Dubbo Public School Newsletter
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155 Years of Quality Education
Term 1 Week 10

From the Principal’s Desk
What a fantastic disco we had last night! The students looked fabulous in their circus costumes and our new venue was also a great success, Thank you parents for your creative costuming and to the staff, especially Miss Brien, for a fun night!
I spoke today at our whole school assembly about developing empathy in our children and its importance in preventing bullying. Empathy is the ability to understand someone else’s situation, feelings or motives. It is imperative that we teach our children to be considerate of others and be kind to the people we interact with every day.
On that note, I’d like to invite you all to our Grandparents’ Day and Easter Hat Parade on Friday, 11 April. I know the students look forward to having such special people visit.
Have a great week!

Debbie Ritchard
Principal

Redmond O’Connor, Lachlan Sinclair, ???, Lawson Shepherd at last night’s disco

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
ICAS test entries close on Monday, 7 April. Year 2 students may take part in the Science, English and Mathematics competitions only. Students in Years 3 to 6 are able to take part in any competition.

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Grandparents Day and Easter Hat Parade
Please note that there have been some changes to the Grandparents’ Day program.

Grandparents’ Day Program
12.00 pm Concert
12.45 pm Classroom visits
1.20 pm Lunch (tea and coffee available)
2.15 pm Easter Hat Parade

The P&C will be providing a BBQ lunch. If you are able to help, please contact Kylie McKeown on 0428 892 937 or via the P&C facebook page.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting is to be held on Tuesday April 8 at 7 pm at ‘Sporties’ on Erskine Street. The executive would like to extend a warm welcome to any parents and carers who have ever thought about joining the P&C. This is a great way to meet other parents and be involved in the decision making process at the school. Please come along and see if it’s for you!
Items of general business can be sent to Cath Harvey on 0447 796 200 or to our secretary Rachelle Betts via the P&C facebook page.

Easter Raffle
Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the Easter hamper prizes. Donations of Easter themed (nut free) items can be left at the school office. Please keep those raffle tickets coming in. More books are available from the office. The raffle will be drawn at Grandparents’ Day.

Dates for Your Diary

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Sports Report
State Swimming Carnival
The school’s Western Area swimming representatives Sophie Orth, Cooper Ferrari, Lachlan Sinclair and Seamus Eddy will be competing at the State Swimming Carnival at Homebush next week. We know that they all will be trying their very best and wish them every success.

Western Area Rugby Union
Congratulations to Lachlan Sinclair who has been selected in the Western Area rugby union team. Well done, Lachlan on a great achievement.

Rugby 7’s
Two junior and two senior Rugby teams are playing at a Gala Day at Victoria Park Ovals on Tuesday, 8 April.

Girls Cricket
Our girls’ cricket knockout team scored a comprehensive victory over Dubbo South Public School yesterday to move forward to the semi-finals of the competition in October. Mr Hare was very proud of the team’s sportsmanship and excellent play. Congratulations to all the team members on a wonderful achievement.

Dubbo Public Cross Country
4 weeks of training left! and counting down.

SRC News
Hear our Heart Fundraiser
Over past weeks students have been donating their small change to raise funds for the Hear our Heart ear bus project. Each class’s coin collection tin has been weighed and S1K have won a class party courtesy of the Hear our Heart campaign. S1K’s tin weighed in at a hefty 3.7 kg. In second place was S3W with 2.8 kg and S3L with 2 kg. A member of the Hear our Heart committee will make a presentation to the students at next Monday’s school assembly. The total weight of all money raised came to a massive 25 kg so congratulations and thank you to all the students who took part.

Disco
The SRC disco was held last night at the Wesley Hall. All the students who attended had a great time at the ‘Circus’. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our SRC.

Canteen Chatter
Wacky Wednesday for Week 10 is twisted chicken. Cost is $5.50 for crumbed chicken strips in a wrap with lettuce, tomato (with or without sweet chilli sauce) and a juice popper. Orders must be in by 1.30pm Monday, 7 April. We will be selling choc-coated ice creams at Grandparents’ Day for $2 and water ice blocks for $1.50.

Photos – students at last night’s disco at Wesley Hall.