From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to our students who have performed so well at the current Dubbo Eisteddfod. Our students performed admirably in the choir, dance, percussion, recorder and band sections receiving four first places, a second and third place along with a highly commended and an encouragement award. I know our parents will join me in thanking our wonderful teachers who coordinated the various groups and shared the same commitment and dedication as the students in giving up lunchtimes and recesses to polish performances. Another group of hard workers who also deserve a huge thank you are our parents and carers who help out in the canteen. We appreciate your efforts to provide a nutritious and interesting menu for the students every day. We also acknowledge the fact that the canteen relies heavily on volunteers so if there’s anyone out there who can spare a day or even a few hours to support the canteen please contact the school.

Finally student reports will be sent home next week and will form the basis of the three-way conferences to be held at the end of the term. Please take advantage of this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and future learning needs with the class teacher.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Debbie Hitchcock
Principal

Volunteers Required – Reading for Life

We are looking for volunteers to help with Reading for Life, a school-based program which helps students in Years 2 to 4 build their reading skills and confidence. Volunteers will act as individual reading buddies for students, completing a 45 minute session each week for 15 weeks. Training is provided and clearance to work as a volunteer will need to be obtained. This can be done by completing a free, online RTA working with children check. For further information, please contact Mrs Thompson.

Three Way Conferences

Three Way Conferences will be held in Week 9, the final week of Term 2, except for Kinder Green, Kinder Blue and S1W who will be having their conferences on Friday, 20 June. Time preference sheets will be sent home over the next few days. Please indicate your 3 preferred conference times on the sheet and return it to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. This year, on the basis of parent feedback from previous conferences, we have decided to offer parents the option of using the last 5 minutes of the conference for a one-on-one meeting with the teacher. If you would like to take this option, please check the option box on your conference time preference sheet.

The conference schedule is:

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PSSA Sport

PSSA sport is on again tomorrow, 13 June. 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.

National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebration

NAIDOC will be celebrated at the school next Wednesday, 18 June 2014. The day will start with a full school assembly at 11.45 am featuring performances from KB, S1P, S2B and S3W. Students will spend the remainder of the day in their Peer Support groups, rotating through Aboriginal dancing with Tyrone Hall, language and culture with Di McNaboe, face painting, games and making headbands and artefacts using beads and loom bands. This is an out of uniform day. Students are encouraged to wear red, yellow and black clothing in keeping with the theme of the day.

Peer Support

The focus of this week’s Peer Support lesson was school as a safe and positive environment for everyone. Students talked about the qualities of a positive school environment and how they can play a role in creating and maintaining it.

PBL Focus

Our current PBL focus area is ‘we use our manners in assembly’

Safe, Respectful Learners

Dates for Your Diary

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Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Pollyanna McCarthy and Megan Brown who recently completed the 2014 Challenge. Well done, Pollyanna and Megan!
Reminder - time is starting to run out, with only just over two months left to complete the PRC. Reading records can be kept online or on paper – it doesn’t matter if it is not on the official PRC reading log form. Please let Mrs Neville know as soon as you have completed the Challenge.

13-Storey Treehouse
The Stage 2 excursion to see the 13-Storey Treehouse at the Dubbo Regional Convention Centre is on Friday, 27 June 2014. Cost is $15.00 per student. Full school sports uniform and a hat will need to be worn.

Premiers Debating Challenge
Students taking part in the Premier’s Debating Challenge at Dubbo RSL on Monday, 16 June are reminded that they will need to be at school by 7.55 am on Monday morning. They will be leaving the school at 8.00 am with Mr Flick to walk to the RSL.

K6B Show Results
The students of K6B achieved outstanding results at the Dubbo Show. Some of the highlights were
Madison McEwen 1st paper mache angel Y5-6
John McEwen 2nd most successful exhibitor
Seamus Eddy 3rd 4 patty Cakes
Noah Wighton 1st 4 patty cakes
Will Jones 1st most successful exhibitor under 12

Canteen Chatter
Wacky Wednesday for Week 8 is fish and chips and a popper. Cost is $5.50 and orders must be in by Monday, 16 June at 1.30 pm. Meals will be provided for Kinder, Stage 1 and K6B meals on Wednesday, 18 June and Stages 2 and 3 and S23M on Thursday, 19 June.

Community News
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. Presentations will be held at
- St Mary’s Primary School hall, Wednesday, 25 June from 9.30 to 11.30 am
- Narromine Public School hall, Wednesday, 25 June from 1.30 to 3.00 pm
- Dubbo West Public School hall on Thursday, 26 June from 9.30 am to 11.30 am
If you would like to attend any of these sessions, 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

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.

Members of the Kinder dance group getting ready for the Eisteddfod last Tuesday.

Anxiety Management Program
Supporting an anxious child is commonly both distressing and frustrating for parents. Often parents are unsure as to what to do to manage a child’s anxiety and family life can become difficult and stressful. If this sounds familiar then enrol today in one of the Cool Kids programs being run at Quinn Street Kids. Programs will be run from early September for children 3-6 years and 7-12 years. For an information pack please phone Mandy Wells on 0438 849 567 or contact quinnstreetkids@optusnet.com.au