‘Setting the Scene’ Thank You
All our teachers are very happy with the large numbers of parents who attended ‘Setting the Scene’ conferences. Thank you all for your strong support of your children’s education. At DPS we are constantly striving to deliver the best quality teaching and learning for your child and feedback from parents on the school’s programs is a very important part of this. A ‘Setting the Scene’ conference evaluation form accompanies this newsletter and we would appreciate it if parents could complete this and return it to the school office. Survey results will be published in the newsletter as soon as they are collated.

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting
Our local AECG met at Dubbo Public School today. The visitors were treated to a variety of presentations and performances by Dubbo Public School. Miss Trudgett and her dance group performed an amazing contemporary dance. I’m sure we will see a lot more of this talented group throughout the year. A further highlight of the afternoon was the presentation by the students in the Mulga-Birra program, a mentor program between boys from South and Delroy campuses and our Stage 3 boys. I felt very proud to showcase some of the great things happening at our school.

Debbie Pritchard
Principal (Relieving)

Life Education Van
Clases have been visiting the van this week learning about making healthy life choices. Lessons are specifically targeted to each age group and include:

Kindergarten  Harold’s Surprise – Healthy Eating
Stage 1   Keeping safe and healthy
Stage 2   Cyberbullying
Stage 3   Tobacco use

Parents & Citizens Meeting
The P&C Association will meet next Tuesday evening, 11 March at the Sporties Club at 7pm. All interested parents and carers are cordially invited to come along and join us. You will be most welcome.

No Balls from Home
Students are asked not to bring sports balls such as footballs, soccer balls and netballs from home. This equipment is supplied by the school. Only handballs can be used between 8.55 and 9.20 am.

Congratulations
Meg Rosenbaum (Year 6) represented Western Region at the State Cricket Carnival in Barooga last week. Meg was successful in taking 2 wickets, 4 catches and a run out. Lachlan Sinclair (Year 6) swam extremely well to be named Senior Boys Champion at the Dubbo District Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Congratulations Meg and Lachlan on an outstanding effort!

Western Area Swimming Carnival
The Western Area Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow, Friday March 7 at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre. Our swimming representatives are:

Lachlan Sinclair  Sophie Orth  Tanisha Eisel
Cooper Ferrari  Myah Wallace  Emma Duffy
Kaitlyn Hall  Anthony Hollman  Lillian Oke
Eloise Knight  Joe Sinclair  Lawson Shepherd
Ebony Furner  Abby Knaggs  Lucy Roberts
Alex Orth  Oscar Harvey
Leo Bassingthwaighte

We congratulate these swimmers on their achievement and wish them the best of luck. I would like to thank Scott Sinclair and Miss Graham for organising and supervising training sessions throughout the week.

Life Education Program
Next week’s schedule for class visits to the Life Education Van is:

Monday  S1F, S2B, K Green
Tuesday  K6B S23M, K Red
Wednesday  S1D, S1L, S2M
Thursday  S3H, S1M

School Performance ‘Adamriginal’
Next Thursday, 13 March the school will be hosting a performance of ‘Adamriginal; the Didgeridoos and Don’ts of Urban Aboriginal Arts’. The performance is suitable for students in all years from Kinder to Year 6. Cost is $5.00 and payment should be sent to class teachers.

Dates for Your Diary

**March**

Friday 7  Western Area Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 11  P&C meeting, Sporties, 7.00 pm
Thursday 13  Life Education program ends
Thursday 20  Performance ‘Adamriginal’, school
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students who wish to participate this year need to see Mrs Neville to enter the Challenge. Reading records can then be kept online but students will be given a paper reading log also. There is now a PRC app available for Windows 8 devices. For more information about organisation, booklists etc. visit the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website.

Book Club
Order brochures were distributed yesterday. Orders, including those paid online, need to be returned to school by Friday, 14 March. Please check that all details have been completed on the order slips. Orders need to be sent to the library in a sealed envelope or plastic bag.

Hear our Heart Ear Bus Fundraiser
Year 6 students Harrison Crowfoot and Charlotte Crowfoot have organised a coin collection to raise funds for the ‘Hear our Heart’ ear bus project. Students can place their small change in a jar in their classroom over the next three weeks. At the end of this time each class’s collection jar will be weighed and the class with the heaviest jar will win a prize.

Sports Roundup
Boys’ Cricket Knockout
Dubbo Public School played Condobolin Public School in Dubbo on Tuesday, 25 February. DPS bowled first, restricting Condobolin to 9 for 193 from their 25 overs. Lawson Shepherd was the pick of our bowlers with a very respectable 4 for 16 off 5 overs. The Dubbo Public boys batted well but fell 15 runs short of the total required. Ben Rosenbaum was best with the bat with 25 runs to his name.

Clockwise from back left: Jay Hughes, Mitchell Campion, Ben Rosenbaum, Lawson Shepherd, Lachlan Sinclair, Ryan Maxwell, Nate Ambler, Koda Sissian (Absent: Kieran Rosenbaum, Alex Orth, Redmond O’Connor, James Finch, Brad Deveigne, Kieran Rosenbaum)

Senior Girls Cricket
Our girls played the first round of the PSSA Cricket knockout yesterday against Orana Heights Public School. The girls were victorious and progressed to the next round. Matt Hare accompanied the girls and commented on their outstanding teamwork. Well done, girls!

Tennis Success
The school’s PSSA knockout tennis team played extremely well to win 6 sets to 1 in the first round of the competition. Congratulations to team members Redmond O’Connor, Kaitlyn Hall, Charlotte Crowfoot, Harrison Crowfoot and Connor Sullivan (clockwise from top left).

Canteen Chatter
The Wacky Wednesday meal deal for Week 7 is Pizza day. Cost is $5.50 for pizza and a juice popper. Varieties available are ham, cheese or meatlovers. Orders must be in by 1.30 pm on Monday, 10 March.

Thank you to all those parents who helped with cooking and setting up for the AECG lunch today.

Community News
Dubbo After Hours Medical Services
There are two free after hours medical services available to members of the Dubbo community and surrounds, the Medical (local GP telephone) Service and the After Hours GP clinic. People can speak over the phone with a local GP regarding their health concerns, or alternatively attend the After Hours clinic for a face to face consultation with a local GP. The clinic is open on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, except Christmas Day and Good Friday, from 2.00 pm to 6.00pm and is located at DBH opposite the emergency department. The clinic specifically services acute medical conditions which require urgent review and cannot be delayed to a normal business day. The clinic is not equipped to manage emergency situations; such presentations should be managed by calling 000 or attending the local Emergency Department. Contact Natalie Menzies on 6884 0197

Sport 4 Us
Sport 4 Us is a Saturday morning sports group for school aged children, who cannot participate in mainstream sports due to a physical or social disability. A 5 week program will run at Paramount tennis courts from Saturday, 8 March at $10 per week. To enrol please contact Mandy Wells 0438 849 567 or email: ukids.mandy@bigpond.com