From the Principal’s Desk
Thank you all for a wonderful term. As always it has been a busy and productive ten weeks with the school concert undoubtedly being the highlight! Students and staff have certainly earned a holiday. To our parents, carers and friends – your ongoing support and positive contributions are always welcomed and appreciated. The achievements of the school and students are largely attributable to this shared responsibility. The calendar for next term is already filling up with Intensive Swimming, the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra, the walkathon and, of course, we welcome our prospective kinder students for Leap into Learning, their transition to school. I will also continue to gather information through various forums to formulate our new school plan. School resumes for students and staff on Tuesday 7 October after the long weekend. I look forward to working with you all. Have a safe and enjoyable break and hopefully a sleep in or two!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Year 7 Transition
Year 6 Students will travel to Dubbo College South Campus tomorrow, 19 September 2014 for a transition to high school session. Full school uniform must be worn and students will need to bring food for recess and a drink.

Family Portrait Fundraiser
The school is holding a family portrait fundraiser to raise money for new playground equipment. Photos will be taken on Sunday, 19 October. To book your session, contact Cathi in the school office or email dubbo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Very Successful School Fundraising Activities
The Student Representative Council’s out of uniform gold coin fundraiser was a huge success with $571.65 being raised to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. SRC members would like to thank all the students for their support. Congratulations also to Year 6 students Emma Duffy, Myah Wallace and Chelsea Dodd who organised and conducted a jumbled face competition to raise funds for the school. They raised $44.55 to put towards the Year 6 present.

School History Page for DPS Website
Mr Ebert is preparing an information page showcasing the history of our school to put on the school website. The 156th Anniversary of lessons starting at Dubbo Public School is in the second week of October, so it will be timely that we launch the school history information page on the website in Term 4. We have gained quite a bit of information from our museum and historical documents compiled at our 100th, 130th and 150th anniversary celebrations but we would also like submissions from the school community. If you have any further information, documents, stories, knowledge or experiences that can be verified please come in to the school office or see Mr Ebert. Some interesting facts about Dubbo Public School include:

- By 1897 the school had around 700 pupils enrolled.
- In 1917, some classes were operating with 85 pupils per class.
- The school was officially Dubbo Central School for only 3 years (1955-1958) – but is still identified as ‘Central’ today.
- Mrs Pritchard is the first female Principal appointed to Dubbo Public School – 155 years after the school opened.

Book Week Competition
Congratulations to Briette Smith (S3L), Jai Reeves (S2G) Alyssa Saxelby (S3L) for excellent results in the recent Macquarie Regional Library Book Week Colouring Competition. Briette and Jai came 3rd in their section and Alyssa 1st in their respective sections. Anthony Hollman received a 2nd place and not ‘Highly Commended’ as reported last week.

Premier’s Spelling Bee
Bianca Clissold, Connor Sullivan, Myah Wallace and Lachlan Burns proudly represented Dubbo Public School at the Dubbo Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee at Dubbo West Public School last week. Lachlan came 3rd in the region in the senior section, a most impressive result. Bianca and Connor made it through to the 4th level in the Junior Section, while Myah came 10th in the senior section. Congratulations to our top spellers.

Dates for Your Diary
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Term 4 PSSA Sport
Please don’t forget that PSSA summer sport starts on the first Friday of Term 4 (10 October). Cost is $27.00 for bus fare.

Kinder and Stage 1 ‘Pete the Sheep’ Excursion
The excursion to Dubbo Regional Theatre to see a stage production ‘Pete the Sheep’, based on the Jackie French book of that name is on Tuesday 14 October 2014. Cost is $15.00 and permission notes and money need to be returned by Friday 10 October.

Kinder Orientation - Leap into Learning 2014
Leap into Learning, the school’s Kinder Orientation Program will be held on Thursday 23 October, 30 October and 6 November 2014. The Kinder parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 November. Parents wishing to enrol their child for Kinder 2015 can collect an Application to Enrol from the school office.

Dubbo Stampede Results
Congratulations to all those members of the Dubbo Public School community who took part in the recent Dubbo Stampede. We had some great results
Under 10 Years
Zoe McAneney  1st females
Max McAneney  5th males
Jai Reeves  9th males
Dugald Shepherd  16th males
10 - 11 years
Ebony Furner  3rd females
Lawson Shepherd  12th Males
Oscar Harvey  24th males
12-13 years
Tyler Melville  23rd males
Blake Melville  13th males
Miss Trudgett came 6th in her category and Mrs Willis and Mrs Shepherd both did excellent times (so they told us). Parents Glenn Shepherd and Dave Coote achieved a top 15 finish in the marathon.

Toy Donations Requested
Mrs McLeod and Rachel Mills are collecting toys for the children to use in the Playground. Donations of girls and boys toys that are strong enough for the playground would be much appreciated and can be left with Mrs McLeod at the S1M classroom.

Canteen News
Congratulations to the winners of the canteen donation major prize draw:
Georgia Yeo  S1L
Faith McLean  K Yellow
Chelsea Munge  S2H
Amelia Chapman  S2H
Thank you to all our canteen volunteers and to staff, students and parents for their support this term. An updated canteen menu for Term 4 2014 accompanies this newsletter.

Community News
Newtown Cricket Club
Newtown Junior Cricket Club are looking for boys and girls of all ages to play cricket this season. All enquires phone 0428844952 or email newtownjuniortigers@hotmail.com

NSW Fair Trading Family Fun Day
This will be held at the Tourist Information Centre Park, Bligh Street on Tuesday, 23 September. The aim is to celebrate NAIDOC week and provide an opportunity for community members to gather information on local services. Face painting, info stalls, jumping castle, heaps of giveaways, Free BBQ lunch – fun for all. For more information contact Colleen Bruce 5804 5000.

Uniting Care Burnside School Holiday Activities
‘Keep Kids Healthy and Active’ program
This is on Tuesday and Wednesday, 23 and 24 September from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Church Street and Carrington Avenue. Lots of great activities including kaishin taekwondo, fitness focus, Zumba, kids yoga and fun and games. FREE to families with children under 12 years. Parents are to stay and participate with their children. Call Shelley on 6885 2353 to book a place.

Family Fun Day
Uniting Care Burnside is holding a family fun day at Wahroonga Park Tuesday 30 September from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Activities include zumba, face painting, relays, games and plenty more. The event is free to families with children under 12 years. Parents are to stay and enjoy the day with their children. Please contact Shelley on 6885 2353 for more details.

School Holiday Activities
The ‘Time to Explore’ program covers a number of school holiday workshops and activities. These are being held over the coming school holidays at venues around Dubbo including Macquarie Regional Library, Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Old Dubbo Gaol, Dubbo Sportsworld, Dubbo PCYC, Dundullimal Homestead, Western Plains Cultural Centre and Dubbo RSL. Activities include cultural tours, arts and crafts, bingo and movies, soccer, cricket laser skirmish and many more fun things for kids. Information about ‘Time to Explore’ is available from the Visitors Information Centre, Macquarie Street and Newell Highway, Dubbo, phone 6801 4450 or visit www.dubbo.com.au.