From the Principal’s Desk

One of my favourite children’s books is “Have you Filled a Bucket Today” by Carol McCloud. I read this book at last week’s K-6 assembly as I believe it’s message of showing kindness and empathy to others is critical in developing caring and responsible citizens. Dubbo Public School actively supports and encourages these values through our Peer Support and Buddy Programs along with our PBL initiative. A very worthy addition to your home library.

A couple of reminders this week regarding medication and students’ arrival at school. Firstly, schools are required to have steps in place to provide medication safely and thus it is imperative that all medications are administered by appropriately trained staff. If you are sending medication to school for your child it must be in a sealed bag or envelope with their name and instructions for administration clearly written on it. The medication should be left with front office staff, who will arrange for it to be given to your child. Please do not give medication to students for self-administration. This is very dangerous and medication could very easily end up in the wrong hands.

Secondly, a number of students are arriving at school as early as 8.15am. This is far too early as there is no supervision provided at this time. Parents are asked to drop their children to school as close to 9.00am as possible ready for a 9.25am start. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a great week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Dubbo Eisteddfod

Dubbo Eisteddfod starts next Thursday 28 May. Notes will be sent home to participating students with further information and any special requirements. Ms Trudgett requires helpers to sew the Stage 2 dance costumes. If you are able to help, please contact Ms Trudgett at school. Eisteddfod performance dates are as follows:

- 28 May: Choir and Signing Choir
- 9 June: Dance groups
- 10 June: Band

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.

Dubbo Show

Last Friday our Kindergarten classes and K6B had a very enjoyable excursion to Dubbo Show. K6B exhibits were very successful with the following students receiving placings and ribbons:

- Ellie Betts: 2nd Beaded Jewellery, 2nd Cooking – Biscuits, 2nd Most Successful Exhibitor in her category
- John McEwen: 2nd Paper Mache
- Ali Reeves: 3rd Painting and Drawing, 3rd Cooking – Biscuits
- Georgie Saunders: 1st Cooking – Biscuits, 1st Beaded Jewellery, 1st Most Successful Exhibitor in her category.

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Walk Safely to School Day
The annual National Walk Safely to School Day will be held on Friday 22 May. Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

• To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children.
• To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits.
• To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult’s hand when crossing roads.
• To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
• To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion.
• To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
• To promote the use of public transport.

Canteen News
Wacky Wednesday for next week is Twisted Chicken, crumbed chicken strips in a wrap with lettuce tomato, with or without chilli sauce plus a popper for $5.50. Orders need to be in to canteen by Monday.
Don’t forget our drive for supplies for the canteen continues. Foil, plastic teaspoons, plastic straws, and muffin cases. Any student who donates items will go in a draw to win prizes.

School Photos
All students present at school on the day the school photos were taken have been assigned a unique code which gives parents secure online access to portraits, groups and sports photographs taken of their child. Access to these photos are available through the Advance Life Photography website. If you would like to receive your child’s unique access code please call into the school office.