Relieving Principal
Toby Morgan
Executive
Yrs K - 2
Paul Gray
Yrs 3 - 6
Jemma Harding
Support Staff
Jasia Sluiter

Dates for your Diary
Term 3
September
3rd  Catch up Zumba
10th  Catch up Zumba
12th  NAIDOC Day
     3-6 Social 7-9pm
17th  Catch up Zumba
     P&C Meeting 7pm
     Pastoral Hotel

Message from the Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Positive Behaviour for Learning
After weeks of surveying and seeking input from staff, students and the community we have settled on our three PBL expectations – North students are “Responsible, Safe and Respectful.” We arrived at these words after analysing all the data we received at our latest PBL meeting on Monday. The students will now be engaged in a mascot competition which will be aimed at attaching a mascot to our PBL model. Mr Shipp and Mrs Kelly are at a PBL in-service today and will bring this knowledge back to DNPS.

Principal meeting times
If you have a meeting with myself or any other member of staff please ensure you turn up for the meeting just minutes before it is to occur. Meeting times are set around school routines, bell times and other meetings and if you turn up to school early then the meeting will not occur until the set time. Suspension re-entry times begin at 10:00am, which gives me time to attend morning lines, deal with any issues which may have occurred in the playground and ensure the day is off to a smooth start.

More hockey success
Our girls’ hockey team recently emerged triumphant from the state quarter finals in Wagga with an 11 – 0 thumping of Forest Hill PS. The girls will now travel to Narellan to compete in the state semi-finals and hopefully the grand final from the 9th – 11th September. They have been busily fundraising this week with a lolly guessing competition, cupcake stall, ice cream stall and an out of uniform day on Friday which incurs a gold coin donation.

All the best girls!
Principal’s message continued ...

School contributions
The P & C have kindly purchased an i-Pod touch for one lucky student to win – all you have to do is ensure your school contributions are paid in full by the end of Term 3. These are $40 for one student and $80 for a family and can be paid in full at the office. These funds enable us to provide additional resources for students to optimise their learning. If you have already paid your school contributions in full then your name is already in the draw, and if you haven’t then you still have another 2 weeks to complete the payment.

Parenting Tip
Tip # 6 Neglect to develop independence – Don’t wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

Resilience notion # 6 – Don’t routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

Have a great week.

Toby Morgan.
Relieving Principal

Canteen Meal Deal
Thursday 5th September
Hot Dog + Ka Bluey Ice Block
$5.00

Congratulations

Student of the Week
Term 3 Week 7

KC             Chyanne Wilson
KOR            Mariah Sattler
1/2M           Dakota Willmot
1/2S           Darcy Allen
1/2W           Jordy Morrow
3/4L           Billy Hopkins
3/4T           Kristina Brown
4/5A           Temika Triplett
5/6E           Quincy Ross
5/6H           Callum Triplett
5G             Ben Pepper
356S           Hayden Kelly

3-6 Social - Prince or Princess
Thursday 12th September
7pm till 9pm
School Hall.
$5 entry inc.
Drink & pkt chips.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE
First prize is an AMICROE Electronic Tablet - Touch Tab II - 7inch screen.
Congratulations!
The raffle was won by Quade Facey 5G

P&C Meeting
Date has changed to Tuesday 17th September 7pm Pastoral Hotel.

Keeping up with Kinder
With the replacement of the computers in the lab this term Kindergarten has been busy working with the paint program to explore shapes and patterns. Here are some of the children hard at work.
It’s September and Spring is here!

Stage 2 have been researching bridges during their library lessons. The students selected a type of bridge from the “Hat” to research how it was constructed. Once this information had been found, the students had to transfer their new knowledge to construct their own rolled newspaper bridges. Each group then explained to their classmates how their type of bridge is constructed. 3/4T did a wonderful job.
Free Dental Assessment & Screening
Australian Mobile Dental Care will be in Dubbo during Week 8 or 9. 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.

Community News
DUBBO MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL: Saturday 7th September.
4pm: Street parade at Church St Rotunda
4.30pm: Council car park - various entertainment & activities. Free entry.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: For Yrs 3&4 students. Children of the Catholic faith have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance—Reconciliation, at St Brigid’s Parish. A welcome to Sacrament evening for parents will be held Tues 10th Sept 7pm in St Brigid’s Church. For further information contact Mrs Katrina Isbester on 6882 4233.

DUBBO RSL AQUATIC & HEALTH CLUB: Feelgood Holiday Program, ages 5-12 yrs, Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm $30/Day. Week 1 23-27 Sept Week 2 30 Sep to 4 Oct. Swimming Fitness Group activities Movies. Enrol Now. Ph 6884 1777.


EA4S News: How Parents Support Children’s Learning (pt 2)
Last week we began looking at ways that parents can create supportive family learning environments for the children. Here are some more beliefs and behaviours that are just as important.

Parents read to children in a way that actively involves the child. This means:
- “Reading” picture books to babies by naming objects on the page.
- Letting toddlers or younger children hold the book, turn pages and point to pictures.
- Having children use pictures to tell the story.
- Leaving off the last word in rhyming books and letting the child say it.
- Letting children pick out the books and reading the same one over and over if that’s their choice.
- Asking questions about what might happen next when you come to an exciting part.
- Letting children take turns reading or saying lines or parts of the story when they are beginning to read themselves or if they have memorised the book.

Parents provide opportunities for children to actively explore their world. This means:
- Pointing out features of the natural world when playing outside (“Look there’s a caterpillar on that branch!”).
- Including children in adult activities to the degree possible. If making cup cakes, for example, getting children to help add the ingredients and/or count the number of spaces in a muffin tin.
- When buying toys, choosing ones that can be used in several ways. Toys like Lego or art materials, for example, can stimulate many creative uses.

Parents ask children questions that help them think. This means asking questions that require children to:
- Compare one thing with another (“How is the video different from the book we read?”)
- Recall and describe events by asking questions about what’s happened (“How did you feel today when ……?”)
- Explain a point of view and why they think the way they do (“Why do you think Sam crossed the street alone when his mother said not to do that?”)

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