From the Principal’s Desk
Very exciting news this week as our dance and choir groups have been invited to perform for the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d). The Governor and his wife will host a reception later this week at the DRTCC. Thank you to Miss Trudgett, Mrs O’Brien and the students who have worked very hard over the last couple of weeks polishing their performances.

This week our teachers embark on a series of professional learning sessions around the power of formative assessment and authentic feedback in driving learning improvement in our classrooms. Ms Ann-marie Furney, ex School Education Director, will deliver the learning which supports the implementation of our School Plan around High Standards.

Finally a reminder regarding the redevelopment of Darling Street- the road will be closed in both directions as of this Sunday 21 February. Students who normally wait at the front of the school will be escorted to the Wingewarra Street Tennis Courts for afternoon pick up.

Have a great week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

District Swimming Team
Congratulations to the following students on gaining selection to the District Swimming Carnival on Thursday 25 February.

Gemma Coote
Isabel Marchant
Amelia Orth
Eloise Knight
Eva Marchant
Hannah Coote
Isabella Sinclair
Liberty McCarthy
Lilli Ferrari
Lillian Oke
Paige Lesslie
Skyla Whalley
Sophie Orth
Sophie Owens
Taliyah Lovett
Tamzin Marr
Tanisha Eisel
Tanisha Lovett
Zoe McAneney
 Seamus Eddy

Angus Knaggs
Bailey O’Connor
Brodie Steele
Campbell Hall
Cooper Ferrari
Hamish Lesslie
Harry Heagney
Jai Reeves
Joe Owens
Lachlan Eddy
Lachlan Smith
Joe Sinclair
Leo Bassingthwaigte
Max McAneney
Nate Ferrari
Rex Bassingthwaigte
Rudy Peet
Tom Knaggs
Trace Wynne
Telaya Blacksmith

Holidays Outside of Vacation Periods
As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation is necessary, the principal will consider the reasons for the absence and if acceptable will issue a Certificate of Extended Leave- Holiday. If the principal considers the absence is not in the best interests of the student the absence will be recorded as an unexplained/unjustified absence and a certificate will not be issued. If a period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education.

NRL Visit
Last week two members from the Manly Sea Eagles team came to visit Year 6. They were here to promote the NRL but they also informed us about the importance of eating healthy food, exercise, sleep and staying hydrated. We would like to thank them for visiting us.

By Nate Ambler and Leo Bassingthwaigte.
Music News
Just a reminder there is no dance, choir or recorder groups at lunchtime this week due to the Governor’s visit. The groups will resume next week.

Setting the Scene Conferences
Conferences will take place next week. Please return the notes with your preferred time as soon as possible. The schedule is as follows:
Monday 22 February     45T  5R  6B  6F  3-6M
Tuesday 23 February     3G  3S  4G  4L  K6D
Wednesday 24 February   12B  1K  1S  1W  23P  2A  2D
Thursday 25 February     KB  KR  KY  KG

Dubbo Public School P & C
The P&C are happy to announce the following Office Bearers for 2016:
President:   Danielle Campbell
Vice President:   Cathy Pascoe, Anna Orth and Emma McCarthy
Secretary:    Dave Coote
Treasurer:    Vacant
Canteen Co-ordinator:   Cathy Pascoe
Thank you for the volunteers who have taken up the following general committee positions for 2016:
Fundraising Coordinator:   Lana Eather
Publicity Officer:    Emma McCarthy
Canteen Committee:   Daphne Thomas and Danielle Macpherson
PSSA Auxiliary Representative:   Anna Orth
Bookkeeper – remains vacant.
The P & C would like to thank all of the committee members past and present for their time and effort and also to the volunteers who do donate their time and goods to the P&C. This allows the P&C to donate money back to school for much needed equipment which in turn makes a positive impact on our students. A special thank you to Belinda Strudwick and Donna Ambler who have contributed so much to the P&C over the years. Their expertise and guidance is valuable and very much appreciated.

Fundraising Committee
Dubbo Public School P & C would like to invite parents to join our fundraising committee. If you are interested in being part of the committee or have some ideas to share please contact Lana Eather (co-ordinator) on 0458 599 530.
Donations of Easter chocolates, sweets and novelties for the Easter raffle are being accepted and can be left at the school office. A book of raffle tickets will be sent home on Friday. Ticket books need to be returned to school by Monday 21 March 2016. Minor prizes will be drawn during the last week of school and the major prizes after the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24 March 2016.

Canteen News
Wacky Wednesday continues next week with Fish and Chip Frenzy. Oven baked crumbed fish, served with baked potato wedges and a popper or water for $5.50. Orders must be to canteen by Monday morning. Due to the high demand next week’s Wacky Wednesday will be split over 2 days. Infants will be on Wednesday and Primary on Thursday. Donations of foil and plastic spoons are always welcome at the canteen. All students who donate will go into a draw at the end of term for a special prize.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Tuesday 8 March. Order envelopes will be sent home today. School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes to be returned to school. Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day. A sibling photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at our school. The photos will be returned to school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken. For any further questions contact enquiries@advancedlife.com.au.

District Basketball Trials
Basketball Trials for girls and boys will be held Friday, 26 February from 2pm to 3.30pm at Dubbo Sportsworld, Sheraton Road. Students interested in taking part will need to see Ms Barlow.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
It’s time to start reading again. Students who wish to take part in this year’s Reading Challenge are to see Mrs Daley in the library to register their name. Information regarding the Premier’s Reading Challenge can be found at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home. Please note that it is a condition of participation in the Reading Challenge that students’ details are published in major daily newspapers (real and online versions) and may also be published in Department of Education publications. If you have indicated on the school’s general information permission note that your child does NOT have permission to publish and disclose information they will be unable to participate. Students will be treated as not having permission where publication is subject to conditions such as not using names or where a completed note is not held on file at the school.

PBL News
Think Twice, Speak Nice
Students will be involved in class discussions about what it means to speak respectfully.
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