Message from the Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Assemblies
It has been great to see so many parents and friends at our assemblies throughout 2014. It’s fantastic that students are given the opportunity to speak and perform in front of an audience – great skills for later schooling. Don’t forget, parents are also invited to our whole school assemblies, where students of the week awards and Merit Awards and certificates are handed out. The next Primary assembly is 5/6H next Wednesday and the next Infants assembly is 1/2G in Week 8.

Uniforms
Throughout Term 3 the school has loaned numerous hats, jumpers, tracksuit pants and shirts to students who have required them during the day. Unfortunately most of these have not been returned which means they are not there for someone else to borrow when they need to. If you have any unnamed or ‘foreign’ school clothes at home that you know don’t belong to your child, can you please return them to the ladies in the front office.

Doctor’s Certificates
If your child is absent for more than a couple of school days, it would assist us with our record keeping if you could send in a Doctor’s Certificate with them when they return to school. If students are missing 4 or 5 days of school in a row, then a trip to the doctor and the request for a certificate is the way to go. Please ensure this is handed in to the office or to your child’s classroom teacher.

NAIDOC
Another special celebration coming up is NAIDOC, which will be celebrated on Thursday the 28th August. Students will have the opportunity to participate in boomerang painting, cook Johnny Cakes, thread some beads on to string, join in some Aboriginal dancing and lots more. It would be great to see another fantastic roll up from our school community as we celebrate this special culture. Students have the opportunity to dress up in red, black and yellow on the day and join in activities. I look forward to seeing our whole school community come together on this special day.

Excursions
We have a few excursions coming up including Stage 1’s trip to the Cultural Centre, Kindergarten’s Teddy Bear’s Picnic, Stage 3’s trip to the Tea Gardens and Stage 2 are receiving a visit from the Sydney Museum with artefacts from Captain Cook’s voyages. As always behaviour dictates whether or not students can participate in these excursions, as they are a privilege not a right. Students who have been suspended from school leading up to an excursion will be ineligible to attend.

Have a great week.
Toby Morgan Principal
Don’t Forget!
Twilight Fete 7th November
Start potting up your plants & cuttings, finding your cake recipes, putting aside items for the white elephant stall (quality items in good & working order etc).
This year we will also have a Jar Stall. This will be a jar of any items, (a jar of lollies, a jar of soldiers etc.
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1/2G Harley Stewart
2W Amarnie Bender
3/4L Zion Hands
3/4S Jordy Morrow
4/5A Adison Lyons
5/6H Max Toomey
6E Hailee Fallon
5S Ben Pepper
5K Joel Norberry

Crazy Clothes
Out-of-Uniform Day
Cost $1
Thursday 21st August
Wear your craziest clothes

CANTEEN Meal Deal
Thursday 21st August
Chicken & Gravy Roll
+ Popper $5.50

Supa Breakfast
Breakfast is on Tuesdays in the Planning Room, from 8.30am to 9am. Come along & have breakfast & share some “good news” stories.

Congratulations

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Uniform Class Awards
for week 6 - KT & 6E

Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 4th September
Start bringing in a small gift priced 50c to $3 to the Class Teacher, for our Father’s Day Stall. Children who bring in a gift will have first opportunity to buy one at the stall for their Dad.

Father’s Day Raffle
Tickets are $1.00 each & prize is a $100 gift voucher from Sports Co, Orana Mall, a cricket ball, signed by Glen McGrath.
Raffle will be drawn on 4th September.
We wish to thank Sports Co for their generous donation to our school.

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Kids start saving your money for a fun day!
Compass Program: Occupational Therapy Session. Last Thursday DNPS were host to the Compass Program students who held a Parent Information Workshop. Parents were invited from Dubbo West, Buninyong and Dubbo North to come and participate and ask questions as to what the students have been doing in the schools over the last two terms. The parents were able to participate in the activities so that they can help their child at home with the strategies that are being used in the classroom. The workshop was well supported with positive feedback from parents and Learning and Support Teachers. Thank you to the six Compass students from across the three schools for presenting on the day.

Library Update

The CBCA Shortlisted winners have been announced!

Young Reader - "City of Orphans - A Very Unusual Pursuit" by Catherine Jinks
Information Text - "Jeremy" by Chris Faille & Danny Snell
Early Childhood - "The Swap" by Jan Ormerod
Picture Book - "The Rules of Summer" by Shaun Tan

All of these wonderful books are available to borrow from the Library and the children have been having a preview of many of the Shortlisted books during their weekly Library visits.

Fly with Books

Kakadu has noticed a decline in the number of children returning their fly with books folders to be checked off. Disappointingly, this means the children are not getting the free books they are entitled to. Remember the only way to be a better reader is to read! - 10 minutes every day aloud to someone.

Competitions! Competitions! Competitions!

Throughout Weeks 6 & 7, the Library will be running the following 3 competitions. All entries will be sent to Scholastic Australia who will draw the prize winners from entries across the country.

Competition 1 - Colouring In "Pig the Pug"
Competition 2 - Design a Race car
Competition 3 - The Tom Gates Doodling Competition

Come to the Library during Recess and Lunch to be creative. Give your entry to Mrs. O'Reilly by Wednesday 27th August, 2014.


Kelly O'Reilly
Community News

Bunnings Warehouse Dubbo: will be holding its Father’s Day Family Night on Thursday 4th September, 6pm-8pm. Make a gift for Dad, DIY Workshops, Light refreshments, free gift wrapping. For information or to book Ph: 6815 9500

Dubbo Stampede Running Festival:
To be held at Taronga Western Plains Zoo on Sunday 7th September. 5.5km Dingo Dash (walk jog or run), 10km Cheetah Chase, 21.1km Zebra Zoom & 42.2km Rhino Ramble. Get a team together & register at www.dubbostampede.com.au

Special Religious Education: For students in Yr 6.
The students of the Catholic faith will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Brigid’s Parish in St. Brigid’s & St Laurencés Churches. An evening for Parents will be held Tues 2nd September at 7pm in St Brigid’s Church. It is necessary for parents to attend this meeting as information & dates will be discussed. For further information contact Genevieve Menzies 6882 4233.

Ear Bus Project: Art Auction Dinner Party Saturday 30th August, 7pm at the Western Star, Dubbo. Guest speakers, Raffles & Trivia, Prizes. Tickets at Hot Poppyz Brisbane St, Dubbo. $40.00 (2 course meal) dress code—smart casual. Live entertainment. Tickets close 12pm Mon. 25th August. Gini Redenbach 6884 4782.