**Dubbo North Public School**

“Responsible, Safe and Respectful”

**Weekly Newsletter**

**Week 9 Term 1 2014**

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**Principal**
Toby Morgan

**Executive**

**Early Stage 1 & Stage 1**
Paul Gray

**Stage 2**
Deb Williams (Rel)

**Stage 3 & Support**
Jemma Harding

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**Dates for your Diary**

**Term 1**

**March**

26th Whole School Assembly 2.45

27th 3-6 Social 6-8pm Theme - 80’s

**April**

2nd Primary Assembly 5S Hosting 2.45

School Photos

11th Last day of Term 1

29th Return for Term 2

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**Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Grandparents Day**

I’m looking forward to a big roll up of parents and grandparents at our Grandparents Day today. We’ve got some great items being presented in the hall from 12:30pm and then a BBQ lunch. It should be a terrific occasion.

**IEP Meetings**

Thanks to all those parents that took the time out of their day to meet with teachers to develop IEP’s for your child/ren. These goals will be worked on and focused on by the teachers and will be reported back to you in the end of Semester 1 reports. These are an invaluable tool that also aides in the strengthening of home/school relationships.

**New School Sign**

Hopefully our new electronic school sign will be here by the end of next week or the last week of term. There has been a bit of a hold up with it but I’m sure it will be worth the wait as it will proudly replace the old sign and advertise the great things going on at our school.

**Bullying Seminar**

I’m in the planning process of organising a bullying session for parents and students, to recognise when bullying is occurring, to develop strategies to combat it and to work together to prevent it. I get calls on a weekly basis from parents saying their child is being bullied, and often this is not the case as when it is investigated there has simply been a dispute between two students, and the issue has not been properly explained. At DNPS we are vigilant regarding bullying and work hard to ensure it doesn’t occur. It’s important parents are aware of what bullying is and how it can be avoided.

**Family Information**

Lately the office is having some difficulty contacting parents regarding their children in sick bay etc. Please ensure that the school has your current address, telephone numbers & emergency telephone numbers for your child. It would also be a shame to miss out on a “good news” call from your child’s teacher because they could not contact you.

Have a great week.

Toby Morgan  Principal

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**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**

- **Student** $40.00
- **Family** $80.00
  - (2 or more children)
- **If paid by end of Term 3, you will be entered into a draw to win a scooter.**

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**Uniform Award**

The winners of the Uniform Award for last week were

- **Jarrod Mutton 1/2G**
- **Jadey Beasley 5A**

All winners receive a Meal Deal from the canteen, for proudly wearing their uniform at school.

**Kakadu says be Responsible**

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“Skill with Honour”
CANTEEN Meal Deal
Thursday 27th March
Spaghetti Bolognaise + Chocolate Paddle Pop
$5.00

Congratulations

Students of the Week
Term 1 Week 8

KC
Tully Pickering

KT
Shanay McGrath Nolan

1B
David Towers

1/2G
Harley Stewart

2W
Ellen Cleary

3/4L
Hannah Austin

3/4S
Isobel Rolfe

5A
Troy Gosch

5/6H
Connor Freeman

6E
Zahlia Heller

5K
Dylan Murray

5S
Thomas West

Uniform Class Awards
Week 8 – 1/2G
Well Done Everyone!

Merit Awards Week 8
Tyra Towney, Harmony Fearne, Jackson Austin, Hannah Bruce, Logan Cafe, Miley Shipp, Colby Ross, Inala Gibbs, Paul Ris & Charlie Rolfe.

Keeping up with Kinder

This week in kindergarten, we have been learning some sight words. It would be great if students could practise reading these at home. Some ideas could be finding them in a magazine and cutting them out or finding these words in books. The words are ‘is’, ‘the’ and ‘on’.

We have been busy practising for our Grandparent assembly today. We hope that you enjoyed our performance. Thankyou to the grandparents, parents & caregivers that came today. The children enjoyed their picnic lunch and spending time with you at school.

Visiting Show
Monday 31st March
“Deadly Australians”
Come face to face with venomous & non-venomous reptiles.
Educating children about the dangers of the venomous wildlife that inhabit our backyards, bush, beaches & sea.
Only $5 per child or $10 per family (2 or more)
Don’t miss out!!

