From the Principal’s Desk
What a great day we had at the swimming carnival last Monday. Blessed with great weather, fantastic organisation, outstanding sportsmanship and plenty of parent helpers it certainly was a success. We even had time for a parent/teacher relay which I think the parents may have just won – although the false start judges had left the pool deck.

We have some staffing changes taking place. It is with regret that we farewell Mr Daniel Ebert who is leaving the school to take up a position at Bellbird Public School in Cessnock. We wish Dan and his family well. On the flip side, members of the school community will be very pleased to know that Mrs Karen Parkinson is returning to Dubbo Public in the role of relieving Assistant Principal and class teacher of 2E.

Next week the school’s ‘Setting the Scene’ conferences are being held and I would like to encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child and their teacher to set learning goals for 2015.

We look forward to seeing you at the ‘Setting the Scene’ conferences. Have a great week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Setting the Scene Conference Schedule
The 2015 ‘Setting the Scene’ conference schedule is:

**Monday 23 February**
- 5H 5H classroom
- 5B 5B classroom
- 6T Assistant Principals’ office
- 6RF Ms Kelly’s office
- 3-6M LAST office

**Tuesday 24 February**
- 3O 3O classroom
- 4G LAST office
- 3/4L Assistant Principals’ office
- K6B Ms Kelly’s office

**Wednesday 25 February**
- 1B Ms Kelly’s office
- 1S Ms Miller’s office
- 1/2W Assistant Principals’ office
- 1D 1D classroom
- 2F 2F classroom
- 2S LAST office

Thursday, 19 February 2015

**Thursday 26 February**
- KB KB classroom
- KR KR classroom
- KY Assistant Principals’ office
- KG Ms Kelly’s office

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 25 February. Parents who are not ordering online need to return their completed order envelopes to the school before photo day.

**Book Club Orders Close Tomorrow**
The issue 1 orders, online and manual, need to be completed by Friday 20 February (end of Week 4) and not 23 February, as printed on the brochure. Please note that payments to the school can only be made by cash. Unfortunately, we cannot accept cheque or EFTPOS payment for orders.

**Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation**
Presentation of ribbons and champion awards for the Swimming Carnival will be tomorrow, Friday 20 February at 2.30 pm at the school.

**District Swimming Carnival**
The Dubbo District PSSA Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 26 February 2015 at Dubbo Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Team members will need to meet Ms Graham on arrival at DALC. Please note that competitors must wear a non-transparent swimming suit (full or one-piece for girls) and cap. Failure to wear appropriate attire will result in a competitor being disqualified. Warm-up starts at 4.15 pm. Please return permission notes to the school office or to Miss Graham as soon as possible. A list of team members appears on page 2.

**Year 6 Shirts**
Year 6 shirt order forms have been sent home and must be returned by Friday 20 February 2015 with the $25.00 deposit or $50.00 payment in full. Unfortunately, orders after the due date cannot be taken. Parents wishing to arrange a payment plan should contact Mrs Pritchard before 20 February.

**Wacky Wednesday**
The WW meal deal for Week 5 is fish and chips. Cost is $5.50. Orders need to be placed by Monday 23 February at 1.30 pm. Students in Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and K6B will have their meals on Wednesday 25 February and those in Years 3 to Year 6 on Thursday.
Canteen News
The canteen coordinators, Kellie and Leonie, would like to thank all those parents who donated food for the ‘red food’ day last Friday. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and the food was a great hit with the children.

Year 6 Wambangalang Excursion
The Year 6 leadership excursion to Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre is on Tuesday 3 March. Cost is $13.00. Permission notes and money need to be returned to class teachers by Friday 27 February 2015.

PSSA District Swimming Team
Members of the 2015 Dubbo Public School team are:
Isabella Sinclair  Lilli Ferrari
Jasmine Shepherd  Sophie Orth
Sophie Hinton  Sophie Wheatley
Tanisha Eisel  Liberty McCarthy
Sarah Thornton  Lillian Oke
Abby Knaggs  Kaitlyn Hall
Amelia Orth  Eloise Knight
Hannah Coote  Ebony Furner
Sarah Williamson
Leo Bassingthwaighte  Angus Knags
Ryan McPherson  Lachlan Eddy
Jake McPherson  Joe Sinclair
Tom Knaggs  Rudy Peet
Campbell Hall  Cooper Ferrari
Lawson Shepherd  Alex Orth
Oscar Harvey  Daniel Reeves
Rylee Warren  Seamus Eddy
Ed Chapman
Congratulations to you all.

Debating and Public Speaking Workshop
Last week 6 students from each year 5 and 6 class were chosen to go to a debating and public speaking workshop and try out for the 2015 debating squad with Mrs Read. First of all Mrs Read wrote out a list of things to do when public speaking and debating. After that we had 10 minutes to write a report on something we enjoyed. We wrote ours about sport in general. When everyone finished their report we all got in a circle. Everybody had a partner and the inside person was affirmative and the outside person was negative. After one minute we swapped partners and we did this a few times. After recess we had the whole middle session to get into groups of three and come up with a debate. Our topic was ‘children should have to do household chores’. We had a lot of fun and we thank Mrs Read for running the workshop. Amelia Chapman and Amelia Orth (Year 5).

Community News
RSL Youth Soccer
RSL Youth soccer club is looking for boy and girl players for their teams ranging from under 5s to under 13s. Registration days will be held on Saturday 21 February at McDonalds from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. For more information contact Jo Smith on 0427 203 768.

SASS Strikers Soccer Club
Soccer registrations with SASS are available online. Visit www.sassstrikers.com.au/how-to-join or phone Donna Ambler on 0400 258 690. Info sessions will be held at Quest Apartments on Sunday 15 February from 2.00 to 4.00 pm and Wednesday 18 February from 6.00 to 8.00 pm.

Dubbo City Rangers Soccer Club Registration 2015
We strongly encourage all registrations to be done on-line at www.dubbocityrangers.com.au
Registration can also be done at the Pastoral Hotel, Talbragar Street on Saturday 21 February from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm or Wednesday 25 February from 6.00 to 7.00 pm.

Swimming carnival 2015