamson, Meg Rosenbaum, Hannah McKeown, Gypsy Jenkins and Chelsea Dodd.

Rugby 7’s
There will be two junior and two senior Rugby teams playing at a Gala Day at Victoria Park Ovals on Tuesday, 8 April. We are holding an optional training session on Tuesday, 1 April after school. Details have been provided on the permission note.

Dubbo District Football (Soccer) Teams
A number of students recently attended trials to represent Dubbo District at upcoming Western SSA Gala days. Details of their results will be posted in future newsletters.

Dubbo District Rugby Union
A fantastic effort from Lachlan Sinclair, Anthony Hollman and James Finch who endured inclement weather at the WSSA trials on Wednesday. Congratulations to Lachlan who was selected to represent Dubbo District at the Western Trials later in 2014.

Dubbo District PSSA Rugby League
Good luck to Sion Gordon, Liam Deaves, Vince Sapuppo and Cooper Whackett who have been training with the Dubbo District squads which will be attending a Western SSA Gala Day on 7 April.

Girls Cricket
Girls’ Cricket Knockout team will play Dubbo South Public School on Wednesday, 2 April at Riverbank Ovals (near Nita McGrath netball courts).

Dubbo Public Cross Country
5 weeks of training left!

Kinder and Stage 3 Combined Sports
Stage 3 and their kinder buddies have been working on their sporting skills for the last 2 weeks. The Stage 3 students have been helping their younger schoolmates to develop their sporting skills by guiding them through a number of tabloid activities at combined sports sessions on Friday afternoons. Kate Duffy (Year 5) and Ben Rosenbaum (Year 6) provided this great report:

Over the past two weeks Stage 3 and their Kinder buddies enjoyed buddy sport. The Stage 3 students helped their buddies to participate in the activities. There were eight rotations of games and skills. These included soccer skills, throwing and catching, parachute activities, basketball dribbling, sack racing, shooting target with foxtails, tennis balls and Frisbees and games such as Rob the Nest and Giant and the Troll. Everyone had fun and overall it was awesome!

Kinder and Stage 3 students at combined sport last Friday

Canteen Chatter
Wacky Wednesday for Week 10 is noodle box day. Cost is $5.50 for Singapore noodles with stir fried chicken and vegetables and a juice popper. Orders must be in by 1.30pm Monday, 31 March.