**Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Welcome To Term 2**

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing Easter break and took the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. This term promises to be a big one with NAPLAN testing on, a visit by the Dental Van, excursions for some years, reports to go home, school athletics carnival on and lots more. Please ensure your children are at school every day where possible and in full school uniform.

**PSSA Sport**

Please be aware that students who are not in full sports uniform on Fridays will not be eligible to represent our school at PSSA. This includes socks, sport shorts/skorts and shirts (not Year 6 shirts) and school hats. All these items are available through the office and uniform shop at very reasonable prices. Please make an appointment to meet with me if you are experiencing financial difficulties.

**Staff Changes**

Mr Jordan Moran joins our staff this term as the teacher of 3/4S and is relieving for Mrs Sluiter as Assistant Principal of Stage 2. I’m sure the school community will make him feel welcome. Also, Mrs Willcockson has taken a terms leave and will be replaced in the office by Mrs Anderson.

**Town ANZAC Service**

It was great to see our students turn out to commemorate ANZAC day and represent the school in the town march last Friday. Thanks to Mr Gray and the following students for giving up their time in the holidays to attend, and to Donna Howard for assisting in the march: Tai Cochran, Jaru McLennan, Ashden Cafe, Hannah Austin, Arayana Cochran, Angel Cochran, Jackson Austin, Colby Cafe, Logan Cafe, Jarred Mutton, Colby Ross, Emily Briggs and Brock Briggs. All these students will be receiving merit cards for being excellent ambassadors for our school.

**State Knockout Competitions**

These knockouts are open to all students in Years 5 and 6 only as they are open teams and students will be competing against other students who may be 12 or 13 years old. This is especially the case with contact sports, such as rugby league. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Other schools may have different standards, but our duty of care prohibits students in Years 3 and 4 from participating.

Have a great first week back.

Toby Morgan Principal

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**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**

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If paid by end of Term 3, you will be entered into a draw to win a scooter.

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**For Sale**

35 Stage 3 Chairs Metal & moulded plastic construction

*$2.20 each*
**Library Update**

I love May! Not only do I get to see the change of season through the Library windows, celebrate Mother’s Day and know that during May is International Star Wars Day - "May the 4th be with you!", but best of all, May is International Month of "Get Caught Reading". With this as our theme, I would love to catch EVERYBODY Flying with Books and doing their home reading. So I challenge every child from K-6 to earn at least ONE FREE book during Term 2. Will it be your class or your stage group with highest percentage at the end of term? (I’ll keep you updated!)

*Kelly O’Reilly*

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**P&C BULB FUNDRAISER**

This offer has been extended & we will accept orders until this Friday 2nd May.

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**Active After School Care**

The program will commence again for Term 2, next week, Tuesday 6th May & Thursday 8th May

For further enquiries contact Kevin Shipp at the school

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**Australian Mobile Dental Clinic Visit**

The Mobile Clinic will be visiting us again from 19th to 23rd May. If you would like your child to visit the clinic, for a free dental check, please ask for a consent form and return it to the office. Thankyou.
North School Leaders Attend Sydney Conference

Last week Temika Triplett, Colby Cafe, Ike Eggleton, Jade Dunbar, Shenaye Moses Bird and Ruby Sinclair travelled to Sydney to attend the Young Leaders Conference. The students travelled down on the XPT on Sunday with Mrs Acton and Ms Harding and stayed at the YHA. On Monday they attended the conference where they listened to speakers including Andy Griffiths and heard presenters talk about leadership and achieving their dreams. The students then visited the Aquarium at Darling Harbour before returning to Dubbo on Tuesday. The teachers said all students were excellent role models and ambassadors for the school and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Lest we forget

ANZAC Service 2014

Mrs Acton & her SRC have presented another amazing ANZAC service. We were again privileged & an honour to have many veterans attend our ceremony and we thank you. This year the focus of the service was on the role that carrier/homing pigeons played during both world wars. They flew into dangerous situations, with messages in canisters strapped to their legs, saving countless lives. Two of the most famous bird were called Cher Ami WW1 & GI Joe WW2 they even received awards.
Hockey NSW: is holding an U9’s & U12’s Development Clinic in Dubbo on the 4th May at the local hockey centre. U9’s from 9am till 11am (cost is free) & U12’s from 12 noon till 5pm (cost is $53 per player—includes drink bottle & bag) It’s a great day with fun activities & a way to improve your skills. Please register for U12’s at www.hockeynew.com.au & for the U9’s email kate.p@hockeynsw.com.au For further information please contact Kate on 0447 186 494.

Seminar for Parents: Food for a happy & calm household. Tuesday 6th May 7pm to 9pm Dubbo RSL Cnr Brisbane & Wingewarra Sts Dubbo. Tickets $20 each. Online Special 3 tickets for $49.50 from www.MealPlanningYourWay.com Bookings essential Sorry no tickets at the door. For more information call Louise D’Allura on 0408 723 559.

Hear our Heart Ear Bus: We are in need for more Parent Support on our HOH Committee so we can get to more schools/ childcare centres. As you know, this Program currently runs on volunteers. We have lots of little jobs that mount up that we need help with. Most are computer jobs so Parents can do them at home. Other jobs are picking up/dropping things off at various places in town when needed. Anyone interested should contact Donna Rees 0419534447 or Rachel Mills 0413687671. Our next meeting is Wednesday night, 6pm, at the Hearing Office corner of Arthur/Darling St and all would be welcome.

Super Saver Plus Program: Would you like to know more about the Saver Plus Program? Come along to this free information session to find out more. Tuesday 25th March, 10 to 10:30am at Macquarie Regional Library. For further information contact John Edwards on 6881 8032