From the Principal’s Desk
Thank you to parents and carers who attended the Setting the Scene Conferences last week. All students now have a negotiated learning plan complete with goals and strategies. It is important that students know where they sit on the learning continuums so they can be fully involved in their learning. Central to this, is feedback provided by teachers. To this end teachers will be engaging in professional learning around ongoing assessment and authentic feedback for every student. Teachers will work with Ann-marie Furney who has many years of experience in the education field and researched extensively both in Australia and Canada around how students learn best. This professional learning supports our strategic direction of ‘High Standards’ as set out in our School Plan.

Please join us tomorrow for the first K-6 assembly in the RSL Auditorium. Three school medals will be presented – a school medal being the pinnacle of our School Award Scheme. Please see below for more information regarding our award scheme.

Good luck also to our swim team competing at the Western carnival this Friday.

Enjoy your week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Dubbo Public School Awards Scheme
Achievement awards are presented in recognition of positive behaviour.

K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies
Four achievement awards and a ‘Student of the Week’ ribbon are presented to students in each class at infants and primary assemblies:
- Maths Achievement Award
- PBL Achievement Award for a ‘Safe, Respectful, Learner’
- 2 Class Achievement Awards (may be for conduct, subject achievement, outstanding project work, honesty, book work, general effort or other positive behaviour as identified by the class teacher)

A ‘Student of the Week’ ribbon is also presented in each class.

Class Awards
These are presented mid-term and at the end of term by class teachers for home reading and homework:
- Home Reading Award for 5 weeks of completed home reading
- Homework Award for 5 weeks of completed homework

Special Achievement Awards
Special Achievement Awards are presented for the following:
- Meritorious performance at PSSA sport (Best and Fairest, Sportsmanship, Team of the Week)
- Representing the school
- Outstanding achievement

Principal’s Awards and Class Captain Certificates
Principal’s awards are given out in most weeks. The same number of students in each class receive a Principal’s Award (no more than 2 in any one week). Class Captain Certificates are presented at the end of each term.

Awards Levels
Level 1
Blue Awards
Achievement Awards (includes PBL awards)
Student of the Week Ribbon
Principal’s Award
Class Captain Certificate

5 Level 1 awards (any combination) can be redeemed for 1 Bronze Award

Level Two
Bronze Award

3 Bronze Awards can be redeemed for 1 Silver Award

Level Three
Silver Award

3 Silver Awards can be redeemed for 1 Gold Award

Level Four
Gold Award

3 Gold Awards can be redeemed for a School Medal

Level Five
School Medal
K-6 Assembly

There will be a K-6 Assembly Thursday 3 March at 12 noon at Dubbo RSL Club Auditorium. 4/ST, 1/2B and 5R will be performing.

K-2 Assembly Items Term 1

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District Swimming Carnival

The District Swimming Carnival was held last Thursday evening. Out of the 40 students who swam we had 21 students finishing in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their events, who will now compete in the Western Region Carnival this Friday 4 March. All of the relay teams made it through with the Junior Boys and Junior Girls placing 1st. Isabella Sinclair was Junior Girls District Champion and Lillian Oke was Senior Girls District Champion. These are incredible results and all swimmers are to be congratulated.

Students competing at Western Region Carnival:
- Brody Steele
- Rex Bassingthwaite
- Leo Bassingthwaite
- Harry Heagney
- Joe Sinclair
- Angus Knaggs
- Tom Knaggs
- Cooper Ferrari
- Seamus Eddy
- Isabella Sinclair
- Taliah Lovett
- Tanisha Eisel
- Lillian Oke
- Zoe McAneny
- Hannah Coote
- Liberty McCarthy
- Telaya Blacksmith
- Sophie Orth
- Eva Marchant
- Tanisha Lovett
- Amelia Orth

District 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.

Stage 3 students interested in trying out for the PSSA District Touch Football team please see Miss Graham for a note. You must be available on 31 March at 4pm.

Trials for District PSSA Cricket team are being held on Friday 11 March at 4 pm, please see Miss Barlow for a note if interested.

Tennis Knockout

On Tuesday 1 March, Skyla Whalley, Connor Sullivan, Jai Reeves and Amelia Chapman competed in the first round of the PSSA School Tennis Knockout against Orana Heights Public School. The boys won all the singles and doubles games and lost the mixed doubles game. The girls tried their hardest but unfortunately they were not successful.

School Photos

School photos will be taken next week on Tuesday 8 March. Please ensure all children are in full summer school uniform complete with black shoes. 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.

PBL News

Think Twice, Speak Nice
Students will be involved in class discussions about what it means to speak respectfully.
ICAS Competitions Years 3 to 6
Students wishing to take part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2016 can obtain an entry form from Mrs Read. Entry forms and payment need to be returned to the front office by Monday 25 March 2016.

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ICAS Competitions Year 2
Students in Year 2 wishing to take part in this year’s ICAS Science, English and Mathematics competitions can obtain entry forms from Mrs Read. Entry forms and payment need to be returned to the front office by Friday 25 March 2016.

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Dubbo Public School P & C
Dubbo Public School P&C will be holding a cake stall on Thursday 17 March at Dubbo Post Office, Talbragar Street from 10am to 2pm. Donated baked items would be appreciated and can be delivered to the stall or to the school office on the day of the stall. Please label all items with ingredients. The money raised will go towards P & C projects at our school. If you can help at the stall please contact Lana Eather 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. Raffle tickets have been sent home and should 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 week leading up to Easter. The major prizes will be drawn 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.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students are still able to register to take part in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. If you haven’t already done so please see Mrs Daley or Mrs Sayers in the library to register and get started. Information including book lists can be found at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home

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
Any donations of items to assist with catering for the AECG meeting on Thursday 3 March would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help with setting up please let the canteen know.

Wacky Wednesday next week will be Italiano Week. Pizza (choice of ham and pineapple, cheese or meat lovers) plus popper for $5.50. Due to the high demand next week’s Wacky Wednesday will be split over 2 days. K6B, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2(including 2/3P) will get their Wacky Wednesday on Wednesday, Years 3 to 6 will get their orders on Thursday. All orders to canteen by Monday please.

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.

Week 7 – Green Week
In an effort to encourage healthy food choices amongst our students, the canteen is going “green” for all of week 7 – (excluding ordered lunches). This means that children will only be able to purchase food items over the counter that fall under the “green” category according to the National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines. Available for purchase for this week will be fresh fruit, healthy muffins, custards and salad items and water, all served in various and tempting ways. GREEN being foods that are higher in nutritional value, and include fruit, vegetables, reduced fat dairy products, wholesome breads and lean meats.

Band Camp
In week 4, Bella Vizintin and Lillian Oke went to Western Band Camp. Bella plays trumpet and Lillian plays saxophone. It was lots of fun playing music and making new friends. By Bella Vizintin and Lillian Oke

Lego Wanted
We are looking for anyone who has any lego pieces at home they no longer want or use. We would love to have it at school. Please send it into the school office.