From the Principal’s Desk

There’s been much excitement at school this week as our digging pit finally takes shape. Our little car/truck enthusiasts will be soon able play in their own special area. If you have any old cars or trucks that you no longer want we’d certainly make good use of them.

In other news, we will soon be getting a new demountable classroom to house our extra class. Fortunately its placement will not encroach too much on our playground space.

We also welcome back a very special member of our school. He is very colourful, his name is Sherbet and he has lots of friends around Dubbo! Call in to see how great he looks in our front foyer.

Enjoy your week!

Debbie Ritchard
Principal

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Balls in the Playground

Students are not to play with big balls (soccer balls, basketballs, netballs etc) in the playground before the morning bell and at recess. These can be used at lunchtime as the playground is less congested.

Mobile Phones and Other Devices

It is advisable that students not bring mobile phones, iPods, iPads and the like to school. The school will not be responsible if these items are lost or damaged. If for some reason, your child needs to bring a phone to school it must be handed to the classroom teacher at the start of class.

PSSA Sport

Just a quick reminder that PSSA sport is on tomorrow, 16 May. Students will need to be in full school sports uniform and have their mandatory protective gear, if required.

Peer Support

In next week’s Peer Support lesson students will review the bullying triangle and remember that bullying affects everyone in the school, not just the person being bullied. Everyone in the school has the right to feel safe and there are lots of ways children can help to build a positive school environment. The children look at three responses to situations; anxious, angry and assertive and discuss which would be the most helpful for them.

Year 6 Wambangalang Excursion

The Year 6 excursion to Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre which was postponed last term will take place next Thursday, 22 May. A reminder note will be sent home next Monday.

Opportunity Class 2015 Applications Closing

Applications for opportunity class placements for students in Year 5 2015 close tomorrow, 16 May 2014. Online applications may be made by visiting www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Kinder and K6B Show Excursion

Kinder and K6B are going on an excursion to Dubbo Show on Friday, 23 May. Permission notes and money need to be returned to class teachers.

GRIP Leadership Conference

The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is on Monday, 19 May 2014. Students taking part should return their permission notes and money to the school office by Friday, 16 May.

World of Maths Roadshow

The World of Maths Roadshow visit for students in Years 3, 4 and 5 is on next Thursday, 22 May. Cost is $6.00.

Dates for Your Diary

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Kinder 2015 Enrolments
Thank you to all those parents who have enrolled their child for Kinder next year. Application to Enrol forms are available 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.

Holiday Reading Program
Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Holiday Reading Program. Their names were placed into a draw and the winners from each class got to select a book for their classroom library. Winners were

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Sports Report

District Cross Country Team
The Dubbo Public School Cross Country team is:

8/9 Years
1. Tanisha Eisel
2. Sophie Orth
3. Zoe McAneney
4. Charli White

10 Years
1. Amelia Orth
2. Lillian Oke
3. Chelsea Munge
4. Cheynne McDonald

11 Years
1. Ebony Furner
2. Kate Duffy
3. Kaitlyn Hall
4. Camryn Morley

12/13 Years
1. Brooke Galley
2. Myah Wallace
3. Lucy Roberts
4. Meg Rosenbaum

Congratulations to you all. The district cross country carnival will be held on Wednesday, 28 May.

PSSA League
The school’s rugby league knockout team is playing against Orana Heights Public School today. Good luck to you, we know you will be trying your very best.

PSSA Soccer Knockout
The school’s boys and girls soccer teams will be competing in the PSSA knockout at Hans Claven Fields (Bligh Street, behind Target) next Wednesday, 21 May.

Netball Divisional Day
The school’s netball team competed at the PSSA Divisional Day last Thursday. They played extremely well to defeat Orana Heights 24-0 in round 1 and Dubbo South 22-20 after extra time in round 2. Unfortunately, they lost 19-10 to Condobolin in round 3. Mrs Read accompanied the team and was very proud of the girl’s outstanding sportsmanship and play, saying that they were a credit to Dubbo Public School. Congratulations to team members Brooke Galley, Lucy Roberts, Haylee Burton, Meg Rosenbaum, Hannah McKeown, Kiah Gordon, Sarah Williamson, Kelsie Scott-Aitken, Chelsea Dodd and Mackenzie Schulz.

PSSA Hockey
Congratulations to Kieran Rosenbaum and Ben Rosenbaum who competed in the Western Region hockey trials last Monday.

Canteen Chatter
Wacky Wednesday for Week 4 is on Wednesday, 21 May. It will be nachos (corn chips with mince and cheese, sour cream is optional) and a popper. Cost is $5.50 and orders must be in by Monday, 19 May at 1.30 pm. The canteen donation drive is on all this term. Items such as aluminium foil, plastic teaspooles, plastic drinking straws and muffin cases would be greatly appreciated. Names of children who make donations go into a weekly prize draw and a draw for major prizes at the end of the term.

Community News
The Hear our Heart Committee were delighted with the $468.40 the school raised in the recent donation drive. The SRC, guided by Harrison and Charlotte Crowfoot, did a wonderful job organising the money collection tins. They are also looking for volunteers to help with the Ear Bus Project as they are a small committee of 8 members and the demand for the project is increasing daily. Assistance with things like computer work, collecting money tins from local businesses, researching funding grants, maintaining our website, returning phone calls and manpower at our events would be much appreciated. If interested please phone Rachel Mills 0413 687 671 or Donna Rees on 0419 534 447.