Message from the Principal

World Of Maths
Last Thursday Dubbo North PS received a visit from the ‘World of Maths’ travelling show. The students were really engaged with the array of hands on activities and experiments to conduct and were shown that maths can be lots of fun. Stage 3 went in the morning session, Early Stage 1/Stage 1 in the middle session with the assistance of some Stage 3 students and then Stage 2 visited in the afternoon session. Nearly the entire school took the opportunity to visit the show and thoroughly enjoyed their time on the activities and learning more about maths – even the staff joined in!

Primary Assembly
Last Wednesday Miss Lander and 3/4L conducted the primary assembly for the enjoyment of the school community. Merit Awards, Student of the week and the Principal’s award were all presented and there were some very deserved recipients of the awards as there has been some tremendous work going on at school this year. 3/4L then entertained us with a musical ensemble which the entire audience appreciated. Well done 3/4L and Miss Lander.

Clean Up Australia Day
On Friday the 6th March Stage 2 participated in Clean up Australia Day by collecting a few bags of rubbish from around the school. It’s amazing how much rubbish collects under bushes, behind buildings and in other places around the school, so the students certainly had their work cut out for them. The students donned gloves and filled up rubbish bags and bins showing how much pride they have in their school.

Well done stage 2!

School Management Plan
This important document, which utilised the data collected from our school community, is nearing completion and is due to be submitted at the end of this term. The 2014 Annual School Report has been uploaded onto the school website so please feel free to look it up and reflect on all our many achievements throughout 2014.

Have a great week.

Toby Morgan
Principal

Week 8 Term 1

Principal
Toby Morgan
Executive
Early Stage 1 & Stage 1
Jody Hall (Rel)
Stage 2
Tania Pilon (Rel)
Stage 3
Jemma Harding
Support
Debbie Williams (Rel)

Dates for your Diary

March
18th  P&C Meeting 7pm
Pastoral Hotel
All welcome
19th  Infants Assembly
1/2H hosting 2.45pm
24th  Stage 2 - World
Water Day at Zoo
25th  School Photos
Primary Assembly
3/4P Hosing 2.45pm
1st   Whole School
Assembly

All welcome at the
P&C Meeting
Pastoral Hotel 7pm

Uniform Award
The winner of the Uniform Award for week 7 was
Sam Vette - 5/6A
who received a Meal Deal from the canteen, for proudly wearing their uniform at school.

Class Uniform Awards
Wk 7 - 3/4B & Wk 8 - 1/2H
**CANTEEN Meal Deal**
Thursday 19th March
Chicken Burger + Ice Block
$5.50

Cheap Tuesday
Next week 24/3
Mini chicken finger wrap & sauce
$3.00

Specials will change fortnightly

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**Library Update**

**Library Borrowing**
It’s wonderful to see the number of Year 5 & 6 students borrowing each week. It would be great to see all that borrowing turn into reading and the books recorded on their Premier’s Reading Challenge card. Congratulations to the children in K-2 who were rewarded with a free book for completing a page in their FLY WITH BOOKS home reader. Keep up the great work.

**What kids want to read**
A recent survey published by Scholastic (scholastic.com/reading report) found kids aged 6-17 want to read the following types of books:
- 54% want books that help them use their imagination
- 70% want books that make them laugh
- 41% want books that have a problem or a mystery to solve
- 43% want books that teach them something new
- 48% want books that tell a made up story

Kelly O’Reilly

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**Students of the Week**

**Term 1 Week 6**

KC  Mitchell Coady
KMY  Chynthia Susanto
1B  Attlas Bender
1/2H  Ericka Keizer
2C  Paul Ris
3/4B  Skyler Wiseman
3/4L  Darcy Allen
3/4P  Jessica Woods
5/6A  Bianca Chapman
5/6H  Shyra-Lee Stevens
Blue  Stephanie Seton
Red  Hayden Kelly
Yellow  Dante Unwin

