From the Principal’s Desk
Today all students will bring home their Semester 1 reports. Please take the time to discuss your child’s achievements and areas for improvement. Three-Way conferences will start tomorrow and continue next week. These conferences provide an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to discuss progress and set directions for Semester 2. Speaking of achievements – I hope you had a chance to catch current and ex-Dubbo Public School students on the television quiz show ‘It’s Academic’. Nice job and what great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations also to Redmond O’Connor and Myah Wallace who won awards in the recent RSL ‘Australia, My Country’ writing competition with personal insights into their experiences and achievements. You can read Redmond and Myah’s literary pieces on display in our front foyer.

Enjoy your week!

Redmond O’Connor and Myah Wallace, winners of the RSL ‘Australia, my country’ writing competition with Ron Stevens of Dubbo RSL

No 3-6 Assembly in Weeks 8 and 9
Please note that there will be no primary assembly tomorrow, 20 June or next Friday, 27 June.

PSSA Sport
PSSA sport is on again tomorrow, 20 June. Students will need to be in full school sports uniform and have their mandatory protective gear, if required. This is the final session in the PSSA winter sports competition. Please note that students who have not paid their bus fare will remain at school.

Lost Property
The school’s lost property trolley continues to overflow with clothing, much of it unnamed. Mrs Thompson and her assistants have been busy returning named items to their owners – thank you to those parents who have labelled their child’s clothing as it makes this job much easier to carry out. Parents are asked to please take the time to write their child’s name on all clothing, even boys trousers; if it is not identifiable it cannot be returned.

Volunteers Required – Reading for Life
Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist with the Reading for Life program. There are still some places available so if you would like to take part, please contact Mrs Thompson. The program involves acting as an individual reading buddy for students for a 45-minute session each week over 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.

Three Way Conferences
Three Way Conferences will be held tomorrow and next week. Parents who have not received their time confirmation slip are asked to please contact the school. The conference schedule is
- Friday, 20 June: K Green, K Blue, S1W
- Monday, 23 June: K Yellow, K Red, S23M
- Tuesday, 24 June: S1F, S1P, S1D, S1K, S1L, S1M
- Wednesday, 25 June: S3H, S3L, S3RF, S3W
- Thursday, 26 June: S2H, S2B, S2G, S2M, K6B

PBL Focus
Our current PBL focus area is ‘we are respectful at assembly’

Dates for Your Diary

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Stage 2 Virtual Tour of Benelong Point
Students in Years 3 and 4 took advantage of the latest in computer technology yesterday to go on a virtual tour of Benelong Point and the Sydney Opera House. They found out a lot about Benelong Point and what it used to be like when Aboriginal people lived there. Some of the highlights were learning Aboriginal words, looking at the foods they used to eat and how they made oyster shells into weapons and jewelry and some Aboriginal words.
Thanks to Koda Sissian and Chelsea Munge (S2H) for this report.

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.

Western Area Soccer Gala Day
The school’s boys and girls soccer teams will be taking part in the Western Area Soccer Gala Day at Glen Willow Soccer Fields, Mudgee on Friday 27 June. Competitors and their parents will need to be ready for an early start as the children are leaving school at 7.00 am. Sports uniform and hat need to be worn and players must have their shin pads (mandatory for PSSA competition), football socks and boots, drink bottle and sunscreen. A canteen will be operating or food and drink can be brought from home. Cost is $9.00. Permission notes need to be returned to Mr Flick by Monday 23 June.

Canteen Chatter
Wacky Wednesday for Week 8 is noodle box day. Cost is $5.50 for Singapore noodles with stir-fried chicken and vegetables and a popper. Cost is $5.50 and orders must be in by Monday, 23 June at 1.30 pm. The major prize draw for students who have donated to the canteen during the term will be held at Assembly next Monday.
Please note that due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations the canteen cannot reheat food brought in from home.
The canteen is catering for the Mulgabirra students’ graduation next Tuesday and we would really appreciate donations of sweet and savoury finger food. If you are able to help, please drop your contributions in to the canteen before 10.00 am. Thank you.

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

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. Presentations will be held at
• St Mary’s Primary School hall, Wednesday, 25 June from 9.30 to 11.30 am
• Narrmone 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
To register 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 to Julie on 9339 6003 or email jleitch@mentalhealth.asn.au

Autism Spectrum Practical Workshop
Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is running a ‘Recipe for Success-A Positive Behaviour Support Workshop’ in Dubbo on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 12 to 14 August from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm. The workshop is designed to assist families of children with autism spectrum disorders and challenging behaviour. Register by visiting the Aspect website www.autismspectrum.org.au
An information flyer is available from the school office.

‘Hear our Heart’ Ear Bus Project
Our hearing testing and healthy ears program has started, with the first ever HOH ear test being carried out recently (see picture). As a result, the demands on us are mounting. As we are all volunteers we are now struggling to keep up. The Ear Bus Committee needs your help to bring hearing testing to your school. We need help with computer work, maintaining our website, sourcing funding grants and making applications for grants, publicising events in ‘Community Connec’, assisting with publicity, taking photos and assisting at fundraising events, liaising with local councils and service clubs and presenting our slide show at P & C, Rotary and Lions Club meetings.
Thanks to DPS parents Denielle McPherson and Trish Taylor who have joined our team. Can you? Contact Rachel Mills 0413 687 671 or Donna Rees 0419 534 447