Dubbo Public School Newsletter

At Dubbo Public School we believe in being safe, respectful learners

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From the Principal’s Desk

Last week Dubbo Public School was one of two Dubbo schools lucky enough to host a visit by the Deputy Secretary of Education Mr Greg Prior and the Director of Macquarie Network Mr Michael Cronk. Our special guests met with students and visited classrooms and enjoyed performances by our choir, band and dance group. The reason I mention the visit again this week is because of the way our students welcome visitors. They are polite, respectful and well-mannered and on Friday I felt extra proud to be Principal of such a great school. And while I’m handing out pats on the back – congratulations to our Cross Country team who brought home the Handicap trophy yesterday for the first time. Well done!

Pictured with the Handicap trophy are team members Lawson Shepherd, Brooke Galley and Amelia Orth and presenter Amanda Thorpe of Dubbo West Public School. Have a great week.

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Dubbo Eisteddfod

Many of the school’s students and teachers have been practising diligently as they prepare to perform in the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod which starts today. The Stage 2 and 3 Choir and the S1D/S23M Signing Choir competed in their sections this morning. Mrs Read, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs McCabe and Mrs Dess were all extremely proud of their groups’ excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and effort.

The schedule for the school’s other performing groups is:

**Friday 30 May, 10.00 am session**

Stage 1 choir

**Tuesday 10 June, 10.00 am session**

Dance groups - Stage 3, Stage 3 contemporary, boys

**Tuesday 10 June, 12.00 pm session**

Dance groups – Stage 2, Stage 1 and Kinder

**Wednesday 11 June, 10.00 am session**

Band

**Wednesday 11 June, 1.30 pm session**

Percussion group, Recorder groups

Students in the band, percussion and recorder groups will need to wear full school winter uniform (including red jumper with school crest) and black school shoes. Band and recorder group members should bring their instruments and music to school on the day of the Eisteddfod.

No Parking Zone

Parents are asked to please abide by the road rules when using the drop off zone between the NO PARKING signs in Darling Street between the hours of 8.30 and 9.30 am and 3.00 and 4.00 pm. Practices such as parking and leaving a car in this zone at the designated times and double-parking are not only illegal but inconsiderate towards other drivers and can create potentially dangerous situations for students and other road users. Substantial fines and licence demerits apply for infringements of the rules relating to no parking zones.

Peer Support

In next week’s session students will talk about how they can make a difference by speaking up against bullying. They will look at ways in which bystanders can seek help for someone who is being bullied.

PSSA Sport

PSSA sport is on again tomorrow, 30 May. Please note that children who have not paid their bus money will remain at school. Students will need to be in full school sports uniform and have their mandatory protective gear, if required.

K-6 Assembly

The full school assembly will be held on Wednesday, 4 June at the RSL Auditorium at 12.00 pm.

Clothing

The school’s lost property trolley has been overflowing with clothes, lunch boxes and drink bottles every week. Parents are asked to please mark your child’s school uniform and property clearly with their name. Items which are not named cannot be returned to students and will be placed in the school clothing pool or donated to charity.

Dates for Your Diary

**May**

Friday 29  PSSA Sport
Stage 1 Choir, Dubbo Eisteddfod

**June**

Wednesday 4  K-6 Assembly, RSL Auditorium
Wednesday 11  Western Cross Country
Small Steps Anxiety Awareness Program
The Mental Health Association NSW is giving a presentation on anxiety in children as part of their Small Steps Anxiety Awareness program. The presentation is designed for parents and gives a great deal of useful information on anxiety, its signs and symptoms and strategies for its resolution. It will be held at Dubbo West Public School hall on Thursday, 26 June from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. If you would like to attend, please contact Louise Hennessy on 6885 0277 or email louise.dubbo@centacarebathurst.com.au

There is also a free public forum ‘Learn About Anxiety Disorders’ on Monday, 23 June at The RSL Theatrette from 6.30 to 9.00 pm. RSVP for this event to Julie on 9339 6003 or email jleitch@mentalhealth.asn.au

Book Club
Issue 4 order brochures have been given out to all classes. Orders need to be returned by Friday, 6 June to the library in a sealed envelope or bag with the student’s name marked clearly on it. Please include the correct money as it is not possible to give change until the order is being collated. Thank you for supporting Book Club. Bonus points received from our orders are used to purchase books for the library and classrooms.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Zoe McAneney, Hayden Vandermaal, Amelia Chapman, Ed Chapman, Eve Bailey and Charley Elliott who have completed the 2014 Challenge

Year 6 Leadership Excursion
On Thursday, 22 May Year 6 participated in a leadership excursion at Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre. They worked in teams to complete a variety of orienteering courses. In the initiative activities they learnt about trust and how to work together as a team. The students enjoyed the low ropes challenge where they relied on a partner to help them through the course. The flying fox was by far the favourite activity. The students were excellent, safe, respectful learners throughout the day. Everyone had a terrific time.

Lucy Roberts, Myah Wallace, Mackenzie Schulz, Harrison Crowfoot and Joel Wardman at Wambangalang last week

Sports Roundup
Western Cross Country
Congratulations to Zoe McAneney, Amelia Orth, Ebony Furner, Brooke Galley and Lawson Shepherd who were selected to compete at the Dubbo District cross country carnival. The carnival will be held on Wednesday, 11 June at Wellington Racecourse.

Bryan Palmer Shield
Members of the DPS rugby union team competed in the under 12s competition at the Bryan Palmer Shield PSSA Gala Day last Monday. In their first game against Dubbo West Public School they came away with a 6 all draw. The second game saw them take on Mudgee, defeating them 10 – 0 with superior speed and crashing tackles. Our team made it to the semi-finals against Narromine PS but unfortunately we were defeated 18-5. All concerned had a wonderful day and Mrs Walters was very proud of the boys, who showed exceptional sportsmanship throughout the competition.

PSSA League
The school’s rugby league knockout team will play Dubbo South Public School on Tuesday, 3 June at Victoria Park No. 3 oval. Team members will need to bring their mouth guard (and football gear, if they have it).

Canteen Chatter
Wacky Wednesday for Week 6 is on Wednesday, 4 June and Thursday, 5 June. It will be a pizza (cheese, meatlovers or ham and pineapple) 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.

Community News
Autism Spectrum Workshop and Information Session
A Positive Partnership workshop and information session for parents and carers of children on the autism spectrum will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 25 and 26 June at Dubbo RSL Club. To register visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au For those without internet access, a paper application form is available from the school office.