From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to Mrs Read and the Year 5 and 6 students who won the Science and Engineering Challenge over students from ten other local primary schools. Clever kids!

This week we also hosted Michelle Leonard from Moorambilla Voices who conducted a workshop for some of our aspiring singers. Our teachers have also been busy participating in L3 (Language, Learning, Literacy) professional learning. You can see this strategy in action in all of our infants classrooms and it is certainly considered best practice in early childhood education.

Many of you will have become aware by now of the new parking arrangements at the front of the school. Unfortunately, we had very little notice of this change. Please be mindful of these conditions and the importance of keeping our children safe.

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Netball Umpires Needed
We are desperately in need of two netball umpires for the PSSA netball knockout to be held next Wednesday 25 March at Nita McGrath Courts. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Read – your help will be greatly appreciated.

Boys and Girls Soccer and Touch Trials
Dubbo District trials for boys and girls soccer and touch football will be held over the coming weeks. Interested students can get nomination forms from Mr Hare.

ICAS Competitions Years 3 to 6
Students wishing to take part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2015 can obtain an entry form from Mrs Read or Mrs Fletcher. Entry forms and payment need to be returned to the front office by Monday 30 March 2015.

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ICAS Competitions Year 2
Students in Year 2 wishing to take part in this year’s ICAS Science, English and Mathematics competitions can obtain entry forms from Mrs Read, Mrs Fletcher or the school office.

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FOEI and Family Contact Information Update
The Family Occupation and Education Index is used by the NSW Department of Education and Communities as a basis for allocating resources to NSW government schools. It is derived from data held by the school on parents’ and carers’ occupation grouping and educational background. In order to ensure that our records contain the most up to date information and to ensure that the school receives its fullest entitlement of funding we are asking parents to complete a parent information form which will be sent home with the eldest child in each family tomorrow. We are also taking this opportunity to update our family contact information. Please complete this and return it to the school office in the envelope provided. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Holiday Reading Rewards Day Catch Up
There will be a catch up reward session for those students who completed the Holiday Reading Program tomorrow, Friday 20 March. Students involved will go to Victoria Park with Mrs Pritchard tomorrow at 11.45 am.

P&C Easter Raffle
Donations of Easter chocolates, sweets and novelties for the Easter raffle are still being accepted and can be left at the school office. 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. A school family has donated a family pass for 2 adults and 2 children for admission to Taronga Western Plains Zoo and a Giraffe Encounter which will be part of the major prize along with an Easter basket.

Wacky Wednesday
The WW meal deal for Week 8 is noodle boxes. Cost is $5.50. Orders need to be placed by Monday 23 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. Start thinking about crazy hair and get your dance moves ready. Cost is $7.00 per person and includes a drink and packet of chips. Tickets will be on sale at school on Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April at lunch.
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.

Stage 2 Activities
Karate
During Term 1 Stage 2 girls have been participating in karate with Shidoin Daniel from Kumiai-Ryu martial arts and Little Ninja’s karate. Everyone had a wonderful time and would like to thank Shidoin Daniel very much for sharing his skills and expertise. Some of the things they liked most were:
‘learning different skills’ (Arla Wallace, 30)
‘learning a different sport’ (Pollyanna McCarthy, 30)

Video Conferences
Stage 2 students took part this week in two Video Conferences with the Botany Bay Environmental Centre. In ‘Nature Environments’ (Visual Arts) students completed an artwork based on the book ‘Tanglewood’ under the guidance of artist Ken Tucker. Asked what she enjoyed most about the conference Eve Bailey of 30 said it was the opportunity to ‘use different types of techniques with the artist.’ Pictured right is Zoe McAneny with her artwork.
The second VC was ‘Amazing Ants’ (Science). Students explored the amazing world of ants living in their school grounds and met scientist, Dr Kirsti Abbott who talked about her work with ants. ‘I enjoyed completing the ant experiment’, said Spencer Coote of 3WD.

Moorambilla Voices Singing Workshop
70 Dubbo Public school students were lucky to have participated in a singing workshop with Michelle Leonard artistic director of Moorambilla Voices. Moorambilla Voices is a regional primary choir for talented young vocalists. All students enjoyed participating in a variety of vocal exercises and rhythmic activities. Michelle and her assistant stopped off at the school office to say how much they had enjoyed working with the children and complimented them on their enthusiasm and courtesy. She said that, of the seventy schools she had been in so far, this was her favourite and she would love to come back here and work with the students again.

Science and Engineering Challenge
Last week several students from Years 5 and 6 went to Dubbo Racecourse to take part in the 2015 Science and Engineering Challenge. They were divided into teams of two to four students and each team took part in two half-day activities. Points were given for each activity and at the end of the day the school with the most points was awarded the Champions trophy. The aim of the challenge is to provide primary students with a positive experience of science and engineering and Dubbo Public’s was about as positive as it could be as they walked away with the champion school’s trophy. Mrs Read was very proud of all the students’ achievements and their wonderful behaviour (she is not owning up to the excited outburst when Dubbo Public was announced as the winning school). Pictured are Mrs Read and Phoenix Aubusson-Foley and Charlotte Hurst with the trophy.

Community News
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 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

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Stage 2 students at the Moorambilla Voices workshop yesterday and with Shidoin Daniel after a karate lesson