Library Update:
Wow! What a huge pile of "Fly with Books" cards & book prizes I have to hand out!
At Wednesday's assembly, the children will be given their small Kakadu award card which they bring with them to the Library on Friday to exchange for their book/s.
As Responsible learners we take care of the things we use. This is especially true when it comes to borrowing library books. Please make sure that books are carried in a library bag, as these bags help to limit the damage caused to books being carried in school bags. Spilled drink, squashed food, bent and torn pages can cause irreparable damage and if this occurs, you will be asked to cover the cost of replacing the book.
Are you a budding illustrator? If you like to draw this competition could be just what you're looking for!
The Inaugural Wombat Books Illustration Challenge - NOW OPEN!
Wombat Books is seeking original illustrations from Australian students to publish in a unique picture book by well-known children’s author Aleesah Darlison. The Challenge has been established to provide aspiring young illustrators with the opportunity to be published in a professionally produced children’s book and gain an introduction into the world of illustrating.
The book, titled Zoo Ball, is scheduled for release in early 2015. Up to twenty winning illustrators will be published in the book and will also receive two free copies of the book and a $50 voucher. They will be acknowledged on the Wombat Books website as a rising illustrator and there may be opportunities for them to illustrate work in the future.
One outstanding illustrator will be given the exclusive opportunity to design the cover for the book and will win a cash prize of $200.
For full guidelines and entry forms visit: www.wombatbooks.com.au/competitions

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This week we will be focusing on **Responsibility**. Have you earned a yellow slip by being Responsible?

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**5/6H Arcade Games**

At the beginning of Term 1 the students in 5/6H watched a short documentary about a boy who made games out of boxes and then made the games part of an arcade where people could come and play. After watching this, groups of students researched, drew and developed an arcade game of their own. The children worked on this each week, collected resources to make their games, and made a set of rules to play their game. Once the games were completed we offered other students in the school the opportunity to play the arcade games. Students were able to come to the hall over two lunch time periods and have a go at playing the games. We had a great response from both students and teachers.

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**Step Back in Time to the 1980’s at the 3-6 SOCIAL!!**

**Thursday 27th March, 6pm to 8pm School Hall**

$5 (includes entry + packet of chips & a drink)

**The Theme is the 1980’s.**

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Photos will be taken on **Wednesday 2nd April**

Please return your envelopes by **Mon 31st March**

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**Active After-School Communities Program**

This Thursday 27th, is the last week of the program for Term 1.

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**Easter Raffle**

Please start bringing in easter eggs etc for our raffle.

Please find your raffle tickets with this Newsletter.

**Drawn on Thursday 10th April.**

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**Australian Mobile Dental Clinic Visit**

The Mobile Clinic will be visiting us again on 16th June. If you would like your child to visit the clinic, for a free dental check, please complete your consent form that was sent out last week and return it to the office. Thankyou.

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**Easter BBQ Breakfast**

**Tuesday 8th April,**

8.30am to 9.00am, in the **Planning Room**. Come along, have breakfast & share “good news” stories. **Parents most welcome.**
Infants Assembly
2W were terrific hosts at the Infants Assembly on Thursday. Top left, are all the children who had birthdays. Top right are 2W doing “The Bug Parade”. Below left, is Reyal, reading his part in the assembly & below right, the final tableau! Congratulations 2W.

Community News

Orana Spurs Soccer Club Looking for players. Boys & girls, for Saturday Competition. All ages. For further information call Bob Hughes Ph:6882 6990.

Jackeroo Ranch: Riding School ,Holiday Program:
1st Week: Sat 12th April - Sat 19th April
2nd Week: Sat 19th April - Sun 27th April
For further enquiries, please call Mrs Pattie Hudson Ph 6337 7173 (nights are best).

Piano Lessons weekly individual available at home studio. Tuition fees 1/2 hr $15. Please contact Tonisha Gibb 0413 764 489 or tonisha@outlook.com

PSSA Netball Knockout
Our girls played Orana Heights in the first round of the knockout last week. Although they fought hard all game, Orana girls were too strong on the day & the final score being 18-3. Our girls showed great sportsmanship.

Charlotte’s Web
Dubbo Regional Theatre & Convention Centre
Saturday 12th April.
2pm & 4pm
Tickets $16 - $20.50
Bookings at the Theatre
Ph 6801 4378