From the Principal’s Desk
Welcome back to term 2. I hope you enjoyed the two weeks holiday with your children. Congratulations to the students who represented our school on ANZAC Day. The large number of students who marched were fine ambassadors for Dubbo Public School. Thank you also to parents for your support and a special thank you to Matt and Trish Taylor for sharing their water supply on what was a very warm day. This term is only nine weeks long so there is much to do in a short period of time. Just a reminder that PSSA sport commences tomorrow and our annual Cross Country will be held next Tuesday. Term 2 is also a big assessment term with Years 3 and 5 participating in the NAPLAN tests in week 3 and reports and Three Way Conferences in weeks 8 and 9.
I look forward to this busy but exciting term.

Debbie Pitchard
Principal

Class Captains’ Induction
Term 2 class captains will be inducted at an assembly to be held next Monday, 5 May at the school at 11.45 am. Badges are $5.00 each and can be obtained at the school office. Parents are invited to come along to pin on their child’s badge of office.

PSSA Sport
PSSA sport starts tomorrow, 2 May. Students will need to be in full school sports uniform and have any mandatory protective gear required for their sport. Boys who are playing rugby league must return their permission note to Ms Harr. Students may pay a lump sum of $24 for the 8 weeks or $3 per week. Please note that students who have not paid their bus fare will remain at school.
For more information on PSSA sport see page 2.

School Canteen Closed Next Tuesday
The school canteen will be closed on Tuesday, 6 May due to the holding of the cross country carnival. A BBQ lunch will be provided at the cross country by the P&C or they will need to bring their lunch from home.

Cross Country
The cross country carnival is on next Tuesday, 6 May at Ollie Robbins Oval in Bligh Street. The carnival will start at 12.00 pm and the first race for infants and primary students will be at 12.30 pm. Infants and primary races will be conducted over different courses so there will be some overlap of race times. The P&C will be providing lunch for the students. Cost is $3.00 for a sausage sandwich and fruit juice. Please send money to class teachers.

Peer Support
Our whole school will be starting Peer Support sessions next week. Our Stage 3 Peer Support leaders participated in leadership training at Dubbo College South Campus today. We will be using a new module, ‘Speaking Up’, which focuses on anti-bullying. In the first session students will have the opportunity to think about the different types of bullying and what their experience of bullying has been.

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

Mother’s Day Stall Change of Date
The Mother’s Day stall will now be held on Friday, 9 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.

Kinder 2015 Enrolments Open
Parents wishing to enrol their child in Kinder next year can do so by obtaining an Application to Enrol form from the school office. A copy of the child’s Birth Certificate or Passport, immunisation status and proof of residential address will need to be provided to the school.

Free Birth Certificates
A free Birth Certificate day for all NSW born children, youth and families is being held at Senior Campus on Friday 2 May from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Parents and over 18’s will need to bring ID (driver’s licence or RTA ID card, Medicare/Centrelink card, and credit/debit card).

Dates for Your Diary
May
Friday 2 PSSA sport starts
Monday 5 Class Captain’s induction
Tuesday 6 Cross Country, Ollie Robbins Oval
Friday 9 Mother’s Day stall, school
Monday 12 Cross country ribbon presentation, school, 11.45 am
Tuesday 13 NAPLAN testing starts
Thursday 15 NAPLAN testing ends
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Charlotte Hurst (S3L) and Maddy Eather (S1D) who have already completed the 2014 Premiers’ Reading Challenge. This year’s challenge is well underway with many enthusiastic readers regularly borrowing. If you would still like your child to take part they can come and see me in the library.

Netball Umpire Required next Thursday
The school’s netball team is taking part in the netball divisional day next Thursday and we need to provide an umpire. If there is a qualified netball umpire out there who is able to volunteer their services, please contact Mrs Read at the school. Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

Canteen Chatter
Thank you for supporting the canteen this term. Our updated winter menu was sent out last term. Please note that the price of sausage rolls is now $3.00.
Wacky Wednesday for Week 2 is 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.

PSSA SPORT TERM 2 (WEEKS 1 TO 8)

TIMES
10.50 am to 11.10 pm  Recess (Fridays –Term 2 only)
11.15 am to 1.10 pm   (Students leave school and return)

COST
$24.00 ($3.00 per week for 8 weeks). Payment will be strictly monitored and students who have not paid will be unable to participate.

DRESS
As students are representing their school they are expected to wear full school winter sports uniform, as per the list below. Students will need to take their school hat and a water bottle.

Boys
Blue shorts with red stripe
Red polo shirt with school emblem
Red and blue football socks to wear over shin pads
Suitable footwear
Blue track pants with red school jumper

Girls
Blue wraparound pleated skirt or blue cotton shorts (not basketball style)
Red polo shirt with school emblem
Red and blue football socks to wear over shin pads
White socks for netball
Suitable footwear
Blue track pants with red school jumper

MANDATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR PSSA SPORT (RUGBY LEAGUE AND SOCCER)
The Department of Education and Communities’ guidelines for safe conduct of sport and physical activity in schools make it compulsory for students doing some sports to wear protective equipment and for this requirement to be strictly adhered to. Students playing rugby league or soccer who do not have their protective equipment on competition days will go to their chosen sport as usual but will be unable to participate in any games.

Rugby League
Mouthguard (Mandatory)
Red and blue football socks

Soccer
Shin pads (Mandatory)
Joggers (Mandatory) No soccer boots are allowed
Red and blue football socks to cover shin pads