**Students of the Week**

**Term 1 Week 7**

KC  Cooper Butcherine
KMY  McKinley Moran
1B  Zella-Rose Towers
1/2H  Beau Taylor
2C  Cody Triplett
3/4B  Jahrome Hall
3/4L  Flynn Eggleton
3/4P  Ellen Cleary
5/6A  Connor Gaydon
5/6H  Sofye Sebelic-Lodding
Blue  Jasper Goedhart
Red  Bradley Jones
Yellow  Daniel Flick

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**Years 3 to 6 Social Hawaiian Theme**

**Date:** Thursday 19th March
**Time:** 6pm to 8pm
**Venue:** School Hall
**Cost:** $5.00 (On entry you will receive a bag of chips & 1 drink)

“Come along & have a great time”

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**Hippy-Hoppity Easter Egg Raffle**

Please start bringing in your Easter eggs for the big Easter Egg raffle. The raffle will be drawn on 2nd April.

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**School Photos**

**Wed 25th March**

Students **MUST** be in full school uniform!
Students of the Week for Week 7:
- Jahrome Hall - 3/4B
- Sofye Sebelic-Lodding - 5/6H
- Ellen Cleary - 3/4P
- Flynn Eggleton - 3/4L
- Connor Gaydon - 5/6A
- Jasper - Blue

3/4L Hosts of last weeks assembly presented a terrific percussion item “The Ning Nang Nong”

1/2H had lots of fun making Origami Fish - with Mrs Hall

Lots of fun was had by all who attended
The Speech Sound Pics Program (SSP)
Using Duck Hands, Spelling Lines and numbers
Why do children (of any age) need to use Duck Hands, spelling lines and numbers when they first start SSP?
The development of ‘Phonemic Awareness’ is the reason we use ‘Duck Hands’, spelling lines and numbers, and are able to wire ALL brains for coding (phonics). This focused instruction has been used successfully for many years by the creator of the Speech Sound Pics program, Emma Hartnell-Baker, to support the development of children’s brain plasticity (the brain's ability to change and adapt as a result of experience and learning).
Phonemic awareness is used to isolate the ‘speech sounds’, segment and blend them. For example - The brain needs to ‘see’ the numbers to clarify position, especially if they are an older struggling student. So we might say ‘what speech sound sits on number 7’ in the word ‘elephants’? Or … ‘where does the speech sound ‘p’ sit in the word hopped’? (_ / _ / pp / _) – it sits at number 3.

Why do Duck Hands need to go left to right rather than counting sounds on fingers?
‘Duck Hands’ stimulate a sensory cognitive process essential for learning to read and spell i.e. phonemic awareness.

They play a HUGE part in wiring ANY brain, so that it is ‘ready’ to crack the reading, writing and spelling code. The left to right action further strengthens the ‘follow the sounds, say the word’ technique, and helps the brain track ‘speech sounds’ from left to right, as well as when in print.

Cathy Peachy Indigenous Athletics Carnival
Sport & Rec, in partnership with Dubbo Athletics Club is holding the annual Cathy Peachy Carnival. Decide your own level of involvement, with a variety of day and evening activities.

Dates: Sunday 22nd March 2015
Venue: Barden Park Athletics Centre
Cost: FREE
Start Time: 10am
Registration: 8.30am to 9.30am
(Ages 6 to 14 years)
Program Number: 0067738
What to Bring: All participants will need to bring their own lunch, hat & sunscreen.
There will be a canteen available on the day.
For information call: 02 6362 6623 or visit:
region=western

Taronga Western Plains Zoo - Autumn Program.
For children 5-12 yrs to experience the sights & sounds of the zoo & join in the fun and activities.

Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April
Monday 13th April to Thursday 16th April
Time: 8.30am to 3.30pm
Cost: Early bird special - $45 per child per day (if booked before Mon 23rd March). Normal rate $55.
For more information ph 6881 1433 or to book, visit
whats/zoo-adventures-dubbo

Community News

PBL News
The focus for this week is Respect
Speak Politely

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