From the Principal’s Desk
What a great Safety Day we had yesterday! Our students enjoyed learning about staying safe in a variety of situations. Topics covered included safe behaviour on buses and roads, stranger danger, cyber safety, how to keep their pets safe and what to do in case of fire. Thank you to the members of the fire and police services, Dubbo Buslines staff and the other presenters who shared their expertise and very important messages.

Also on the topic of safety - we have a lot of congestion at the gates on the Wingewarra Street side of the school where children wait for buses each afternoon. I encourage parents to collect their children through the gates on Darling Street or Carrington Lane gates to avoid excess traffic in the bus area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Western Region Swimming Carnival last Friday. As always you represented our school with outstanding sportsmanship and commitment. I know many of these children work hard throughout the year training to be the best they can. Isabella Sinclair, Joe Sinclair and Seamus Eddy will compete at the state carnival in Homebush in two weeks. Good luck!

Enjoy your week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

P&C News
The P&C Association are happy to announce their new office bearers for 2015. They are Danielle Campbell (President), Anna Orth (Vice President), Cathy Pascoe (Vice President/Canteen Co-ordinator) and Dave Coote (Secretary). The Treasurer’s position remains vacant to date. The P&C would like to thank all committee members, past and present, for making the Dubbo Public School P & C a productive contributor to the school and to thank all the volunteers who donate goods and their time for our various projects and activities. These contributions allow us to donate money back to the school to be used on equipment and aids. We would also like to extend a special thank you to outgoing executive members Rachelle Betts, Cath Harvey and Elisha Bailey, who vacated their positions this year. All their hard work in making 2014 such a successful year is greatly appreciated.

P&C Easter Raffle
Donations of Easter chocolates, sweets and novelties for the Easter raffle would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office. Raffle tickets will be sent home with this week’s newsletter. Ticket books need to be returned to school by Tuesday 31 March. Minor prizes will be drawn during the last week of school and the major prizes after the Easter hat parade on Thursday 2 April.

P&C Facebook Page
A reminder that the P&C has a facebook page and all parents are welcome to ask to become a member of this closed group. The page is useful for keeping up with P&C and school happenings. We adhere to Department of Education social media guidelines regulating acceptable conduct on the page, but please accept our invitation to join the conversation.

Wacky Wednesday
The WW meal deal for Week 8 is chicken and gravy rolls. Cost is $5.50. Orders need to be placed by Monday 16 March at 1.30 pm.

School Disco
Don’t forget the SRC fundraising disco on Wednesday 1 April 2015 at the Wesley Hall, Church Street. The theme is ‘crazy hair’. Cost is $7.00 per person and includes a drink and packet of chips. Students can also purchase glo-sticks on the night for $2.00.

Tickets will be on sale at school on Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April at lunch.

Times are
Kinder and Stage 1  5.30 to 6.30 pm
Stage 2 and Stage 3  6.30 to 8.00 pm

Easter Hat Parade
The Easter Hat Parade is on Thursday 2 April. This year, K-2 students will make Easter hats and show them off in the parade with Years 3 to 6 students as part of our audience. Parents and carers are invited to attend the parade at 12.45 pm and join students for a picnic lunch. P & C raffles will be drawn after the parade.
Tents and Bean Bag Donations
Thank you to those parents who have given tents and bean bags to the school. We are still accepting donations of these items and they can be left with Mrs Winsley or at the school office. Thank you.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students wishing to take part in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge can start their reading. They should keep a written record of all the list books read and this will be entered on the PRC website in late March.

Dubbo Public Students and ‘Forte-Let’s Get Loud’ Concert
Two of Dubbo’s most talented young singers, Dubbo College Year 12 students Billie Palin and Nathan Bryon will come together to stage a concert, ‘Forte - Let’s Get Loud’, later this month. Both students are studying extension music for the Higher School Certificate and the concert will form part of their 2015 assessment. They are combining their musical talents for the extravaganza, which will include presentations by students from Dubbo Public, Dubbo South and Dubbo North Public Schools and Dubbo College. Students from the primary schools will present a range of dance and musical items, including Irish dancing and choir performances. The concert will be held at Dubbo Theatre on Monday March 30 from 6.30pm. Tickets are a very affordable $6.00 each.

Family Energy Rebate
The Family Energy Rebate is one of a number of NSW Government energy assistance programs to help eligible households reduce the impact of electricity costs. Families with dependent children may be eligible for a rebate of up to $150.00. It takes just two minutes to apply online and once submitted the rebate application begins processing. Applying online can also be done from mobile, internet-enabled devices including smartphones and tablets. The application submission deadline is Midnight 16 June 2015. For more information or assistance ring Service NSW on 137788. You can also email fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au or visit https://applications.fer.trad.nsw.gov.au/

Dubbo City Council Seatbelt Safety Day
A free Child Restraint Checking Day is happening in the Dubbo City Council car park this Saturday 14 March 2015 from 9.00 am to 12 noon. For more information contact Jayne Bleechmore, Road Safety Officer, Dubbo City Council on 6801 4931 or 0417 667 984.

Orana Junior AFL Winter Comp Registration Days
Players aged 5 to 17 years can register at to play in the Sunday winter competition. Registration days are being held at
- South Dubbo Oval – Friday 20 and 27 March from 5.30 to 6.30 pm
- Orana Mall and Dubbo Square -Saturday 14, 21 and 28 March from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.
- South Dubbo Tavern – Sunday 22 and 29 March from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm
For more information contact Kim Woodman on 0429 424 128 or visit www.dubbodemons.com or Facebook Dubbo Demons AFL club

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre’s Zoo Adventures
This is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5 -12 years and will be held during the April 2015 school holidays. This education program is designed for primary school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

Dates
- Tuesday 7 April to Friday 10 April 2015
- Monday 13 April to Thursday 16 April 2015
Ages 5-12 years
Time 8:30am to 3:30pm
Cost EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - $45.00 per child per day (If booked before Monday 23 March 2015).
Normal Rate - $55.00 per child per day (bookings after Monday 23 March 2015).
All information including the booking form and daily activities can be found on our website. Visit http://taronga.org.au/taronga-western-plains-zoo/whats/zoo-adventures-dubbo
For more information telephone 6881 1433

Dubbo RSL Youth Soccer Club
Dubbo RSL Youth soccer club requires boy and girl players for their under s, 8s, 9s and 12/13s teams. New players and families will be made very welcome. For more information contact Danielle on 0405 127 331
Junior girls’ relay team at Western Swimming Carnival last week.
Sophie Hinton, Sophie Orth, Tanisha Eisel and Isabella Sinclair

Safety Day activities

Junior boys’ relay team at Western Swimming Carnival last week.
Campbell Hall, Joe Sinclair, Tom Knaggs, Leo Bassingthwaigte

Students on the new wildnet climbing structure