From the Principal’s Desk

It’s been a busy week for our Year 3 and Year 5 students sitting the NAPLAN tests. Schools will use these results to identify strengths and to provide future direction for teaching and learning. NAPLAN results will be sent to parents and carers later this year.

Thank you to our students who consistently wear their school uniform - Dubbo Public School certainly stands out with the red and blue colours and it’s great to see them wearing it with pride. I have, however, noticed a few different coloured jumpers and hoodies being worn to school of late. Please keep these for the weekend. We do have a clothing pool with items at a very reasonable price.

Our Year 6 shirts have arrived and look fabulous! These are not to be worn when representing the school which includes PSSA sport and K-6 assemblies at the RSL. Speaking of which- please join us tomorrow in the RSL Auditorium at 12 noon for our first whole school assembly for Term 2. 1D and 1/2 W will be performing.

Hope to see you there!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Moving into Year 7 Expressions of Interest Forms

Please return any outstanding forms by Thursday 14 May even if a placement at a government school is not required for 2016. If you do not require a placement please complete section E, sign and return your form. Thank you.

Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 in 2016

Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2016 close 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

Canteen News

There is no Wacky Wednesday next week as the canteen will be closed for the cross country. Our drive for supplies for the canteen is continuing all through May. Any student who donates any of the following will go in a draw to win prizes: foil, plastic teaspoons, plastic straws, and muffin cases.

Premier’s Debating Challenge

Four members of the Dubbo Public School Debating team took part in the Premiers Debating Challenge against Dubbo South Public School on Monday 11 May. The topic was “Homework should be banned” and Dubbo Public School spoke in the affirmative. The team gave some very convincing arguments. Mrs Read was especially impressed with the excellent rebuttals put forward by our team. We were narrowly beaten by Dubbo South Public School but will only improve through the experience. Our next debate is against Gilgandra so stay tuned....

Cross Country

The cross country carnival is on next Wednesday, 20 May at Ollie Robbins Oval in Bligh Street. The carnival will start at 12.00 pm and the first race for infants and primary students will be at 12.30 pm. The P&C will be providing lunch for the students. Cost is $3.50 for a sausage in a bun and fruit juice. Please send money to class teachers by Monday 18 May. If you can spare some time on Wednesday 20 May 2015 to help with the BBQ for the cross country, please contact Cathy Pascoe on 0400 489 360. Please note the school canteen will be closed on this day.

Moorambilla Voices

Following the very successful skills development workshop held recently at our school, 7 students were selected to participate in the 2015 Moorambilla Voices Program. The successful students are: Jackson Coultas, Lachlan Eddy, Alex Galway, Clayton Hutton, Jack Lyon, Cameron Pearce and Lily Burn. Congratulations to these students on this great achievement.

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Sport Report
Boy’s Rugby League
On Tuesday last week the senior boys and junior boys rugby league teams played in the Richardson and Peachey Shields in Dubbo. The boys displayed impressive skill and sportsmanship and it was an all round great day. Well done to Jaiden Melville, Koda Sissian and Nate Ambler for filling in for Trangie when they were short of players. A big thank you to Ryan O’Connor and Kori West for helping out on the day.

Junior Boys team:
Bailey O’Connor, Joe Sinclair, Austin Morley, Ty Sissian, Dugald Shepherd, Jayden Mulholland, Hayden Draper, Tom Knaggs, Harry Mosey, Zac Hignett.

Senior boy’s team:
Ben Kavanagh, Jack Hammond, Patrick Potter, Koda Sissian, Nate Ambler, Leo Bassingthwaite, Oscar Harvey, Sion Gordon, Jaiden Melville, Brad Deveigne, Liam Deaves.

Boy’s Cricket Knockout
The boy’s cricket team played Narromine in round 4 of the knockout competition. Narromine won the toss and sent Dubbo Public school in to bat. The batting was pretty ordinary at the start of the innings apart from Koda Sissian who stayed in from the very first ball to the last ball scoring 40 runs. Brad Deveigne chipped in a handy 10 runs with Dubbo Public finishing the innings with 97 runs.

The bowling was outstanding by the Dubbo Public boys. Dugald Shepherd just beat out Brad Deveigne for man of the match with 2 for 6 off 4 overs while Brad got 2 for 7 off 3 overs. Almost all the balls took a wicket. Patrick Potter was another of the outstanding bowlers. Patrick took one wicket and put Narromine Public School’s best bowlers under a lot of pressure. Narromine were all out for 67 runs. Well done to all the boys and thanks to Mr Hare.

By Lawson Shepherd and Brad Deveigne

Shell Questacon Science Circus
The Shell Questacon Science Circus is coming to Dubbo on Saturday 30 May at Dubbo Showground, Ray Clarke Pavilion. The Science Circus is a great opportunity for parents and children to share, discover and explore science together. The circus has hands-on exhibits which encourage a fascination and enjoyment of science. Children can spin like an ice-skater, discover how fast they can throw a ball, freeze a shadow on a wall and test their reflexes. Spectacular science shows are presented regularly throughout the day. You may see giant smoke rings, bricks being smashed on someone’s stomach or a Science Circus presenter holding fire in their hands. Science Circus is open from 10am to 3pm and costs $18 for a family, $6 adults, $5 students and concession holders. Children under 5 are free. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Year 3 and Year 5 Homework
There will be no homework this week for Year 3 and year 5 due to NAPLAN testing.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Maddy Eather who has finished the 2015 challenge. Well done Maddy.

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you to Allana Kirkman for organising and all the volunteers for helping with the mother day stall. There were many excited children going home to surprise their mum’s on Mother’s Day.

K-6 Assembly
There will be a full school assembly at the RSL Club auditorium on Thursday 14 May 2015 at 12pm. 1D and 1/2W will be performing items at the assembly. Students of 1/2W will need to bring their costume to school in a bag tomorrow.