**Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was great to see so many parents at our assembly last week when leader badges were handed out. The support the school receives from parents is invaluable, as schools run much more smoothly and are a far better place when parents are involved and actively supporting the school. All you need to do is look at the students’ faces and how proud they are when their parents are watching them receive awards – it’s one of the best parts of the school day. On that note, mark this date down in your diary, **Tuesday 5th March**. This is the date for our 2013 parent evening and will run from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. The format of the evening is this – there will be a free barbeque at the back of the hall from 6:00 until 6:30pm and then I will speak to the parents about changes for 2013, our directions for the year and answer any other relevant questions you may have. This session will run from 6:30 until 7:00pm. The teachers will then run two 15 minute sessions in their classrooms from 7:00 – 7:15pm and then from 7:15 – 7:30pm, outlining expectations for the year, class routines and answer any general questions you may have. It would be great to see a big turnout at this event so that parents can meet their child’s teacher, show an interest in their education and get 2013 off to a flying start.

Please ensure students are wearing hats to school every day, particularly during the hotter months. It would be great if they were the school caps or bucket caps as these look fantastic with the students’ uniform.

Parent contact is very much encouraged at Dubbo North PS so don’t be alarmed if you receive a call from myself, a member of the school executive or your child’s classroom teacher. If we can’t reach you by phone then letters will be sent home or if the matter is urgent home visits will be made. It is vital that the school keep in touch with parents so that they are aware of what’s happening in their child’s life with regards to social, emotional, academic or behavioural concerns – both good and bad!

This week our School Learning Support Officers (SLSO’s) commenced work at DNPS. Val Price, Danielle Towney and Cheryl Nolan will be working across the school from Year 1 to Year 6 and will be assisting targeted students and working with small groups in certain classes. They are a valuable part of your child’s school day and I’m sure students will benefit from their input at DNPS.

This term I have been discussing with students and staff the importance of students keeping their hands to themselves in the playground. All too often a friendly game of tips or other hands on games ends in tears and physical conflict. Please re-enforce this message at home as school is a much happier place to be when students are playing nicely and not touching one another.

**Have a great week.**

Toby Morgan.
Relieving Principal
Canteen Meal Deal
Thursday 21st February
Dagwood Dog +
Splitz Ice Block
$5.00

Keeping up with Kinder
Well done all those children who are putting their bag down outside kindergarten in the morning and placing their green bag on the orange chair. Some are already doing this on their own. Wow!

A big Thank You to all those families who sent in library bags last week. Our library day in Kindergarten is Friday. It is a great idea to return library books in the bag on Thursday as it saves on confusion on Friday. The children select a new book on Friday each week and bring it home. The books are selected by the children from the large range in the library and you are welcome to exchange them more often before school on Tuesday or Wednesday. In Kindergarten the children are allowed to borrow one book at a time.

This week the first Bookclub orders were sent home. If you wish to order please return the order and payment to the office this week.

We will have our first K-6 Assembly this week on Wednesday afternoon as well as Scripture.

Names, names, names...Please check your child's name is on everything... lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats, jumpers, shoes and jackets.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY
Scholastic Book Club for Term 1 has arrived. Lots of great bargains!

We send out Book Club brochures once a term as a way of encouraging our students to develop a love of books (and reading). Scholastic always offer a wide variety of books at very reasonable prices. With every order, our school receives points towards purchasing books for our library, so the students benefit twice!

If you wish to purchase a book for your child please complete the order form and return it along with the correct money, to the Front Office by: Monday, 25th February, 2013.

Orders will be given to students approximately 2 weeks after this date.

Birthday Cakes
Parents wishing to bring in a birthday cake for their child’s class to share, please give their teacher a week's notice prior to the birthday and also what type of cake you will be bringing (eg chocolate, banana etc)

Individual cup cakes are best!

Supa Breakfast
Breakfast is on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am to 9.00am, in 5/6E, Mrs Elton’s Room.
Come along and enjoy “Good News” stories and have breakfast.

School Uniform Shop
Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be NO Uniform Shop This Thursday 21st Feb

Apologies for any inconvenience

P&C Meeting
Annual General Meeting
Wed 13th March.
7pm Staffroom
All Welcome
Induction Assembly for Councillors, Class Captains and Library Monitors

Congratulations

Well Done!
**Active After School Communities Program**

The program will run on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3.30pm to 4.45pm & then children are collected. If you would like any further information regarding the program, please contact Kevin Shipp on 6882 4689.

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**Community News**

**Western Plains Cultural Centre:** Due to the refurbishment of its concrete floors, the gallery, museum & café will be closed from 29th Jan to 1st Mar 2013. The Community Arts Centre will remain open during this period. A temporary exhibition will be housed at the Dubbo Library during February. For more information please contact WPCC Ph 6801 4444.

**Art & Cartooning Program:** Saturday 23rd March to Sunday 24th March. Fantastic fun for yrs 4-15. In Dubbo North School Hall. Short Day $30 9.30am to 3.30pm, Long day $35 8am to 6pm. Sat night Camp $20 6pm to 9pm. Early bird special all 3 sessions $90. Enquiries 02 9343 0833 or 1800 768 636 or www.illustrating-man.com.au

**Australian Football:** Registration Day and BBQ. Friday 1st March 5.30pm - 7.00pm. South Dubbo Oval (Boundary Rd) Boys & Girls Under 10 to under 15. Pre-season comp (3 weeks on Fri nights during March) Cost $5. Junr Football season commences 1st week May. Cost $25. For further information phone John Maljers 0407 780 495.

**Western Region Junior Squash Tournament:** Round 1 held at Dubbo RSL Aquatic & Health Club. 9th March to 10 March. Entries close Mon 4th March. Enquiries Beryl Mortimer 02 6882 2381.

**Dubbo Hockey Assoc:** is looking for people interested in playing hockey. Registration days Sat 23rd Feb 10am-1pm and Mon 25th Feb 5pm-6.30pm. Dubbo Hockey Complex. For further information phone Craig Chapman 0407459639, PCYC 0427062226.

**East Dubbo United Football Club:** Registration day at Bunnings car park at BBQ from 1pm-3pm. Saturday 23rd February.

**80’s Trivia Night:** Raise money for the Ear Bus. Fri 22nd February, 6.30pm Dubbo Golf Club. Pay online $10, Pay at the door $15. Tables of 6 or 8 BYO nibbles. Prize for best dressed table. Online payment at www.trybooking.com/40442. Enquiries to Colleen 0418617931 or Rowena 0432344755.

**MILO in2CRICKET:** Dubbo Sportsworld, Sheraton Rd, Dubbo. Everyone bats & bowls every week. Runs from Sat 16th February to 23rd March. 6 weeks of fun for boys & girls 7-10. Cost is $20 for existing In2cricket participants (no pack) or $65 for new participants (includes pack of bat, ball, bag & much more) for more information contact Matthew on 0425297719.

**Dubbo Physical Culture:** is looking for girls interested in dance. This dance form is a combination of jazz, yoga/pilates, hip hop and contemporary. Our dance club is open to females from 3 yrs to 65+ & is fantastic for exercise, fun and friendship. If you are interested, please contact Helen on 6882 6270.