From the Principal’s Desk
We have certainly finished the term on a high. Dubbo Public students Montana Hinton, Harrison Crowfoot, Charlotte Hurst, Amelia Chapman, Ebony Furner, Lily Burn, Jade Lomonaco, Alexei Pawlenko and Melinda Coghill who were part of a 700 plus ensemble performing in the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House. How amazing! Thank you to Mrs Willis, Ms Graham and Mrs Burn for training, coordinating and accompanying the students and to the parents who made the trip as well.

Another excited group of students is S23M who are moving into their new demountable classroom. This also means that our school hall is available for school activities again. Good news all round.

Lately I have noticed a lot of students wearing sloppy joes, jackets and caps that are not part of the school uniform. School uniform instils a sense of pride and community in our students and I know Dubbo Public School is well recognised and admired for how great they look. Uniforms are available at Lowes and KC Printshop for a reasonable price. We also have a clothing pool at school. Students will not be able to represent the school unless they are in full school uniform.

Thank you to all families for your support this term – have a wonderful break and we will see you all back on Tuesday 15 July.

Stay Warm!

Dubbie Pritchard
Principal

Changes to Stage 3 Maths Classes
To provide the best possible outcomes for students and to facilitate the implementation of the new Australian Maths curriculum, students in Years 5 and 6 will be placed in year-based maths classes for the rest of 2014. Year 5 classes will be taught by Mrs Read, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Lawes and Year 6 by Mr Hare and Mrs Walters.

Holiday Reading Program
The Holiday Reading Program is on during the winter break. Students have been issued with reading cards to record what they have read over the holidays. Reading cards should be returned to class teachers next term.

Dubbo Public School Trivia Night
The P&C are organising a Dubbo Public School Trivia Night to be held on Friday 29 August at the Dubbo Golf Club from 7.00 pm. Entry fee is $10.00 per person or $65.00 for a table of 8 and there will be lots of great prizes up for grabs. If anyone would like to help with the night, please contact Danielle Campbell on 0438 621 864.

Year 1 and 2 Pirate Adventure Day
Years 1 and 2 are having a Pirate Adventure Day tomorrow 27 June to celebrate the end of Semester 1. Students may come to school dressed in pirate costume.

13-Storey Treehouse Performance
The 13 Storey Treehouse excursion is on tomorrow, 27 June. Full school sports uniform and a hat will need to be worn. Students will be leaving the school at 11.45 and returning at approximately 1.30 pm.

Stage 3 Bring Your Own Device Day
Students in Years 5 and 6 are having a ‘BYOD’ day tomorrow, Friday 27 June. Students can bring their own piece of technology to use in class at certain times during the day. It must be in a bag clearly labelled with their name and they may bring a charger for the device.

Dates for Your Diary

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No 3-6 Assembly in Weeks 9
Please note that there will be no primary assembly tomorrow, Friday 27 June.
Field Events Trials
Field events trials for the Dubbo Public School athletics carnival will be held on Friday, 18 July (Week 1, Term 3). Students in Years 3 to 6 and those in Year 2 who turn 8 years old in 2014 will be taking part. A note will be sent home at the start of Term 3.

S3W RSPCA Donation Box
S3W and Mrs Walters are requesting donations of items which can be used to keep our furry friends warm this winter. Students and parents are not expected to purchase items but we would really appreciate donations of goods such as blankets, pillows, jackets, toys and pet food. There will be a large box for donated items outside the S3W classroom during Term 3. Thank you.

Reject Shop Colouring Competition
Colouring sheets are available from the school office. Students may leave their completed colouring sheets at the Reject Shop, Orana Mall or at the school office. Entries close 20 July 2014.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Eve Porch, Liberty McCarthy, Daniel Reeves and Jai Reeves who recently completed the 2014 Challenge.

Stage 2 Design Workshop
Students from Years 3 and 4 and Miss Graham took part in a design workshop with architects from Sydney at the Cultural Centre this week. They looked at features of the school, identified ways in which these could be modified and considered the impact of these changes. Pictured are Sophie Owens, Ashley Steele and Zoe McAneney with their model of a renovated school garden.

Stage 3 Science Day
Stage 3 had a great time at their Science Day last Tuesday learning about the topic ‘Essential Energy’. Some activities included balloon surfing using a candle and a balloon filled with water to illustrate how water conducts heat and building a waterwheel which they tested using wind and water. Everyone was amazed by the explosive results of heated cornflour and they were intrigued by making electricity using batteries made from lemons. Tyler Melville, Aaron Mann and Liam Deaves (pictured above) were the science and engineering champs on the day with an awesomely powerful waterwheel.

Stage 3 Gold Rush Presentation
Stage 3 students learned about the effects of the gold rush on the Aboriginal people living in the Dubbo area from Aboriginal Elder, Dianne McNaboe. They talked about kinship ties, the clans in our local area and changes to the landscape, especially the river, created by goldminers and the settlers and listened to stories which have been passed down through a number of generations. The students also learned that emus have two sacs in their throats and how they would often get pieces of gold stuck in these.

Canteen Chatter
A big thank you to all those parents who provided food for the Mulgabirra students graduation last Tuesday. They loved the food. We would also like to thank our ever gracious volunteers – we would struggle without your help. The canteen donation draw will be running again next term. More great prizes to be won.
A copy of next term’s menu accompanies this newsletter. Pictured are winners of the Term 2 canteen donation major prize draw Kelsie Scott-Aitken, Jake McPherson and Harrison Campbell.

Students return Tuesday 15 July
Staff returns Monday 14 July