From the Principal’s Desk
It’s been a very positive, smooth start to the new year with the students seemingly happy to be back! A warm welcome to all our new families and, of course, our new Kindies. Our kindergarten team will surely take care of them along with their Stage 3 buddies. This week is also a big week for our student leaders as they received their badges today at our whole school assembly. Congratulations to our SRC who already are busy around the school working in their portfolios. Our annual swimming carnival will be held tomorrow at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre. Parents and friends are invited to join us from 10 am. A reminder that Setting the Scene Conferences will be held in week 5 – information regarding these will be sent home shortly. These conferences provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with the class teachers to discuss their child’s learning needs and goals. In the meantime I take this opportunity to avail myself to parents and carers should you have any issues, concerns or feedback to share?

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Induction Ceremony
The new elected members of the Student Representative Council and the Sports House Captains were inducted into their positions today. Congratulations to the following students:

Captains 2016
Amelia Chapman and Leo Bassingthwaigte

Vice Captains 2016
Chelsea Munge and Koda Sissian

Student Leaders 2016
Tanisha Lovett and Cooper Ferrari
Amelia Orth and Nathaniel Ambler
Hannah Coote and Connor Sullivan

House Captains 2016
Bogan
Bailey Mulholland and Jemma Brill

Castlereagh
Jai Reeves and Tanisha Eisel

Darling
Amelia Orth and Harrison Campbell

Macquarie
Cooper Ferrari and Ashley Steele

Class Captains
There will be an Induction Assembly for Term 1 Class Captains on Monday 8 February at 9.45am. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come along and pin the badge on their child.

P and C News
The P & C AGM will be held on Tuesday 9 February 2016, at Dubbo Sporties at 7pm. The election of 2016 office bearers will take place. Written notice of items of general business to be raised at the meeting should be sent to David Coote, P & C Secretary or left at the school office.

Band 2016
A special lesson will be held on this Friday 5 February, instead of Thursday due to the swimming carnival. Students are instructed to bring their instruments if they have them. If Mrs O’Brien is organising the instrument then she will have them available on this day.
A note with further information will go home shortly.

PBL News
Over the next two weeks students in all classes will participate in lessons about the expectations of a safe, respectful learner.
Library News
The librarians for this term are Mrs Sayers (Monday – Wednesday) and Mrs Daley (Thursday – Friday).
Library sessions will be on the following days:
Monday  6F, 6B, 2/3P, KR and K6D
Tuesday  3-6M, 5R, KB, KY and KG
Wednesday 3S, 3G, 4/5T
Thursday 4L, 4G, 1K, 1W, 1S
Friday 2A, 2D, 1/2B
Please ensure Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students have a library bag that is clearly labelled.

Canteen News
Our school canteen will be open on Thursday this week for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 not attending the swimming carnival only. Wacky Wednesday continues next week with the hot dog deal. A hot dog and a popper or water for $5.50. All orders must be to canteen by Monday morning. An updated canteen list and Wacky Wednesday deals will be sent home soon. 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.

Valentine’s Day at the Canteen
We will be holding a Valentine’s Day Red Day at the canteen next Wednesday, 10 February. Any donations of Valentine themed (red) cakes or slices would be appreciated. Please deliver to the canteen on the morning of Wednesday, 10 February.

Swimming Carnival
The School Swimming Carnival will be held at the Dubbo Aquatic and Leisure Centre on Thursday 4 February. All students in Years 3 to 6 will take part in the carnival. Primary children who cannot swim 50 metres or are non-swimmers are still expected to attend the carnival and take part in the activities provided. The Swimming Carnival is a part of the school curriculum and students are expected to attend school. Year 2 students who turn 8 in 2016 will be attending the Carnival. If they are 8 years old and can swim 50 metres (full length of the pool) in a recognisable stroke they may compete. They must meet both of these criteria to be eligible to compete. If they cannot swim 50 metres they will take part in the novelty events. Year 2 students who are not turning 8 this year will remain at school. They will be working in classes with Year 1, under the supervision of the class teachers. Year 1 and Kinder students do not take part in the carnival. Any parents able to help during the day are asked to contact Ms Brien or Ms Barlow at the carnival. Parents may come along and watch the events from 10am onwards.

Event Nominations for Swimming Carnival
This year each event will be called over the microphone and students wishing to participate in that event will register at the marshalling area. Students will need to be listening throughout the day for the events they are interested in. Attached to this newsletter is an Order of Events for the carnival. Before Thursday, please discuss the events with your child and the procedure for nominating for events. All event winners and placegetters will receive their trophies and ribbons at the carnival on Thursday.

Community News

Netball Players Wanted
Looking for girls turning 10 this year who are interested in forming a netball team, please contact Joanne Lovett on 0418255818.

Girls Brigade
Do you like cooking? Making crafts? Drama, dance and playing games? Singing and going on camps? Join in the fun at Girls Brigade on Tuesdays 6-8pm, Orana Baptist Church, Palmer Street, Dubbo. Please contact Mrs Julie Nott on 68824369 for more details.

