From the Principal’s Desk

Thank you to all the families who joined us yesterday to help celebrate Education Week—a special thanks to all the grandparents present. It’s always wonderful to see such support for our school and I know the students and their teachers love sharing their achievements with you.

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week. The tagline for the original 1954 Education Week was ‘Lighting the way to a better world’ and it has also been adopted for this year’s celebration. A very fitting slogan for the volunteers who were yesterday recognised for their contributions to Dubbo Public School. Thank you to Lisa Thornton, Matthew Lane, Col Dowling, Carol McKenzie, Judy Duffy, Dawn Serisier and Lana Eather for your ongoing support.

To round off the week, we will be holding our Athletics Carnival this Friday at Bob Dowling Oval. Feel free to drop in—the P&C will be running a BBQ and of course our athletes would love an audience!

On another note, negotiations are currently underway for the purchase of a smartphone app similar to that which is being used by a number of other public schools in Dubbo. The app will enable parents to access newsletters, calendars and other school information and to send absence notes and updated contact details to the school via their smartphones.

A parent has brought to my attention the existence of an app for Dubbo Public School which can be downloaded from iTunes. This app is not the school’s official, authenticated version, so parents are asked to please refrain from using it. It should also be noted that absence notes or updated contact details sent via this app are not reaching the school. I will notify you through the newsletter as soon as our official app is ready for use.

Have a great week!

Debbie Richard
Principal

Athletics Carnival
The athletics carnival is on tomorrow, Friday 1 August, at Bob Dowling Ovals. Students aged 8 years and over will be leaving the school at 9.40 am. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students aged 7 in 2014 will be leaving the school at 11.00 am and returning at 2.00 pm. All children will need to wear full school sports uniform, a hat and sunscreen and bring a water bottle. The canteen will be closed for students in all years. Please do not send lunch orders to school on carnival day.

Presentation of Athletics Carnival Ribbons and Trophies
Presentation of athletics carnival ribbons and trophies will take place at assembly on Monday 4 August at 11.45 am at the school.

K-6 Assembly
The K-6 Assembly will be held next Thursday 7 August at the RSL Auditorium at 12.00 pm.

School Concert
The biennial Dubbo Public School concert is on again and it promises to be as amazing as always. This year’s theme is ‘Story Time’ and students will be presenting items based on some of the most popular stories ever. Performances are on Tuesday 2 September at 11.00 am and 7.00 pm at Dubbo Regional Theatre. Tickets cost $17.50 (adults and students) and $10.00 (preschoolers) and go on sale from Tuesday 5 August. Tickets are only available from DRTCC and can be purchased in person at the booking office, by phone on 6801 4378 or online at www.drtcc.com.au

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
The Stage 3 Canberra excursion is on Monday to Wednesday, 3 to 5 November. Cost for the excursion is $300.00. A deposit of $50.00 to secure your child’s seat on the bus needs to be paid by Monday 1 September. Payments may be made by instalments. The final date for payment is Monday 27 October. A permission note will be sent home early next week.

PBL Focus
The current PBL focus area is ‘Walk on cement. Run on grass’.
Band News
Each term an Encouragement Certificate will be presented to those students in Beginner Band who have shown commitment and progress. Congratulations to our Term 2 winners
Bianca Clissold    Flute
Mannat Mandhan    Clarinet
Jemma Brill       Brass
The students will receive their certificates at next week’s Years 3 to 6 assembly on Friday 8 August at 12.50 pm.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic
As part of their studies of Human Society and Its Environment, Kinder students Kinder Blue and Kinder Green travelled to Wambangalang Environmental Centre for a Teddy Bear’s Picnic. As part of their studies of meeting needs they became ‘teddy bear guardians’ to learn about how a teddy bear could survive in the wild using plants, air, water, shelter (PAWS). Everyone had a great time playing games, using magnifying glasses and following a trail of clues to find the teddies who had secretly set up a picnic in the ‘wild wood’.

Athletics Carnival Program
Session 1 - 9.45 am start
TRACK—Girls   FIELD—Boys
800m Time finals 12/13 years Long Jump
8/9/10 years 11 years Shot put
11 years Junior High Jump
12/13 years 12/13 years Discus
100m Heats
8 years Junior Shot put
9 years 12/13 years High Jump
10 years 11 years Discus
11 years Junior Long Jump
12 years 12/13 years Shot put
13 years 11 years High Jump
Junior Discus
200m Time finals - Girls
TRACK—Boys   FIELD—Girls
800m time finals 12/13 years Long Jump
8/9/10 years 11 years Shot put
11 years Junior High Jump
12/13 years 12/13 years Discus
Break (approximately) 11.25am to 11.45am
Session 2 Start 11.45 am
100m Heats 11 years Long Jump
8 years Junior Shot put
9 years 12/13 years High Jump
10 years 11 years Discus
11 years Junior Long Jump
12 years 12/13 years Shot put
13 years 11 years High Jump
Junior Discus
200m time finals - Boys
8/9/10 years
11 years
12/13 Yrs
Lunch 12.30 (approximately)
5 years, 6 years, 7 years Age Race
Session 3 - 1.30 pm
100m Finals and 4 x 100m House Relays

Wacky Wednesday
Wacky Wednesday for Week 4 is pizza day. Kinder, Stage 1and K6B meals are on Wednesday 5 August and Stage 2, Stage 3 and S23M are on Thursday 6 August. Orders need to be placed at the canteen by Monday 4 August at 1.30 pm.

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. Please contact Danielle Campbell on 0438 621 864 if you are able to assist.

Back to the 80s ..., the totally awesome musical
Dubbo College South Campus is presenting the musical ‘Back to the 80s’ on Thursday and Friday 14 and 15 August at the South Campus Auditorium from 7.00 pm. Tickets cost $10.00 each and are available from South Campus on 6882 3744.

Pictured below are Kinder Green getting ready to go on the Teddy Bears’ Picnic and the Mosey family enjoying a picnic lunch at Education Week Open Day