From the Principal’s Desk
What a busy, successful term we have had. Our students have excelled in the sporting arena, participated in fundraising activities and excursions, enjoyed the new look school disco and K-6 assemblies and achieved great things in the classroom.

Thank you, parents, for your ongoing support and for your attendance at the various school events. Your interest and involvement is certainly appreciated by the staff and I know the children love having you in the school.

Next term we say goodbye to Heather Locke and Brooke Ferguson (Maternity Leave). Thank you for your contributions this term. We wish you well with your new endeavours. We welcome Jane Daley to S1L and Tamara Shepherd to S1F.

Please join us for Grandparents Day and the Easter Hat parade tomorrow starting at 12 noon. The P&C will be providing a BBQ lunch.

Have a happy and safe holiday. School recommences on Tuesday, 29 April for students. See you all then!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Stage 1 Transport Excursion
Stage 1 students had a great time on their transport excursion last week. They travelled around Dubbo on the Big Red Party Bus looking at transport related activities and then went to Geurie for lunch and a return trip on the XPT. Mrs Dess and the Year 2 contingent had a slightly more eventful trip than they anticipated when they were diverted to a side-road after the Mitchell Highway was blocked between Dubbo and Wongarbon. It wasn’t their day, as they arrived at Geurie Railway Station for the trip home only to find that the XPT was running late. Mrs Willis was very pleased to report that the Stage 1 trip on Friday went off without a hitch (but we’re keeping that quiet). Thank you to Mrs Willis, Mrs Dess, Miss Parkes, Mrs McLeod, Miss Locke and Miss Keed and to all the parent volunteers for accompanying and supervising the students.

ANZAC March
On Friday, 25 April, Dubbo Public School will participate in the annual ANZAC Day March. I encourage all students to take part. Students are asked to meet staff outside Centrelink at 10.30 am on the day. They will need to wear full school summer uniform complete with school hats.

Thank you in anticipation.

PSSA Sport
PSSA sport starts on Friday, 2 May (Week 1). A note with information about the arrangements was sent home yesterday. If your child is playing rugby league they must return their permission note to Mr Hare as soon as possible.

Students may pay a lump sum of $24 for the 8 weeks or $3 per week. Please note that if you are paying in full you will receive a credit for any cancelled sports days. This amount will be credited to your child’s Term 4 PSSA account.

Opportunity Class 2015 Applications Open
Applications for opportunity class placements for students in Year 5 2015 open on Monday, 28 April 2014 and must be submitted by 16 May 2014. Online applications may be made by visiting www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

A small number of paper application forms are available from Mrs Pritchard for parents without internet access.

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday, 2 May 2014. Presents will be supplied and cost $4.00 each. Payment to class teachers, please. If anyone can help on the day please contact Allana on 0412 713 525.

NAPLAN 2014
NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 is being held from Tuesday, 13 May to Thursday, 15 May 2014. An information note has been sent home today.

Dates for Your Diary

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**Book Club**
All Book club orders have now been distributed. If there are any problems with your child’s order, please return the goods and order slip to Mrs Neville tomorrow.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Congratulations to Matilda Hurst (S1F) who has already completed the 2014 Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Well done, Matilda!

**Sports News**
Western Region Soccer Trials
Congratulations to all the girls and boys who took part in the Western Region soccer trials in Bathurst last Friday. Everyone did their best, especially Kate Duffy who was selected to represent the Western Region at the state soccer carnival to be held in Nelsons Bay later in the year.

7-a-side Rugby
The school’s rugby union team competed at the 7-a-side competition last Tuesday. Mr Hare was very proud of the boys for their effort and sportsmanship. Thank you to Scott Sinclair and Keith Hammond for their assistance on the day and to Scott and Tony Hollman for helping out at training sessions.

**Canteen Chatter**
Thank you for supporting the canteen this term. Our updated winter menu accompanies this newsletter. The first Wacky Wednesday deal will be on in Week 2 on Wednesday, 7 May.

It will be hotdogs with a juice popper and lolly (sauce, mustard and/or cheese are optional – please indicate on the order bag). Cost is $5.50 and orders must be in by Monday, 5 May at 1.30 pm.

Term 2 is ‘donate to your canteen’ term. All donations of foil, plastic teaspoons, straws, baking paper and muffin cases would be appreciated. Names of the children making donations will go into a weekly prize draw and into a major draw at the end of term for some really great prizes.

We would like to send a very big thank you to the parents who helped us cater for the Mulga-Birra morning tea this week. Thank you to Narelle Hocking and Veronica Schulz for their help with setting up and to Jen Coote, Lana Eather, Rachelle Betts, Lucy Vandermaal, Narelle Hocking and Denielle McPherson for providing a wonderful assortment of delicious food.

**Term 2 Reminders**

- **28 April**
  - staff return

- **29 April**
  - students return

- **2 May**
  - PSSA Sport starts

Please have all your uniform and gear ready and return your rugby league note (if required)

- **2 May**
  - Mother’s Day stall