From the Principal’s Desk

The K-2 Easter Hat parade is on next Thursday and we have decided to try something new this year with only infants’ children making and parading Easter hats. The Easter Bunny will kick off the parade at 12.45 pm. Parents are invited to stay on and enjoy a picnic lunch with their children. Our Grandparents’ Day will be held later in the year. Thank you to those who have donated chocolate for the P&C Easter raffle. I would like to remind everyone using the drop off/pick up zone that drivers are not permitted to leave their cars or sit for longer than 5 minutes. The police have been patrolling lately and issuing fines.

Congratulations to Ebony Furner who has been selected in the Western Region basketball team and Lawson Shepherd for his selection in the Western Region cricket team. Well done!

Enjoy the last week of term!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

ICAS Competitions Entries Closing Soon
ICAS competition entry forms and payment need to be returned to the front office by Monday 30 March 2015. Entry forms are available from Mrs Read or Mrs Fletcher.

FOEI and Family Contact Information Update
The FOEI and family contact information form sent out earlier this week needs to be returned to school by Tuesday 31 March. We are asking all parents to complete a form on behalf of their family as many children have been enrolled for some years and much of this information was not requested on Application to Enrol forms prior to Term 3 2014. Kinder parents, particularly those who completed enrolment applications before Term 4 2014, are also being asked to provide this information.

Thank you to all those parents who have already returned their forms. We are in the process of updating our records and this information will be in valuable in ensuring that the school’s resource allocation from the Department of Education and Communities is based on the fullest information that we can provide.

P&C Easter Raffle
Thank you to everyone who has kindly made donations of Easter chocolates, sweets and novelties for the Easter raffles. If you would like to drop off any donations, they are still being accepted and can be left at the school office. Don’t forget to hand in your ticket books 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.

Thank you for supporting Dubbo Public School P&C.

School Disco
Tickets for next Wednesday’s school disco will be on sale at school on Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April at lunch. The disco is on Wednesday 1 April 2015 at the Wesley Hall, Church Street. Cost is $7.00 per person and includes a drink and packet of chips. Glo-sticks can be bought on the night for $2.00 each. The theme is ‘crazy hair’. Times are:

- Kinder and Stage 1 5.30 to 6.30 pm
- Stage 2 and Stage 3 6.30 to 8.00 pm

Wacky Wednesday
The WW meal deal for Week 10 is a chicken, tomato and lettuce wrap. Cost is $5.50. Orders need to be placed by Monday 30 March at 1.30 pm.

Cans/Tins/Cans
The canteen is accepting donations of canned food on behalf of a Kinder student and their family who are organising a container of supplies to assist cyclone victims in Vanuatu. Donations can be left at the canteen by next Wednesday 1 April. Please note that we can only accept canned food, no packets or boxes. Thank you for your support.

PSSA Sport
Winter PSSA sport starts on Friday 24 April 2015 and is on for 9 weeks. A note was sent home today and further information is on the website and will also be in next week’s newsletter. Cost will be $27.00.

School Dates 2015

Term 2 Start and Finish Dates
- Monday 20 April
- Term 2 starts (staff)
- Term 2 starts (students)
- Term 2 ends

Term 3 Start and Finish Dates
- Monday 13 July
- Term 3 starts (staff)
- Term 3 starts (students)
- Term 3 ends

Term 4 Start and Finish Dates
- Monday 5 October
- Term 4 starts
- Term 4 ends

Vacations
- Friday 3 April to
- Autumn vacation
- Friday 17 April
- Winter vacation
- Monday 29 June to
- Spring vacation
- Friday 10 July
- Monday 21 September to
- Summer vacation
- Monday 5 October
- Monday 21 December 2015 to
- Tuesday 26 January
- Term 2 starts (staff)
- Term 2 starts (students)
- Term 2 ends
PSSA Rugby 7s
On Thursday 19 March our junior and senior boys’ rugby teams took part in the PSSA rugby 7s day at Jubilee Oval. The under 12s team won their first game against St Marys Primary and lost to St Augustines in the second round. They reached the quarter finals but were defeated by the team from Dubbo South Public School. The under 10s team won their first round game but lost their next two games. Miss Barlow, team supervisor, was very proud of the boys’ effort and sportsmanship. Congratulations to you all.

