From the Principal’s Desk
What really struck me when I first came to Dubbo Public School was firstly the variety and number of extra curricula activities on offer and secondly the number of talented students and teachers we have. So when I was asked to host a visit by the Deputy Secretary of Education Mr Greg Prior I jumped at the chance to showcase these talents. Mr Prior will visit our school this Friday and will be entertained by our school band, the junior choir and the contemporary dancers. Hopefully he will also have time to visit some of our classrooms. Please ensure children are in full school sports uniform on Friday to welcome our special guest.
Have a great week!

Debbie Pitchford
Principal

Head Lice
We suspect that nits (head lice eggs) head lice are present in the hair of some of the students in the school. If you find signs of nits and or head lice in your child’s hair, please start treatment as soon as possible. Signs include
- itchy head, scratching of scalp
- white specks stuck near the root of hair (nits)
- fine black powder (lice faeces) on the child’s pillow
- lice (often hard to see)

Ways to reduce the spread of head lice:
- Regularly checking your child’s hair (older children may be taught to do this themselves)
- Tie back and braid long hair
- Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom for all family members to use when they wash their hair
- Daily combing of white hair conditioner through hair using a head lice comb

PSSA Sport
PSSA sport is on again tomorrow, 23 May. Students will need to be in full school sports uniform and have their mandatory protective gear, if required. Please note that children who have not paid their bus money will remain at school.

Peer Support
In next week’s Peer Support lesson students will look at some of the reasons why bullying occurs and what sort of productive activities they can undertake instead. Bullying behaviour is often the result of anger, loneliness, boredom or the desire for fun and attention. It is also linked to a lack of empathy by those doing the bullying.

National Simultaneous Storytime
Yesterday Dubbo Public School students were some of thousands of children across Australia taking part in ‘National Simultaneous Storytime’. This event aims to stimulate children’s interest in reading and involves participants from schools all over Australia sitting down at 11.00 to listen to a story at the same time. Members of S3W and Kinder came to the library to hear Mrs Neville read this year’s story, ‘Too Many Elephants in this House’, by popular childrens’ author Ursula Dubosarsky. The story really captured their imaginations and they also enjoyed Andrew Joyner’s funny, clever illustrations. The students were given their own elephant illustration to decorate, with some very creative results.

Salvos Red Threads Day – Out of Uniform
Next Tuesday, 27 May the SRC are having a ‘Red Threads’ Day to raise funds to support the Salvos Red Shield Appeal. Students may wear casual clothes but the SRC members would like to encourage them to wear red clothing, or a touch of red. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Dates for Your Diary
May
Friday 23 PSSA Sport
Tuesday 27 Out of Uniform ‘Red Threads’ Day
Wednesday 28 District Cross Country
Thursday 29 Dubbo Eisteddfod starts
June
Wednesday 4 K-6 Assembly, RSL Auditorium
World of Maths Roadshow
Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in the World of Maths Roadshow today. Amelia Chapman and Chelsea Munge of S2H thought ‘the World of Maths was amazing. We learnt about graphs, chance and patterns and that there are a lot of different ways of becoming good at and learning maths’.

Stage 2 students at the World of Maths Roadshow
Left to Right: Jemma Brill, Sienna Coon, Liberty McCarthy, Amelia Orth, Nate Ambler, Cooper Ferrari, Sam Vahabi, Connor Sullivan

Stage 2 Museum Visit
Yesterday, as part of their studies of places here and now, Stage 2 students and their teachers visited the museum at the Western Plains Cultural Centre. They had a great time learning about their local community and how it has changed over the years. One of the highlights was a visit to the olden day schoolroom (pictured). Everyone really appreciated the time and effort the WPCC volunteers put into presenting an interesting and informative talk on the history of their city.

Sports Roundup
District Cross Country
The Dubbo District Cross Country carnival is on Wednesday, 28 May at Wellington Racecourse. Travel will be by bus leaving the school at 9.15 am. Full school sports uniform needs to be worn and students will need to bring lunch and recess, water bottle and asthma puffer (if required). Notes and $10.00 bus fare need to be returned to school by Monday, 26 May.

Bryan Palmer Shield
Members of the DPS rugby union team will be competing in the under 12s competition at the Bryan Palmer Shield PSSA Gala Day at Victoria Park No 2 and No 3 Ovals next Monday, 26 May. Mouthguards are mandatory for this competition. Players may also bring their head gear and football boots, if they have them.

PSSA League
The school’s rugby league knockout team defeated Orana Heights Public School in in a closely fought contest, with a 20 to 16 victory after extra time. Congratulations to all the boys on a great result.

PSSA Soccer Knockout
The school’s boys and girls soccer teams competed in the PSSA knockout yesterday. Team co-ordinators, Miss Trudgett and Mr Flick, were very proud of their respective teams high standard of sportsmanship and play. The girls’ team scored an impressive 14 to 0 victory over Buninyong Public School. Congratulations to team members Abby Knaggs, Xanthe Graham Quayle, Stevie Boney-Chillie, Kaitlyn Hall, Danielle Hillsley, Camryn Morley, Ellie Stanley, Emma Duffy, Mackenzie Schulz, Haylee Burton, Jade Lomonaco, Ebony Furner, Cia Read and Kate Duffy. The boys’ team was also victorious, scoring a 4 to 2 win over some very determined opponents from Narromine Public School. Congratulations to Ryan Maxwell, Mackenzie Sampson Barrett, Blake Melville, Koda Sissian, Mitchell Campion, Patrick Potter, Tobey Coon, Nate Ambler, Lachlan Smith, Lachlan Sinclair, Ryan Duffy, Seth Hechanova and James Finch.

Canteen Chatter
Wacky Wednesday for Week 5 is on Wednesday, 28 May. It will be a chicken wrap and a popper. Cost is $5.50 and orders must be in by Monday, 26 May at 1.30 pm. Donations of items such as aluminium foil, plastic teaspoons, plastic drinking straws and muffin cases would be greatly appreciated.