Dear Stage Two Parents,

Welcome back to Dubbo Public for 2015. We are well underway with another busy year at Dubbo Public School.

We would like to welcome Mrs Gabrielle Walters and Mrs Jane Daley on 3DW, Mrs O’Brien (previously Miss Mills) on 3O, Miss Julia Graham on 4G and Mrs Sue Lawes, Stage Leader on 3/4L.

We would also like to extend a big welcome to families and students who have joined our stage and Dubbo Public this year.

Student Learning
Your child will be studying units of work from the Key Learning Areas (KLAs).

- English
- Mathematics
- History and Geography
- Science
- Creative Arts
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/ H/ PE), involving programs focusing on self-esteem, such as Peer Support anti-bullying programs, Child Protection, Drug Education and Bounce Back (Kids Matter).
- Computers with Mrs Kelly and Library with Mrs Neville

Units covered in History, Geography and Science in 2015:

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Participation
There are many further areas of involvement (extra-curricula) offered at Dubbo Public in which students will have the opportunity to participate in. These include:

- Sports carnivals (Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country)
- PSSA competition in Terms 2 and 4
- Leisure Sports, stage organised sport and stage fitness activities
- Debating and State wide competitions
- NAPLAN testing (Year 3)
- Special Days such as NAIDOC day, Safety Day, Grandparents Day and Easter Hat Parade
- Dance, Choir and other CAPA Groups
- Visiting shows and Dubbo Regional Theatre Show
- Peer Support
- Overnight and day excursions
- Gifted and Talented activities

Goals
Early in Term 1 students will be formulating their Semester 1 Goals. Please talk to your child about the learning they should focus on. These will be discussed at the Setting the Scene conferences later in the term.

Equipment
Please ensure your child’s pencil case is fully stocked throughout the year:
- Pens (red & blue – Year 4 only), 4 Lead Pencils, eraser, coloured pencils, sharpener, glue sticks (4 for the year), scissors, highlighters (pkt of 4), whiteboard markers (pkt of 4), textas and a ruler. **NO Liquid paper.**
- 1 plastic document folder for Homework
- USB memory stick

**Tissues** (1 box): We always run out of tissues in the winter months. It would be very much appreciated if an extra box could be sent in terms 2 and 3.
**Anticipated Stage 2 Costs**

Many of these amounts are approximations only as events such as excursions may not have been finalised yet. There may be other events that crop up throughout the year. These are based on 2014 costs. Payments cannot be made until you receive a note advising actual costs.

- Stage Levy $30 & Voluntary Contribution $30
- Overnight Excursion $120 (approximation only)
- Day Excursions $30 each (approximations only)
- Pool Days, Swimming & Athletics Carnivals $3 each
- PSSA Sport $27 for the term or $3 per week
- Dubbo Regional Theatre $15
- Swimming Scheme $25

**Attendance**

It is vital for your child’s education that he/she attends school regularly and is punctual each day. It is a Department of Education and Training requirement that if your child is absent, a note explaining the absence is provided on the day of return.

**Contacting Teachers**

The Stage 2 teacher’s are happy to meet with you and discuss any queries or concerns. Please ensure you pass on any vital information, such as medical, physical or emotional issues to your child’s teacher. Teachers at times will be involved in meetings before and after school. This may mean that your child’s teacher will be unable to meet with you without prior notice. If you wish to see your child’s teacher, please

- phone the school and arrange an appointment or
- send a note with your child to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time.

**Health & Safety**

Students are encouraged to bring a school hat and a water bottle to school each day. If frozen, please send wrapped in a tea towel. Students must wear a hat in the playground. There is a **NO HAT NO PLAY** rule.

Please ensure your child has a hat on Friday for **Sport**, as they may be excluded for health and safety reasons.

**Fruit Break**

We have a fruit break each morning to encourage healthy eating and energy for learning. The morning session is quiet long. Please provide your child with a piece of fruit each day.

**Homework**

Homework reinforces and complements what is learnt in the classroom. Homework will be given out on Mondays. It should be returned on Friday. All students are encouraged to read each night and to record in their homework book. Homework will commence week 2 each term and there will be no homework in the last week of each term. There will be projects in Terms 2 & 3.

**Holiday Reading**

Please return signed sheets to classroom teacher as soon as possible.

**Scripture**

Scripture is non-denominational and is held once a week. If you do not wish your child to participate in Scripture, please notify your child’s teacher in writing, so that alternative arrangements can be made. Scripture usually takes place on Wednesdays.

**Primary Assemblies**

At this stage, primary assemblies remain on Fridays at 2.55 pm under the Cola.

**Awards**

Please send awards to classroom teacher for processing. Teachers will return signed awards to your child. Awards for Silver, Gold and Medal awards need be handed in 2-3 weeks prior to K-6 assemblies. Bronze awards often take a few weeks to be presented depending on the Assembly Agenda. Please contact your child’s teacher if an award has not been presented in reasonable time.

We are looking forward to an exciting year,

**Gabrielle Walters, Jane Daley, Keira O’Brien, Julia Graham and Sue Lawes**