Message from the Principal

Swimming Carnival
Last Tuesday Dubbo North joined with Dubbo West to participate in the annual combined swimming carnival. This is the second year the carnival has been run by both schools and again it was a huge success.

Miss Thorpe from DWPS and Miss Harding from DNPS organised the carnival and must be congratulated for running a smooth and trouble-free carnival.

Students participated in their age races, backstroke, breaststroke & butterfly 50 metre races and the more proficient swimmers also swam the 100 & 200 metre butterfly events.

The Staff also got in on the act, with Dubbo North teachers relay team proving triumphant over the DWPS team for the second year in a row.

There were novelty events to keep students cool during the day, relays toward the end and then students got to have some fun on the slide.

Congratulations to our age champions who received their ribbons and certificates last week.

AFL Players visit
The school received a visit on February 16th from some AFL players and coaches from the Greater Western Sydney Giants football team. The players spoke to the students about healthy lifestyle choices, what it took to be a professional athlete and their road to the top.

They handed out signed posters and balls and answered questions from the students.

Freedom Ride March
Mrs Hall and the Stage 1 Staff and students travelled by bus on Wednesday to the rotunda and led the Freedom Ride march along Macquarie and Talbragar Streets. The trip commemorated the 50th anniversary of the freedom ride and it was great our students were able to participate in such a special day. Many thanks to Mrs Hall for arranging this.

Have a great week.

Toby Morgan  Principal
Congratulations Students of the Week
Term 1 Week 4

KC
- Claudia-Rose Milnes
KMY
- Locky Gibbs
1B
- Tyra Moore-Towney
1/2H
- Miley Shipp
2C
- Harley Stewart
3/4B
- Malcolm Elemes
3/4L
- Sophie Adams
3/4P
- Charlotte Hollier
5/6A
- Corey Parker
5/6H
- Johnathon Woods
Red
- Hayden Kelly
Yellow
- Brayden Fields
Blue
- Cooper Westcott

Library Update
There has been a change of date for the Grandparents’ (Special Persons) Picnic Day.
It will now be held on Friday 23rd October.
We look forward to seeing everyone later in the year.

Speech Sound Pic (SSP) Program
This term at Dubbo North Public School we are in the process of implementing a phonemic awareness program that will support the literacy learning needs of our students.

The Speech Sound Pic (SSP) program is a method for teaching reading and writing by developing learners’ phonemic awareness—the ability to hear, identify, and manipulate phonemes—in order to teach the correspondence between these sounds and the spelling patterns (graphemes) that represent them (phonics).

The SSP approach to the teaching of reading and spelling is organised into four initial levels; Green, Purple, Yellow and then Blue. Skills and concepts are introduced in a systematic way, however alongside this explicit teaching students are able to problem solve, with reading and spelling activities taught in ways that are personalised, and meaningful to the individual student.

SRC Out of Uniform Day
This Thursday
wear your favourite colour to school.
Cost will be $1.00

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to the Kindergarten morning tea last Friday. We appreciate your time and we were very happy to see so many parents who volunteered their time to come and participate in reading groups.

Thank you Kindergarten Teachers.

Supa Breakfast
Breakfast has started again on Tuesday mornings, in the Planning Room, from 8.30am to 9am.
Have breakfast & share some “good news” stories.
Rainforests by Tahnieka

Rainforests are dense, warm and wet. They have thousands of trees close together and sometimes it can take up to 10 minutes for the rain to get through the layers of the trees. They are called rainforests because of the amount of rain they receive each year.

Rainforests are very important to us as they generate much of the earth’s oxygen to help us breathe.

Rainforests cover more than 6% of the earth. Antarctica is the only continent that doesn’t have a rainforest because it is so cold.

As many as 30 million species of plants and animals live in tropical rainforests. A typical four square mile of rainforest contains as many as 15 000 flowers, 750 species of trees, 400 species of birds and 150 species of butterflies.

There are 4 main parts to a rainforest. They are emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor.

Did you know we get medicine, chocolate and lots of other things from rainforests?

PBL News
The focus for this week is Safety
Keep your hands, feet and mouth to yourself.