From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to the students who performed at the Governor’s Reception last Thursday evening. The contemporary dance group and the choir performed admirably in front of a large audience. A huge thank you to Miss Emma Trudgett and Mrs Keira O’Brien for preparing the students for the special performance. I was one very proud Principal.

Parents or carers wishing to meet with their child’s teacher are reminded to make an appointment by either ringing the school or by completing the request for interview option on our phone app. Teachers have supervision/meeting commitments before and after school and are often not available at short notice. Can I also ask parents to wait outside the buildings rather than in the hallways as they can become very congested of an afternoon.

A reminder for parents of the children who wait at the front of the school of an afternoon — these students will be escorted to Wingewarra Street tennis courts due to the current road works.

Congratulations and good luck to our swim team who compete at the District Swimming Carnival tomorrow night.

Enjoy your week!
Debbie Pritchard

Principal
**District Rugby League Trials**
Trials for District PSSA Rugby League for Open and 11 years will be held on 9 March at 4.30pm. Interested students need to see Miss Barlow for a permission note and more information.

**District Tennis**
Congratulations to Stella Capill who made it to the District Tennis team. The next round will be played at Bathurst. Good luck Stella.

**Dubbo Public School P & C**
Donations of Easter chocolates, sweets and novelties for the Easter raffle are being accepted and can be left at the school office. Raffle tickets have been sent home and need to be returned to school by Monday 21 March 2016. Additional raffle tickets books can be picked up at the school office. 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. All money raised by the P&C goes directly back to the school for equipment.

**Singing Workshop**
Macquarie Conservatorium is proud to present in partnership with Moorambilla Voices and The Song Company, free singing workshops. There is one for secondary students Years 7-11 during school time, and one for primary students Years 3-6 after school, on Tuesday 8 March with the amazing Michelle Leonard of Moorambilla Voices, MAXed-Out, and the Moorambilla Festival, plus members of Sydney’s Song Company. From this workshop, some students with interest and potential may be offered a place in primary students’ Moorambilla Voices Regional Children’s Choir, or in MAXed–Out for secondary students, with performances in September in Dubbo. This year the final performance of the Moorambilla Festival will be at Dubbo Regional Theatre, so we’d like to see as many Dubbo students selected for this amazing experience as possible. These workshops are open to all students, no previous singing or musical experience necessary. Information and registration forms can be obtained from Mrs O’Brien.

**Canteen News**
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. Wacky Wednesday next week will be Mexican Week. Nachos—corn chips with mince and cheese. (Sour cream available on request), plus popper for $5.50. Orders to canteen by Monday please.

**Fingergym**
Students in Kindergarten will be participating in a fine motor program run in collaboration with an Occupational Therapist from Dubbo Community Health. Fingergym was developed by Australian Occupational Therapists and educators and aims to enhance the fine motor development of children in the early school years. Well developed fine motor skills are an essential foundation for more complex skills such as handwriting. The program will start in week 6. If you would like to discuss your child’s participation in the program please contact your child’s class teacher.

**Music News**

**Guitar times**
Due to the number of students participating in guitar this year some of the group times have changed. Students should know what group they are in, if not please check outside the hall door.
Group 1: 12:45-1:15
Group 2: 1:15-1:45
Group 3: 1:45-2:15
Group 4: 2:15-2:45.

**Trumpets/ Trombones**
The brass groups will now need to be separated due to the large number of students playing brass instruments this term. Trombones- 1:30-2:00 (Miss Graham’s room due to dance group). Please have your lunch and then set up instruments. Trumpets- 2:00-2:30. Please go straight to the hall and set up instruments at the end of the first half of lunch.

**Music Lunchtimes**
Music lunchtimes will start next week. All music groups will be in the hall, second half of lunchtime.
Monday- Infants choir K-2
Tuesday- Senior choir 3-6
Wednesday- Recorder 2-6 (Recorders can be purchased from the front office for $10.).

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Students who wish to take part in this year’s Reading Challenge are to see Mrs Daley or Mrs Sayers 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

**PBL News**

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