From the Principal’s Desk

It is certainly busy around the school at present. Teachers are putting the final touches to student reports and preparation is well underway for our annual presentation day, church service, Christmas carols and thank you morning tea. Next week over 80 students will begin intensive swimming lessons lasting 10 days—let’s hope there’s no rain or cold weather.

This week I include some information regarding our duty of care before school. Schools are only required to provide supervision 30 minutes before classes commence. Parents and carers need to be aware that while gates open at 8.30am only limited supervision is provided and therefore students are asked to sit on the green mat under the COLA. At 8.55am more active play is permitted when a full complement of supervising staff go on duty. Classes commence at 9.25am.

Please keep in mind these times when dropping your child off.

PSSA sport continues this Friday and according to the weather bureau it is going to be a very hot day. Please ensure your child has a hat, water bottle and sunscreen applied before they come to school. Let’s be prepared and keep our children safe.

Enjoy your week!

Dance-a-thon
Don’t forget the dance-a-thon tomorrow, Thursday 19 November. It will start at lunch time and continue into the afternoon. Cost will be $5 for drink, chips and music supplied by DJ Miss Trudgett. Students may wear suitable casual clothes to school.

Assemblies
There will be a K-2 assembly on Thursday at 12.45pm under the COLA. KB will be performing a short item. The 3-6 assembly will be held on Friday at 2.10pm under the COLA.

Sports Photos
The sports and whole school photos are ready to order. If your child represented the school in sport this year or if you would like a whole school photo you are able to order via the office or online at www.advancedlife.com.au. The cost of photos is $14 for online orders or $17 for orders through the school office.

School Calendars
Each year calendars are sold to raise money for special projects in the school. For students in Years 1 to 6 the calendar features their own artwork, which should be completed at home. Kinder students will be using artwork they produce in class. Calendars cost $5.00 each. Information and order forms are being sent home with this newsletter.

Canteen Chatter
Wacky Wednesday for next week is Noodle Box Day. Stir fried chicken and vegetables with Singapore noodles and choice of a popper or water for $5.50. Orders need to be placed by 10.00 am on Monday. The canteen is still accepting donations of foil and muffin cases during Term 4. Students who donate have the chance to win some great prizes in the draw which will be held soon.

Help Needed
The canteen is catering for an event tomorrow and is asking for donations of savoury or sweet finger food. If you are able to assist, donations should be delivered to the canteen by 12.30pm tomorrow, Thursday 19 November.

Healthy Eating Working Group
Dubbo Public School P&C are implementing a Healthy Eating Working Group. This group is being established in response to parents’ concerns about the eating habits and activity levels of children in our school community. Its purpose is to help the Dubbo Public School community focus on healthy eating habits and to set an example for students about healthy choices. If you would like to participate in this group, please contact P&C President Danielle Campbell on phone 0438 621 864 or danielle.campbell@djj.nsw.gov.au.
Swimming Scheme
A reminder that Swimming Scheme starts on Monday 23 November. Notes have been sent home to parents of students taking part in the School Swimming Scheme. Please arrange payment of $25.00 (ten days’ pool entry fee) by Friday 20 November if you have not already done so. Students with season passes to the Aquatic Centre do not need to pay but the pass needs to be brought to school so that a copy may be taken.
Students participating in the Swimming Scheme will need to bring the following items every day:

- Packed lunch (canteen will not be available to participants for the ten days of the Swimming Scheme)
- Swimmers
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- T-shirt or rash shirt
- Warm Clothing if the weather is cool (in a separate bag)
- Thongs for walking to and from the pool.
- Girls should have their hair tied back in a pony-tail or plaits. Children must come to school in school uniform.

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Don’t forget your gear and lunch.

Awards
The cut off for redemption of awards for 2015 is the end of next week, Friday 27 November. Any gold or silver awards awaiting presentation and any that are earned up to that date will be given out at K - 2 and 3 - 6 assemblies. However, any medals earned this year will be held over for presentation next year. If you would like your child's gold or silver award presented at a K-6 assembly, please hang on to the awards and redeem them next year. Year 6 and leaving students can continue to bring their awards in until the last week of term.

Presentation Day
Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 8 December at 10am at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre.

Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 farewell will be held on Tuesday 8 December at Dubbo RSL. Dress code is smart casual, heel height to be no greater than 5 cm and no joggers. Year 5 students are asked to contribute $16.00 towards the cost of their meal and drinks. There is no cost for students in Year 6. Notes have been sent home this week. Please complete and return the slip advising if your child will be attending the Farewell as soon as possible.

Christmas Church Service
The annual Christmas Church Service will be held on Wednesday 25 November at St Brigid’s Church at Brisbane Street, at 10am. Kindergarten students will be performing a play at the service. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

PSSA Sport and Extreme Weather Tomorrow
PSSA summer sport will continue on Friday. As extremely hot weather has been predicted for Friday, it is essential that students take a hat and water bottle to sport with them. Students who do not have their hat and water bottle will not be allowed to participate in this week’s round of the competition.

Library News
A reminder that all student resources need to be returned by next week. Reminder notes will be given to students with outstanding loans. This is not a request for payment. If books cannot be returned please send a note to Mrs Neville in the Library.

COMMUNITY NEWS
The Christmas Story in the Church Garden
Dubbo Uniting Church is running a 1 day Advent program on the meaning of Christmas for pre-schoolers 4yrs to Yr 6. Activities include drama, craft, music, morning and afternoon tea and lunch. The workshop is on Saturday 12 December from 9am to 3.30pm. Cost is $12 per person and includes all food, drinks and craft. More information and registration forms from the Church Office 6885 4200 (9.30am – 12.30pm Tuesday to Friday) or register on dubbouca@bigpond.com