Message from the Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Stage 3 Excursion
Last week Stage 3 enjoyed a fabulous week at The Great Aussie Bush Camp where they participated in numerous activities and challenges designed to push them out of their comfort zone. All students responded positively and took the opportunity to mix with friends and make the most of their time away. The behaviour of the kids was excellent and they were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Hockey
Today our girl’s hockey team have headed to Wagga to participate in the quarter finals of the NSW PSSA Hockey Knockout. Mrs Williams has done a fantastic job with the support and generosity of the P & C. All the best girls, I know you’ll do us proud. Win, lose or draw you have represented our school with pride and respect.

NAIDOC DAY
This celebration will be occurring on Thursday 12th September, which is Week 9 of term. The Aboriginal Education Committee, led by Mr Shipp, has been busily preparing activities for this day which celebrates the contribution of Aboriginal people to our community. It would be great to see a huge roll up of community members on the day. Everyone is welcome!!

Behaviour
Please discuss appropriate behaviour with your children at home, as we are having more chance of minimising inappropriate behaviour if we work together. Our PBL has nearly finalised our 3 expectations and soon we’ll be passing these onto the school community. Schools are much more successful places when they are happy, caring environments.

Parenting Tip
Tip # 5 Let kids give in too easily – Resilient learners link success with effort. They don’t give up because they don’t like the teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don’t bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

Resilience notion # 5 – Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren’t perfect.

Have a great week.

Toby Morgan.
Relieving Principal

Attention Parents!
If possible please avoid packing nuts, peanut butter & nutella for your child, as we have some children with allergies to these foods.

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SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Student $40.00
Family $80.00
(2 or more children)

If your school contribution is paid by the end of Term 3, you will be placed in a draw to win an Ipod touch, donated by the P&C.
Canteen Meal Deal  
Thursday 29th August  
Cheeseburger + Pkt Chicken Jumpys $5.00

EdAlive:  
Complete Learning Initiative.  
Huge savings on EdAlive software bundles.

EdAlive has announced the new Complete Learning Initiative (CLI) to give families the opportunity to use the same software at home that we have licences for use at school.

- 46 titles up to 95% off  
- Incredible value bundles from $19.95  
- Complete or update your collection  
- Fun learning for your child  
- Free 3 month ZooWhiz Premium subscription for each child

The leaflets have been handed out with this newsletter. Please return your orders to the school by Friday 6/9/13.

Keeping up with Kinder
It has been a busy term so far and in the next few weeks we will continue with Zumba, including a few catch up lessons and NAIDOC Day celebrations both at school and downtown.

Just a quick reminder that children are not to bring toys to school. Until next week ….

TEA GARDENS EXCURSION
Last week Stage 3 students headed off to their overnight excursion to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. The first afternoon they participated in rock climbing & raft building challenges. After building their rafts, they floated them onto the lake & most ended up in the water as rafts didn’t stay together. The next day they took part in fencing & bushcraft, cooking some damper. Then it was onto the giant swing (15m high)! Which pushed some through their comfort zone but responded positively. Canoeing was a lot of fun with most ending up capsizing & getting wet. Day 3 the students undertook the Lost Island obstacle course which was muddy, slippery & challenging. After a welcome shower, it was off to the rainforest & then tumbling on the giant sand dunes. Each night there were fun activities, trivia, movies & games.

Everyone had a fantastic time together with friends. A huge thankyou to Miss Harding, Mrs Elton, Mr Morgan & Mr Shipp for giving up their time away from family to accompany the students on this very memorable excursion.

Having fun on the excursion. More pics opposite.

Wanted for our gardens!
We are wanting to liven up our large planter boxes in the main playground. If anyone has gazanias growing in their gardens & could spare some nice cuttings, we would be very appreciative. Just bring into the office thanks. They are very bright, hardy plants from South Africa & are often seen growing splendidly in Dubbo’s roundabouts. Pics below
Stage 3
Tea Gardens Excursion
**EA4S News: How Parents Support Children’s Learning (part one)**

Research suggests that the home environment has a powerful and long-term impact on children’s life-long learning. Parents set the stage for children’s learning through the beliefs they hold and the ways they behave. There are many ways parents can create a supportive family learning environment.

**Parents recognise and emphasise literacy experiences that occur within routine family activities in the home or community.**

This means:
- Reading, telling stories, and singing to children.
- Taking children to the public library.
- Including everyone in family discussions at mealtime rather than having separate conversations going on at the same time.
- Making the most of time spent on buses or in cars through interactive conversation.
- Looking for opportunities to build math and science literacy (looking at the starts and talking about them, sorting laundry, counting the stairs as you go up, etc.).

**Parents use television appropriately**

This means:
- Knowing what children are watching on television.
- Choosing shows that reflect the family’s values. Letting children choose shows from the ones parents approve.
- Watching television with children and noticing what they like, what makes them laugh, as well as what is frightening or troubling.
- Not assuming children understand what they see and hear (and not assuming they don’t understand, either).
- Asking questions and answering them about what is being viewed.
- Relating the stories they see on television to their own lives.
- Setting limits on television viewing.
- Providing alternative pastimes to television.

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**Free Dental Assessment & Screening**

Australian Mobile Dental Care will be in Dubbo during Week 8. Free toothbrush & toothpaste for each child that is screened.

Your screening consent form was sent home last week. If you would like your child to have this free service please complete the form & return it as soon as possible.

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**Supa Breakfast**

Breakfast is on Tuesday morning 8.30am to 9.00am, in 5/6E, Mrs Elton’s Room. Come along, have breakfast & share “good news” stories.

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**Community News**

**SOUTH ON SHOW:** Display night—Friday 30th August display & BBQ from 5pm onwards. Concert 6.15pm

**DUBBO STAMPEDE:** Sunday 1st September

A Running Festival for Everyone.

Dingo Dash 5.5kms, Cheetah Chase 10kms & Zebra Zoom Half Marathon 21.1kms.

Register Now! at www.dubbostampede.com.au Don’t miss the fun!!!

**A.E.C.G. BALL:** 6th September, Dubbo RSL Auditorium, 6pm - 12.30am, Formal/Black Tie, Cost $60 a ticket Music by The Rubba Band. 3 course meal. 18+ event. Tickets must be purchased before the event. For further information, contact Dina or Deb @ DSPS 6882 2529.

**DUBBO MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL:**

Saturday 7th September.

4pm: Street parade at Church St Rotunda

4.30pm: Council car park - various entertainment & activities. Free entry.

6pm Doors open at Regional Theatre convention centre for international cuisine & entertainment.


**JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET COMP:**

Cricket season is approaching fast. Time to get back into the swing of things! Term 3 Junior Indoor Cricket Comp. has just started on Friday nights. There is room for a few more 5 a side teams, so enter now!! Ring Dubbo Sportsworld on 6884 0123 for more info.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY Clinics-Netball NSW:**

Netball NSW are holding a Netball School Holiday program on Thursday 3rd October 2013. The form and flyer have been added to the clinics page on the website (link below) and a button for the clinics is on the front page.