From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to our boy’s cricket team who posted a win in the first round of the PSSA cricket competition and our 18 swimmers who were selected to compete in the PSSA Western Region Swimming Carnival on Friday. It is wonderful to be off to such a flying start. Success, however, is not merely measured on coming first. Good sportsmanship is the mark of a great athlete and will be remembered long after the medals have been presented. So, as we embark on a new year of sporting competitions I urge our students to go their hardest and strive to win but most of all be gracious in defeat and in success.

I am very pleased to tell you all that Mrs Lana Dess, teacher of 1D, has been appointed to Dubbo Public School as a permanent member of staff. I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Lana.

I am sending home a short ‘Setting the Scene’ evaluation form with the newsletter. We are always aiming to ensure that our programs deliver the best possible results so any feedback parents can provide is very useful and much appreciated.

Enjoy the week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Welcome Ms Parkinson

We at Dubbo Public School are very pleased to welcome Ms Karen Parkinson back to the school. Karen is a permanent member of the school’s teaching staff who has been seconded to Dubbo District schools for the past few years. She is replacing Mr Ebert as both class teacher and Assistant Principal for 2015. 2E will become 2P as of next Monday.

Tents and Bean Bags Required

Mrs Winsley, Learning and Support Teacher, is asking for donations of children’s pop up tents in good condition to be used in the school. If you have a tent or a bean bag that you no longer need and would like to donate it to the school you can leave it with Mrs Winsley or at the school office. Thank you.

P & C Annual General Meeting

The Dubbo Public School Parents & Citizens Annual General Meeting will be held following a general meeting next Tuesday 10 March 2015 at Sporties, Erskine Street from 7.00 pm. All positions will be declared vacant and financial members invited to nominate and elect the executive for 2015. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

Book Club

Book club orders have been sent but sometimes it may take some weeks for books to arrive at school. They will be distributed as soon as possible after they arrive. Student orders will be individually pre-packaged.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

It’s time to start reading again. At this stage students will need to keep a paper copy of their reading logs listing all books read. Students who wish to take part in this year’s Reading Challenge will be entered on the PRC website in late March.

Please note that it is a condition of participation in the Reading Challenge that students’ details are published in major daily newspapers (real and online versions) and may also be published in Department of Education and Communities publications. If you have indicated on the school’s general information permission note that your child does NOT have permission to publish and disclose information they will be unable to participate. Students will be treated as not having permission where publication is subject to conditions such as not using names or where a completed note is not held on file at the school.

Permission to Publish

From time to time information about students is published in school and Department of Education publications, commercial media outlets and social media networks such as facebook and twitter. It is vital that this information is handled in accordance with parents’ wishes so we are asking that parents complete a ‘General Permission to Publish and Disclose Information’ note for each of their children. These notes remain valid for the duration of the child’s enrolment at Dubbo Public School or until parents advise the school otherwise. Permission may be withdrawn at any time by notifying the school.

A check of the school’s records shows that there are some students for whom we do not hold current permission notes. Notes have been sent home with the students concerned. Please return these to class teachers or the school office.

Wacky Wednesday

The WW meal deal for Week 6 is pizzas. Varieties available are cheese, meatlovers, ham and pineapple Cost is $5.50. Orders need to be placed by Monday 9 March at 1.30 pm. Meals for Kinder, Years 1 and 2 and K6B will be served on Wednesday and Years 3 to 6 on Thursday.
School Disco
The SRC are holding a 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

PSSA Western Region Swimming Team
Congratulations to all the DPS students who were selected to compete at the Western Region Swimming Carnival tomorrow, Friday 6 March. Cooper Ferrari (Year 5) put in an outstanding performance at the Dubbo District Carnival to be named district 11 years boys’ champion. Thank you to Miss Graham and Mr Scott Sinclair for supervising the team practice session last Tuesday. Team members are:
- Isabella Sinclair
- Sophie Orth
- Tanisha Eisel
- Lillian Oke
- Kaitlyn Hall
- Leo Bassingthwaite
- Joe Sinclair
- Campbell Hall
- Lawson Shepherd
- Seamus Eddy
- Lilli Ferrari
- Sophie Hinton
- Liberty McCarthy
- Abby Knaggs
- Ebony Furner
- Tom Knaggs
- Cooper Ferrari
- Alex Orth
- Rex Bassingthwaite

Boy’s PSSA Cricket Knockout
The boys’ cricket team played well to take out a comprehensive victory against Dubbo West Public School in the first round of the PSSA Knockout last Monday. DPS won the toss and elected to bat, ending up with 6/137 at the conclusion of the team’s 25 overs. Koda Sissian top scored for Dubbo Public, putting together a fine knock to retire on 40 not out. Bowling top honours went to Alex Orth with 4 wickets, ably assisted by Lawson Shepherd with 2 wickets and Koda Sissian and Rudy Peet with a wicket each to their credit. The team will now meet Dubbo South Public School in round 2.
(Thanks to Lawson Shepherd for this report and to Cath Harvey for the photo).

Kindergarten loves their music!
This term all Kindergarten students have been participating in musical workshops conducted by Jason Webb every fortnight. Students are learning about what various musical instruments look and sound like, singing songs and participating in percussion. We would like to say a huge thank you to Jason Webb for showing everyone how much fun participating and listening to music can be.

Deb Duffy, Bec Stewart, Helen Hines and Brad Flick