Relieving Principal
Toby Morgan
Executive
Yrs K - 2
Paul Gray
Yrs 3 - 6
Jasia Sluiter
Support Staff
Barb Singh (Rel)

Dates for your Diary

Term 1

February
27th Theatre Performance
28th District Swimming Carnival (Twilight)

March
5th Parent Information Evening
8th Western Swimming Carnival
19th Grandparents Picnic Day

April
4th School Photos

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parent Information Evening
Remember to mark this date in your diary – **Tuesday 5th March**. This is the date of the 2013 DNPS Parent/Carer Information evening. It would be fantastic to see a huge roll up of parents to meet the teachers and to see what will be happening in classes this year.

Outline of the evening:

6:00 – 6:30pm Free sausage sizzle at the back of the hall.
6:30 – 6:55pm Principal information session in the hall
7:00 – 7:15pm First information session in the classrooms
7:15 – 7:30pm Second information session in the classrooms

Please feel free to bring your children along or come alone, but it would be great to see you there!

Planning Room
If your child has spent time at lunch in the planning room, this means that they have been behaving inappropriately at school. Students who misbehave in the classroom or playground spend time in the planning room, where they sit with a member of the executive and discuss their bad choices and discuss more appropriate ways of responding to situations. If they are there repeatedly then they will have a plan developed, which teaches them ways to behave acceptably and be safe and happy at school.

Interviews
If you wish to see myself or a member of staff throughout the school day, please phone the ladies at the front office and make an appointment. I’m more than happy to meet with parents/carers but it’s not always guaranteed that I’ll be available – so please phone ahead to ensure I can meet with you.

Girls Cricket
Well done to the girls’ cricket team who narrowly lost to Dubbo South on Monday. They have been training very hard every recess for a couple of weeks and put up a very spirited display, losing by a small margin of 10 runs. A big thank you to Mrs Lyn Campbell for giving up her recesses and day off on Monday to train and coach the girls – it’s these extra bits that make teachers the special people they are!!

Have a great week.

Toby Morgan.
Relieving Principal

Uniform Award

The winner of the Uniform Award for Week 4 was
**Tai Cochran 1/2M**

All winners receive a Meal Deal from the Canteen, & 10 points for their House, for proudly wearing his/her uniform to school.
Canteen Meal Deal
Thursday 28th February
Spaghetti & Meatballs + Popper
$5.00

P&C Meeting
Annual General Meeting,
Wed 13th March.
7pm Staffroom
All Welcome

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Claiming the date!
Dubbo North School Photos will be taken on
Thursday 4th April

Artwork of the Week
Congratulations to
Dylan Murray 5GK (terrific space collage) &
Calum Church-Lenord (colourful snake)

The War on Head Lice
With over two million children attending primary school, you are not alone in your battle against head lice breakouts.

“Gone are the days where nits were considered a part of unclean living – in fact nits actually like clean hair!

Facts about Head Lice:
- Head lice are parasites that feed on human blood & live exclusively on humans.
- Having head lice does not reflect on lack of hygiene.
- Head lice do not hop or fly, 95% of lice are transmitted by close contact, sharing hats, brushes & pillows etc.
- Head lice vary in colour from greyish white to brown & are the size of a sesame seed.
- The life span is 33-35 days.

Products such as KP24 Rapid are great treatments.

Hot Tips:
- Using a long tooth metal comb is the best way to remove lice eggs from the scalp.
- It is usually advised to treat lice a week apart to kill any remaining eggs that would have hatched.
- Be thorough. Miss eggs & you’ll soon have an infestation.
- Never share hats, caps, combs.
- Plaiting or braiding for long hair makes it hard for lice to attach to the bottom of the hair strand.
Yesterday our Girl’s Knockout Cricket team played against Dubbo South Public School in the first round of the Western Area Knockout Competition. The game began with Sarah-May Bruce (Captain) winning the toss & electing to field first. She began with some strong bowling, with a wicket in the first over. Lilli Campbell also bowled extremely well, taking 2 wickets in 2 overs. Jamarra Elemes also had 2 successful overs with a wicket taken & a catch by Lilli. Georgia Josephs didn’t take any wickets but her straight bowling kept the runs to a minimum. Zoe Boon only bowled 1 over but it was very successful, with a wicket & a run out!

Our fielding skills were impressive with Shirkira Smith-Romans being an excellent wicket keeper & Sarah Lawrence backing her extremely well. Emily Xuereb made a terrific out-fielder with her strong throwing skills, while Chloe Goedee & Laura Williams showed great patience & determination in the infield.

At the end of 25 overs, South had only 2 batters left & a total score of 97 runs. After a short break, we went into bat determined to chase South’s score. Phoebe Bloink-Hollier & Ella Redenbach proved to be a strong batting pair with Phoebe being our top scorer & Ella having great blocking skills remaining at the crease not out.

Once South’s 25 overs were complete we had Chloe & Ella still in bat & 3 batters to go but our score was 83 runs. It was a very close game.

Special mention must be made to Lilli Campbell & Sarah-May Bruce as both these girls helped South with their fielding as they lost 2 of their players due to the heat. Lilli even took a magnificent catch for South. These 2 girls showed just how Dubbo North excels in sportsmanship. Congratulations Lilli & Sarah-May!

Crunch & Sip
A great healthy mid-morning snack!
Fruit, vegetables & water.

Carrots, cucumber, sultanas, apples, bananas, strawberries, grapes & oranges are a popular choice.
**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 Physical Culture:** is looking for girls interested in dance. This dance form is a combination of jazz, yoga/pilates, hip hop and contempory, 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.

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**Keeping up with Kinder**

Last week we had our first 'Students of the Week' in Kindergarten for 2013 and I believe there were some excited families. These are very special awards presented at the K-6 Assembly and are gained by displaying consistent effort and application over the past week or for achieving a challenging learning goal. It is possible to achieve this special award more than once in the year.

Fantastic job with the green bags. We are seeing every bag nearly every day and this week we have added something new, your child has now brought home a sound booklet. These are designed to provide you with a sound to focus for each school night for the next week. Can your child tell you the sound this letter usually makes, do the action, tell you the sound if you do the action, find the letter in a book or magazine and tell you a word which starts with that sound?

Add each new sound to the list of sounds and actions you revise each night. A new booklet will be sent home each Tuesday this term. These booklets do not need to be returned to school or stay in your child's green bag but remain at home as a reference. If you would like any further information on these sounds and actions before next Tuesday start by googling - Jolly Phonics Youtube. We will talk about Jolly Phonics at next week's Parent Teacher Night.

Something else which you may see in your child's green bag from time to time is a yellow merit card. Here is a quick reminder about them.

Over your child’s 7 years at Dubbo North, they can take part in our Merit System. 5 Yellow Merit cards can be collected and handed into the office where they will be exchanged for a Merit Certificate & presented to your child at an assembly. They can keep collecting & when they have 5 Yellow Certificates, these are exchanged for the ultimate Green Achievement Certificates.

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**Community News**

**Dubbo North Public School**

**Merit Card**

AWARDED TO

BILL SMITH

FOR

GREAT READING!

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