From the Principal’s Desk

What an amazing turn out of Dubbo Public Students for the ANZAC march on Saturday! We had approximately 150 students representing our school. Thank you parents for your support – as always, I felt very proud to be the Principal of Dubbo Public School. Congratulations to our class captains for term 2 who were inducted at a whole school assembly earlier this week. I know the students take their role very seriously and will be exemplary role models for the rest of the school. A special shout out to Lily Burn who is currently performing in the DRTC play Evita. Lily performs a solo of the song ‘Santa Evita’. Very impressive Lily!

A reminder that we will be holding a working bee this Saturday in the school grounds from 10am to 2pm. We will be levelling dirt, laying some lawn and generally tidying our gardens. Everyone is welcome and a BBQ lunch will be provided. Please bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, weeding tools and a rake if you are able. Look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great week.

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 in 2016

Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 opened on Monday 27 April 2015 and closes on Friday 15 May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications must be made online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015. Any enquiries regarding opportunity class entry can be made by contacting the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

ANZAC Service

On Thursday last week, 4 students from our school attended the 100 years ANZAC Service at Dubbo RSL Club. Zac Hignett, Zoe McAneney, Dugald Shepherd and Nicola Millar spoke about what ANZAC Day means to them. The students did an amazing job and represented the school very confidently.

Mother’s Day Stall

There will be a Mother’s Day stall at school on Friday 8 May. Cost will be $4.00 per child to be paid to the class teacher by Wednesday 6 May. Volunteers are needed to help with the stall. Please contact Allana Kirkman on 0412713525 if you can help.
PSSA Western Soccer Trials Canteen - Help Needed
One more helper is needed at the Western Soccer Trials Canteen at Lady Cutler Ovals from just one hour from 11.30am to 12.30pm on Wednesday 6 May. Please contact Anna Orth on 0418233067 if you are able to help.

Netball Gala Day
Last week, the school netball team of Sarah Williamson (C), Abby Knaggs, Camryn Morley, Ruby Eggert, Ebony Furner, Kiah Gordon, Cia Read, Stevie Boney-Chillie and Kelsie Scott-Aitken took part in the PSSA Netball Gala Day. The team won their first 2 games by large margins but were beaten by 1 goal by Dubbo South Public School. All the girls played very well and displayed outstanding sportsmanship on the day. Mrs Read was very proud of their efforts.

Book Club
Brochures for Lamont Issue 3 have been given out and orders need to be completed by 11th May. Orders can be completed online- where you can also see all the brochures. Online orders need to be paid for online. If the order is to be a gift and you do not want the order to go to your child's class please select the option of ‘gift” in the drop down menu of classes. You will receive a confirmation email after submitting the order. Please keep this email in case there is a problem with your order. Orders can still be made using the paper form on the back of the brochure. These will need to be paid for with cash- no cheques, please. Orders will be dispatched from the warehouse to the school about a week after the closing date.

Premier's Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Charlotte Hurst, Lucy Eather and Pollyanna McCarthy who have already finished this year's challenge. Once again we have a large number of enthusiastic students participating. There is still plenty of time to take part as students have until the end of August to complete their reading. See Mrs Neville for more information about getting started.

It’s not okay to be away...nor to be late
By Michael Grose
When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it’s true. The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Working Bee
There will be a working bee this Saturday from 10am to 2pm in the school grounds. It will involve a general tidying up our gardens, laying some lawn and levelling dirt. If possible please bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, weeding tools and a rake. There will be a BBQ lunch provided for all the helpers.

Canteen news
Wacky Wednesday next week will be Hot Dog Day. A traditional hot dog with a popper and a lolly for $5.50. Orders to the canteen by Monday next week. Also don’t forget our drive for supplies for the canteen. Any student who donates any of the following will go in a draw to win prizes: Foil, plastic teaspoons, plastic straws, and muffin cases. The new revised winter canteen accompanies this newsletter.

Western Region Selection
Congratulations to Alexei Pawlenko who has been selected as goalkeeper for the Western Region PSSA Boy’s Hockey team. Well done Alexei on your selection and we would like to wish Alexei and his team all the best for the upcoming State titles in Newcastle.

District Selection
Congratulations to Blake Bennett for gaining selection into the Dubbo District PSSA Touch team.

Boys Cricket
The boy’s cricket team had a brilliant victory over Dubbo South Public School last week. The boys all played well with all chipping in. Lawson Shepherd top scored with 24 runs that put the boys in front. Brad Deveigne and Koda Sissian both played a part, scoring 13 runs each. Brad Deveigne ended up with outstanding bowling figures, taking 4 wickets for only 2 runs off the bat. Overall the boys played well to finish with a total of 7 for 117 and defeating Dubbo South who were all out for 68.