Under 10’s
Joe Sinclair
Dugald Shepherd
Lachlan Smith
Harry Heagney
Jayden Mulholland
Hayden Draper
Brad Boney-Chillie
Ty Sissian
Bailey O’Connor
Jonty Schultz
Tom Knaggs

Under 12’s
Lawson Shepherd
Liam Deaves
Patrick Potter
Cooper Ferrari
Oscar Harvey
Tyler Harding
Ben Kavanagh
Brad Deveigne
Koda Sissian
Nate Ambler
Jack Hammond
Alex Draper
Will Carroll
Leo Bassingthwaigte

Stage 2 Activities
Sustainability Workshops
On Monday Stage 2 took part in an environmental workshop. We learnt about sustainability.

We watched a video of the Green Ninja. He helped a man that was getting big feet by turning off the sprinklers when it was raining and he gave him three new garbage bins. They were for paper, plastic and compost.

After that we were given a photo of a part of a house that we had to fix. My group chose the garage. We decided to turn off the car lights and replace the garage light with an LED light. We learnt some helpful tips and it was great fun!

Community News
Dubbo Sportsworld Holiday Activities
Holiday activities will be held at Dubbo Sportsworld, Sheraton Road on Wednesday and Thursday 8 and 9 April and Wednesday and Thursday 15 and 16 April from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm each day. Cost is $30.00 per day. The kiosk is available all days, or lunch can be packed. Participants will need to bring a drink bottle.

For further information phone 6884 0123

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 27 March from 5.30 to 6.30 pm
- Orana Mall and Dubbo Square -Saturday 28 March from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.
- South Dubbo Tavern – Sunday 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
The PSSA winter sports competition for students in Years 3 to 6 starts on Friday 24 April 2015 (Week 1). Students will travel by bus to various sporting venues each Friday to compete against teams from other local primary schools.

**PSSA SPORT TIMES – FRIDAYS TERM 2 (WEEKS 1 to 9)**

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**COST**

$27.00 ($3.00 per week for 9 weeks). Parents paying in full for Term 2 will receive a credit for cancelled sport days. This will be applied to their child’s Term 4 PSSA sport account. Credit due will be calculated at the end of Term 2.

The school also accepts payments by EFTPOS for your convenience. If paying by cash or cheque, please send money to the school office in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name. Alternatively, weekly payment of $3.00 may be made to class teachers.

Payment will be strictly monitored and students who have not paid will be unable to participate.

**DRESS**

As students are representing their school they are expected to wear full school winter sports uniform, as per the list on page 2. Students will need to take their school hat and a water bottle.

**MANDATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR PSSA SPORT (RUGBY LEAGUE AND SOCCER)**

The Department of Education and Communities’ guidelines for safe conduct of sport and physical activity in schools make it compulsory for students playing rugby league or rugby union to wear protective equipment and for this requirement to be strictly adhered to.

Students playing rugby league or soccer who do not have their protective equipment on competition days will go to their chosen sport as usual but will be unable to participate in any games.

- **Rugby League**
  - Mouthguard (Mandatory)
  - Red and blue football socks

- **Soccer**
  - Shin pads (Mandatory)
  - Joggers (Mandatory) No soccer boots are allowed
  - Red and blue football socks to cover shin pads

Equipment can be purchased cheaply from chemists, sports stores and some local department stores.

**Please ensure your child brings the appropriate equipment and uniform for PSSA sport to school with them on Friday morning.** Mouthguards should be correctly fitted and ready to use prior to the first day of competition. School office staff will not be responsible for performing this task.

Thank you for your support.

**Dubbo Public School Sports Uniform**

**Boys**

- Blue shorts with red stripe
- Red polo shirt with school emblem
- Red and blue football socks to wear over shin pads
- Suitable footwear
- Blue track pants with red school jumper

**Girls**

- Blue wraparound pleated skirt or blue cotton shorts (not basketball style)
- Red polo shirt with school emblem
- Red and blue football socks to wear over shin pads
- White socks for netball
- Suitable footwear
- Blue track pants with red school jumper

Uniforms are available from Lowes or KC Print Shop.