From the Principal's Desk
We welcome volunteers at DPS and in fact rely on help from the parent community for many activities from reading/numeracy groups, excursions, school canteen to sports groups and working bees. A big thank you this week to Dave Coote who went on the Stage 2 excursion to Katoomba and Allana Kirkman who organises our Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls every year. Thank you to Dave and Allana and all our other volunteers for your wonderful contributions. Allana is also the driving force behind our biennial fete which happens to be on this Friday from 11am -2pm. There are lots of fun activities planned and plenty of food stalls. Please join us for the afternoon.

Congratulations also to Kiah Gordon who received the Junior AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) award for Best Primary Reporter. Kiah prepares and presents a report about school happenings at the monthly AECG Meeting. Well done, Kiah!

Have a great week.

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

K-6 Assembly
There will be a full school assembly at Dubbo RSL Club Auditorium next Thursday 17 September at 12 noon. Items are being performed by 2F, 3W, 3O and 4G. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts – Kinder and Stage 1
Places are filling up for the excursion to DRTCC to see Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts for Stage 1 and Kindergarten students. This excursion takes place on the first day back of term 4 so please get notes and money in as soon as possible. Cost of excursion is $15.

Canteen Chatter
Wacky Wednesday for next week will be Italiano Day; pizza; choice of ham and pineapple, cheese or meat lovers and a popper for $5.50. Due to popularity the Wacky Wednesday next week will be split over two days with infants on Wednesday and primary on Thursday. Please have all orders into the canteen by Monday morning. The canteen is still looking for donations of foil, plastic teaspoons, plastic straws and muffin cases. We especially need rolls of foil please. With all donations, students will go in the draw for great prizes at the end of term.

Fresh for Kids Promotion
Next week will be the last week of 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 either a pencil or an eraser. There is a limit of one prize per student per day. The campaign will run until Friday 18 September or until prizes run out.

Sport News
PSSA summer sport for students in Years 3 to 6 will start in Week 1, Term 4 and finish in Week 9. Students are making their selections this week from the following options – cricket, touch, softball (senior) and t-ball (junior). Please ensure that your child has made an appropriate choice as teams will be finalised this week. Full school summer sports uniform and school hat must be worn as students will be representing their school. Bus fare will be $3.00 per week or a one-off payment of $27.00 may be made. Bus fees must be paid in order for students to take part in each week’s sport session.

Kindergarten Orientation- Leap Into Learning 2015
Parents wishing to enrol their child for Kindergarten 2016 can collect an Application to Enrol from the office. 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 Tuesday 3 November.

Fete News
Our fete is on this Friday 11am to 2pm. Donations of cakes and slices are needed for the cake stall. Please leave them at the office on Friday morning. Helpers are always welcome. Please contact the school or Allana Kirkman on 0412 713 525 if you can help in any way on the day.
Burrendong Dam Excursion

Last week Stage 3 went on an excursion to Burrendong Dam. We had a lot of fun. The activities we did were archery, grass skiing, canoeing, rock climbing, low ropes and initiatives. It was a surprise to all of us when we found out the food was good. During this trip all students showed great teamwork and co-operation with all teachers, students and staff. The friendly and helpful staff made the trip fun even though the weather was poor. We would like to thank the teachers, parents and staff members of Lake Burrendong.

By Charlotte, Imogen and Briette
Arthritis and Osteoporosis NSW is hosting a Kidsflix event on Saturday 17 October. Kidsflix is a free event for children and young people living with a chronic illness, disability or in a disadvantaged situation and their family. Kidsflix consists of children’s entertainment from 9am to 10am followed by the movie Oddball, with each person attending provided with a drink and popcorn to complete their movie experience. This is all provided free to the child and their immediate family.

Applications must be made for the tickets through Arthritis and Osteoporosis NSW by Friday 2 October. More information and online applications can be found at www.kidsflix-dubbo.eventbrite.com.au or by phoning 1800 828 881.