**Message from the Principal**

**Rugby League Clinic**

Last Wednesday our school received a visit from the CRL Development Officers. It consisted of an assembly where the visitors talked about what it takes to become a top footballer, how to be healthy and how to make good choices. Each class then participated in some clinics where they were put through their paces on the oval. Thanks to Mrs Hall for organising this.

**Excursions**

We have a number of excursions coming up and students need to remember, whether they have paid their money or not, that their participation in these excursions is dependent upon their behaviour. Students who do not demonstrate the correct behaviour at school will not be allowed to represent DNPS outside the school gates, whether this be PSSA, school excursions or shows.

**New Carpet**

Recently the school has spent a considerable amount of money supplying new carpet to various classrooms around the school. The following rooms have received new carpet: 3/4B, 3/4L, 3/4P, Blue, Red and Yellow. There’s been a lot happening around the school so next time you drop in have a look around.

**Compass OT Program**

I’m happy to announce that in Terms 2 and 3 the Compass OT program will again be running across Years K – 2. The program involves Sydney University supplying 2 Occupational Therapists for Terms 2 and 3 to work with individual students, in small groups and as a whole class. It’s a terrific opportunity for your child to receive support with fine and gross motor skills and with their handwriting. Relevant parents will be contacted soon about their children’s participation in the program.

**Toys At School**

Please ensure toys are kept at home and not brought to school, as they cause issues in the playground and often lead to conflicts between peers. These items need to be left at home, as if they are lost, broken or misplaced they are not replaced by the school which leads to disappointed and upset children. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated. Have a great week.

Toby Morgan
Principal

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**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**

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**Congratulations Billy Hopkins 5/6H**

For receiving his Principals Award for consistent effort in all areas of school.
World of Maths

Thursday 12th March
Exciting hands-on experience for students to work in small groups to complete more than 15 different activities.

Only $4.00
Return money & note to Office.

CANTEEN Meal Deal
Thursday 12th March
Macaroni Cheese + popper
$5.50
Cheap Tuesday
Next week 10/3
Puffy dogs - $3.00
Specials will change fortnightly

Uniform Award
Congratulations go to Janessa and Jasper who have already read five books for the Premier's Reading Challenge and received their first small prize!
Home reading for K-2 began last week and I'm excited to give away books to the children who have been reading regularly and have completed a page of their FLY WITH BOOKS folder.
According to the Australian Children's Laureate Jackie French, March is the month to Navigate a story. There are new books arriving regularly in the library so I encourage you to find your way to be carried along with a great book!
Kelly O'Reilly

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.

Library Update

Cupcake Day
Stage 2 will be having a cupcake stall on Friday at recess to raise money for their Zoo Snooze later in the year.
Cupcakes will be $1 each

School Photos
Photos will be taken on Wed 25th March
Envelopes to go home this week.

Malcolm Elemes
3/4P
(emu)

Sophie Adams
3/4L
(flowers)
Blue Class Cooking Day - the class prepared yummy tacos' for parents and caregivers

Whole School Assembly Award Winners

Congratulations to all the students of the Week

Merit Award Certificates go to:
* TJ Crompton, * Angel Cochran &
* Logan Cafe
The Speech Sound Pics Program (SSP)
Letters don’t make sounds
We speak – we say words that are made up of smaller speech sounds and then we use combinations of letters to represent those ‘speech sounds’ in print. When teaching children to read and spell we must go from speech (what we say and hear) to print NOT print (what we read or write) to speech. If children cannot hear the smaller parts in words (phonemic awareness) they will not be able to develop these skills. They need to see words as made up of Speech Sound Pics (pictures of the speech sounds). Children do not need to know letter names to read and spell in the early stages of school, as this can confuse the process. Letter names are simply labels in print. The ‘speech sounds’ they represent are what matters most.

At school your child is learning how to take a picture of a ‘speech sound’ so they understand what it looks like in print. Can you see the picture for ‘c’, ‘a’, ‘t’? They work out how to build that word by putting the ‘speech sounds’ in the correct order. The following sentence has been separated (coded) into ‘speech sounds’.
Example: I c/a/n r/ea/d a b/oo/k t/o m/y f/r/ie/n/d.

Community News
Stepping Stones Child Care Centre: Black Friday Fete - 13th March 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Please come along & support the centre & the Dubbo Ear Bus. Stalls, jumping castle, cake stall, face painting, & raffles.
Taronga Western Plains Zoo - Autumn Program.
Children experience the sights & sounds of the zoo, join in the art & craft & other activities with an animal theme. An Eggstraordinary Day, Wildlife Warriors, Festy Fauna Features, Kids for the Wild & Night at the Zoo. For more information ph 6881 1433 or visit www.taronga.org.au
Western College: Tutoring. Yr 4 to Year 12. Offering English, Science & Maths. Highly qualified & experienced tutors. Weekdays 3.30pm - 6pm, Saturdays 8.30am - 12pm. Cost– one on one $60ph. School term programs $75 for 2x45min sessions per week. Bookings: 6884 2899 or info@westercollege.com.au
Orana Junior AFL: Registration days. New Sunday winter competition Yrs 5-17. South Dubbo Oval: Tues 10/3 9.30am-12pm (Kelly Cup), Fri 20/3 & 27/3 5.30pm-6.30pm (Auskick), Orana Mall & Dubbo Square: Sat 14/3, 21/3 & 28/3 11am-1pm. South Dubbo Tavern: Sun 22/3 & 29/3 1pm-3pm. Contact: Kim Woodman 0429 424 128 www.dubbodemons.com

PBL News
The focus for this week is
Respect
Speak Politely

Be respectful! Speak politely to others & earn yourself a Win Bin and go in the draw for a prize.