From the Principal’s Desk

Our PBL focus for this fortnight is about keeping our school environment neat, tidy and free of rubbish. Year 6 have resurrected the jingle from the 1980’s anti-litter campaign to motivate the students and remind them of the importance of putting rubbish in a bin. Thank you Year 6 for being wonderful role models. Congratulations also to our students for maintaining such high standards with their uniforms, attendance and behaviour. It is a privilege to work with such great kids every day. Such high standards are only possible through positive partnerships with the school community. If you do have concerns or suggestions to improve the way we do things please call in or drop me an email. I value your feedback. A reminder also that the P and C meet monthly. The next meeting is on Tuesday 1 September at 7pm at Sporties. All welcome.

Finally, good luck to students competing at the District Athletics Carnival at Barden Park this Friday. I will be there to support our team.

Enjoy your week.

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Excursions

A reminder that final payments for the Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions are due soon. Payments for Burrendong Dam excursion need to be finalised by 21 August and the Katoomba excursion by 28 August. There are only a couple of places left on each excursion so if you haven’t already paid your deposit please do so as soon as possible.

Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Jai Reeves, Bianca Clissold, KRed, KGreen, KYellow and KBlue for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. All Reading Records need to be handed in by 21 August 2015.

Book Week

Our celebrations will be held on Wednesday 26 August. Students can dress up as any character or create a costume for the theme “Books Light Up Our World”. Parents, carers, family and friends are invited to come and watch the costumes on parade at 12.45pm.

Fathers’ Day Stall

The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Friday 4 September for Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 2 classes. There will be a stall on Monday 31 August for Stage 3 students who are going on the excursion to Burrendong Dam. Volunteers are needed to help at the Friday stall. Please contact Allana on 0412713525 if you are able to help.

Kindergarten Orientation- Leap Into Learning 2015

The Kindergarten orientation program, Leap Into Learning will take place on Thursday 22 October, 29 October and 5 November 2015. There will be a meeting for the parents of 2016 Kindergarten children on Wednesday 3 November. Parents wishing to enrol their child for Kindergarten 2016 can collect an Application to Enrol from the office.

Fete News

Preparations for our school fete have commenced and all teachers and students are very busy preparing their stalls. We are in urgent need of some helpers on the day, if you are available to assist in any way please contact Allana Kirkman on 0412 713 525. Classes are asking for donations of the following items. You can drop them into the school office, where they will be allocated to the specific class:

- prizes for the chocolate wheel
- cakes / slices on the day
- popcorn kernels / salt / plastic cups for the popcorn stand
- small chocolates for the chocolate flick stall
- bags of lollies / snakes for the snake stretching / ice-cream decorating / lolly guessing competition stalls
- bottles of soft drink / straws / plastic cups for the spider stall
- ice-cream cones / marshmallows / small lollies for the ice-cream stall
- craft supplies / fabric paints / fabric glue / for the art and calico-bag decorating stalls
- fake tattoos for the tattoo stall
- nail polish / transfer / decorations for the nail painting stall.

Dates for Diary

13 August    KR and KY Teddy Bears’ Picnic.
14 August    KB and KG Teddy Bears’ Picnic.
14 August    District Athletics.
26 August    Book Week Parade.
28 August    Western Area Athletics.
**Year 3 – 6 Assembly**
The Year 3 – 6 Assembly will be held at 12.50pm each Friday for the rest of the term due to Leisure Sport.

**Canteen Chatter**
Wacky Wednesday for next week will be Italiano Day. Students have a choice of ham and pineapple, cheese or meat lover’s pizza with a popper for $5.50. Wacky Wednesday next week will be split over two days with infants on Wednesday and primary on Thursday. The drive for supplies for the canteen continues. Any donations of foil, plastic teaspoons, plastic straws, and muffin cases will be gratefully accepted.

**Fresh for Kids Promotion**
The canteen is currently participating in the Fresh for Kids campaign being run by the Sydney Markets. Every time a child purchases a piece of fruit or fruit cup they will receive a pencil/eraser, a sticker and an entry form. The completed entry forms are sent to Sydney Markets to go into a draw to win lots of cool prizes. The campaign will run until Friday 18 September or until prizes run out.

**Sport News**
**Girls PSSA Knockout Soccer Competition**
Last Friday the girls’ soccer team travelled to Mudgee for a Gala Day. Our first game was against Parkes Public School which we won 5-2. We then played in the Grand Final and defeated Cudgegong 2-1 and given the title of ‘Central West Champions’. Everyone played exceptionally well and showed amazing teamwork and sportsmanship skills, especially our backs and mid-field with Charlotte Hurst stopping a direct penalty shot and Ebony Furner, Amelia Orth and Kate Duffy scoring our goals. We would like to thank the family members who travelled to Mudgee to support us and the boys’ soccer team for helping us train for the game. Our next game will be against Blayney in the next couple of weeks which we are already training for.

By Kate Duffy (Captain) and Mrs Hines (Coach)

**Community News**
**Dubbo Stampede**
The 2015 Dubbo Stampede will be held at the Taronga Western Plains Zoo on Sunday 6 September. Many of you have been part of The Stampede in the past, helping to make it a wonderful community experience and we would love for you to take part again or perhaps participate for the first time. The event that often appeals to families is the 5.5km Dingo Dash; a walk, jog or run that loops past animals from all around the world. However, the 10km Cheetah Chase, the 21.1km Zebra Zoom and the 42.2km Rhino Ramble are also alternatives. Each year we run a Schools’ Challenge. Anyone who registers for one of the events at the Stampede can choose to register with a particular school; the school racking up the most registrations in given categories, receives a substantial monetary prize and trophy.

Details regarding events, times, pricing, merchandise and the registration process are available at [www.dubbostampede.com.au](http://www.dubbostampede.com.au)

Team: Kate Duffy (Captain), Ebony Furner, Camryn Morley, Abby Knaggs, Jade Lomonaco, Kaitlyn Hall, Kelsie Scott-Aitken, Stevie Boney-Chille, Zoe Ryan, Charlotte Hurst, Amelia Orth, Erin Campion, Pollyanna McCarthy, Jessica Carr and Jemma Brill.