From the Principal’s Desk

While it has been a very positive, smooth start to the year, I know it has been a week of mixed emotions for our Kinder parents. I remember it well. Please be assured that the children settle very quickly and are in good hands with such a great team of kindergarten teachers and their Year 5 and 6 buddies. This week is also a big one for our 2015 student leaders as they received their badges today at a whole school assembly at Dubbo RSL. Congratulations to our Student Representative Council who already are hard at work around the school taking care of their portfolio responsibilities. I spoke with Council earlier this week regarding the road works at the front of the school. It appears the Church Street intersection will be finished by the second week of March. There will be no further work until June when Darling Street will be closed again for completion of the street beautification. I will keep you posted regarding alternative arrangements for the drop off and pick up of students at this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to make myself available to parents and carers to discuss any issues, concerns or feedback. Please contact the office to arrange a time to meet with me.

Enjoy your week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 25 February. Order envelopes accompany this newsletter.

Class Captains Assembly
The assembly to induct class captains for Term 1 2015 will be held on Monday 9 February at 12.45pm at the school.

School Swimming Carnival
The Dubbo Public School Swimming Carnival will be on Monday 16 February 2014 (Week 4) at Dubbo Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Cost is $3.50 per student. Parent helpers would be much appreciated. Please leave your name with Mr Hare if you can assist.

Swimming Carnival Event Nominations
A permission note and event nomination form was sent home earlier this week. Students’ chosen events should be indicated on the form and completed forms returned to class teachers. Please ensure that your child only enters in those events which are compatible with their ability and confidence. If your child is a non-swimmer or cannot swim 50 metres confidently and unaided this should be indicated on the nomination form. These students will take part in supervised novelty events.

Infants Students and the Swimming Carnival
Students in Year 2 who turn 8 years old at any time during 2015 will be taking part in the swimming carnival. Those who are 7 years old in 2015 will remain at school. Children in Kinder and Year 1 will not be taking part in the carnival.

Students in House Captains
2015 House Captains are
Bogan   Kaitlyn Hall   Mackenzie Sampson-Barrett
Darling  Abby Knaggs   Alex Orth
Macquarie Zoe Ryan   Oscar Harvey
Castlereagh Ellie Stanley Zac Clissold

Dubbo Public School Uniform Hats
Dubbo Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school and our core expectation is that students are safe, respectful learners at all times. An important part of this is wearing our school uniform with pride. A hat or cap with the Dubbo Public School logo is part of the uniform and can be purchased from the school office for $10.00 each. Students are encouraged to wear their school hat every day. Please note that students who are representing the school, particularly at official events or PSSA sport, must wear uniform hats.
Library Borrowing Starts for 2015
Library borrowing has started for this year. Students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will need a bag clearly labelled with their first and last name for carrying their books to and from school. Parents do not need to purchase a bag especially for this purpose, any suitable bag will suffice so long as it is clearly named. Thank you.

School Levy
The School Levy payment is now due. It is $40 per child for the year. The levy covers items used in class including computer consumables, portfolio folders workbooks, dictionaries and atlases, text books, maths materials’ book covers and scripture books.

Voluntary Contribution
Parents may choose to pay the voluntary contribution but it is not compulsory that they do so. This contribution is requested for enhancement of the school’s educational and sporting programs and has been set at $40.00 per child for 2015.

Year 6 Shirts
Orders for Year 6 shirts will close on Friday 20 February 2015. Shirts cost $50.00 each and a deposit of $25.00 needs to be paid by Friday 20 February.

Wacky Wednesday
The WW meal deal for Week 3 is hotdogs. Cost is $5.50 for a hotdog, popper and lolly. Orders need to be placed before Monday 9 February at 1.30 pm.

Canteen News
An updated canteen menu for Term 1 2015 accompanies this newsletter and is also available on the school’s website. The canteen is having a ‘red food’ day on Friday 13 February. They are seeking donations of food such as cakes and lollies. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please note that the canteen is closed for students in all years on Monday 16 February due to the holding of the swimming carnival.

Community News
Orana Far West Child and Family Services Ability Links Program
This program is designed to increase community participation and support social inclusion for people with a disability, health issue or other barriers or challenges in their lives. This program supports people aged from 9 to 64, family members (siblings etc.) and parents and carers. We aim to enable people to form real connection to their communities and live lives of quality according to their own personal goals and dreams.

The program launch is on Thursday 12 March 2015 at the Victoria Park rotunda from 4.00pm - 6.30pm. There are activities for all the family, including dancing, music, stalls and a sausage sizzle. For more information contact Melissa McWilliam on 6882 7839, 0428 618 560 or email Melissa.McWilliam@cw.org.au

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.

PCYC Junior Indoor Soccer
Junior indoor soccer coaching and games for boys and girls from 5 to 15 years is on Thursday afternoons from 4.30 to 5.30 pm. For more information call 6882 3273 or email MDevenish@pcyc.org.au

Dubbo Public School Student Leaders 2015