Dubbo Hockey
Registration Day for Dubbo hockey is on Saturday 20 February at Dubbo Hockey Centre, Pioneer Park, Dubbo from 5pm to 7pm. Contact Danielle Campbell if you would like any further information on 0438621864.

Wallaroo Rugby
Wallaroo Rugby is for players from the ages of 5 to 11 and is played on a Friday night at Victoria Park. U7’s is two handed touch while U9’s and U11’s play contact within modified rules. The competition runs for 13 weeks from May 6 through to August 26. Gala days are held over the Central West on Sundays, but these are optional. A canteen is available every Friday night which makes for a great social and family environment. Wallaroo Rugby provides a path for rugby skills for kids of all skill levels. Cost is $100 which includes socks and shorts. For more information please contact Mark on 0427403826.

Soccer Registration Day
Orana Spurs are holding sign up and training days on Sunday 7 February and 14 February at 6pm at Hans Claven Fields (behind Target). Boys and girls from Under 5s to seniors are welcome to come along and register. Contact Robert Hughes on 68826900 for more information.
Notes from the Music Room

This year students across all grades will be participating in weekly music lessons with Mrs O’Brien.

This term the students will be studying the following:
Kindergarten: Percussion
Stage 1: Percussion and cups
Stage 2: Boomwhackers
Stage 3: Bucket drumming

Students will also have the opportunity to participate in:
Infants Choir Stage 1 Monday lunchtime
Senior Choir Stage 2 and 3 Tuesday lunchtime
Recorder Years 2 – 6 Wednesday lunchtime
(Recorders can be purchased from the office for $10)
All activities will be held in the library during the first half of lunch. Please see Mrs O’Brien if you would like to join any of the groups.

All band lessons will be on Friday for this week only due to the swimming carnival. The times for lessons this Friday will be
Beginners 12.30 – 1.30pm
Band 1 1.30 – 2.15pm
Band 2 2.15 – 2.55pm
From next week (Week 3) the lessons will be as follows:
Thursday
Band 1 1.30pm to 2.15pm
Band 2 2.15pm to 2.55pm
Friday
Clarinet 12.30pm to 1.00pm
Flute 1.00pm to 1.30pm
Brass Group 1 1.30pm to 2.00pm
Brass Group 2 2.00pm to 2.30pm
Saxophones 2.30pm to 3.00pm

Guitar group will start on Thursday 11 February.
Advanced guitar group 12.45pm
Continuing guitar group 1.15pm
Beginner group 1.45pm
A copy of the tuition book “Guitar Progression Method – Book 1” will need to be purchased before starting lessons. This is available from the school office at the cost of $20.

All band and guitar students need to ensure they go to their lesson 10 minutes before starting time to set up instruments. All guitar fees will need to be finalised by the end of week 5 please. A list is located on the door of the hall if students are unsure what group they are in for band or guitar lessons.
Dubbo Public School
Annual Swimming Carnival-Thursday 4 February 2016
Order of Events

Starting time 9.45am

EVENTS

1  Boys All Age Championships   100m
2  Girls All Age Championships  100m
3  Boys 8 Years Championship  50m
4  Girls 8 Years Championship  50m
5  Boys 9 Years Championship  50m
6  Girls 9 Years Championship  50m

Fruit Break

7  Boys 10 Years Championship  50m
8  Girls 10 Years Championship  50m
9  Boys 11 Years Championship  50m
10 Girls 11 Years Championship  50m
11 Boys 12 Years Championship  50m
12 Girls 12 Years Championship  50m
13 Boys 13 Years Championship  50m
14 Girls 13 Years Championship  50m

Recess—Relays organised

15 Boys Junior Breaststroke  50m
16 Girls Junior Breaststroke  50m
17 Boys 11 Years Breaststroke  50m
18 Girls 11 Years Breaststroke  50m
19 Boys 12/13 Years Breaststroke  50m
20 Girls 12/13 Years Breaststroke  50m

21 Boys Junior Backstroke  50m
22 Girls Junior Backstroke  50m
23 Boys 11 Years Backstroke  50m
24 Girls 11 Years Backstroke  50m
25 Boys 12/13 Years Backstroke  50m
26 Girls 12/13 Years Backstroke  50m

Lunch

27 Boys Junior Butterfly  50m
28 Girls Junior Butterfly  50m
29 Boys 11 Years Butterfly  50m
30 Girls 11 Years Butterfly  50m
31 Boys 12/13 Years Butterfly  50m
32 Girls 12/13 Years Butterfly  50m
33 Junior Boys Medley  200m
34 Junior Girls Medley  200m
35 Senior Boys Medley  200m
36 Senior Girls Medley  200m
37 Junior House Relay
38 Senior House Relay

Notes
1. All events are timed finals
2. Relay teams will be determined by 50m times
3. All problems and queries should be directed to the carnival organisers

Lunch 12.30 to 1.30pm (or as close as possible)