Message from the Principal

SRC In Sydney
Today our SRC returned from a successful and enjoyable visit to Sydney after attending the Young Leaders Conference. The students, Emily Goedee, Isaiah Moses-Bird, Johnathan Woods, Johnathan Triplett, Jadey Beasley and Bailey Ross, were accompanied by Miss Harding and Mrs Acton and enjoyed the experience of listening to speakers such as Bindi Irwin and Mike Baird discuss topics that are relevant to them. The students also visited the zoo and returned home on the XPT.

Cathy Peachey Indigenous Athletics Carnival
Well done to those students who represented our school at this annual event held at the Barden Park Athletics Facility. Students participated in running races and field events and were very proud to show off their medals to everyone at school on Monday morning. It’s great to see our students excelling in areas both in and out of school.

Inappropriate Language
Recently I have unfortunately had to deal with a number of students who believe it necessary to use inappropriate and foul language at school, directed at both students and staff. Please be aware that students risk missing out on excursions and sporting opportunities and even suspension from school if this type of behaviour continues. Please discuss this with your child/ren at home.

Miss Harding
Miss Harding will be on leave from Wednesday – Friday of this week as she prepares for her upcoming wedding this weekend. I’d like to wish her and Brad all the best for this important occasion and hope the day is everything they hoped it would be. ‘Mrs Wallace’ will be returning to school on Monday, 30th March.

Term Dates
Please be aware that Thursday the 2nd April is the last day of Term 1 and students return to school on Tuesday 21st April.

Have a great week.

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notes, request a meeting with a
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Library Update

Some children have been concerned that PRC will be extra reading but that shouldn’t be the case.

Books read during “Read to Self” or from “iPick Boxes” in class can be included as can reading for leisure at home. Books on the PRC lists are available in the library by both title and author.

Yellow highlights for Year 3/4 and Blue highlights for Year 5/6.
Extra recording sheets available from Mrs. O’Reilly.

Bilby Easter Card Colouring Competition

To go alongside our Bilby sponsorship in Week 10, the library is holding a Bilby Easter Card Colouring Competition beginning Thursday 26th March, 2015.

The best entry from year group will receive a chocolate Easter Bilby and completed cards will be displayed in the library.
Colouring can be done at recess or lunch in the library or taken home but must be returned for judging by Thursday 2nd April.

Uniform Award

The winner of the Uniform Award for week 8 was Miah Peckham - KC who received a Meal Deal from the canteen, for proudly wearing her uniform at school.

Hippy-Hoppity Easter Egg Raffle

Don’t miss out, please start bringing in your Easter eggs for the big Easter Egg raffle.
Please return all raffle books & money to front office by 1st April.

The raffle will be drawn on 2nd April

School Photos

Tomorrow Wed 25th March

Students MUST be in full school uniform!
All late orders, to the Photographer please.
Mrs Bown’s 1B Class was experimenting with straws and play dough last week.

3/4L were grasping at straws with 3D shapes last week with Mrs Lander :)
The Speech Sound Pics Program (SSP)  
Decoding Words (important for reading)  
A child using SSP will look at a letter, or string of letters, and think ‘what speech sound is it a picture of?’  
For example - think about the following words: water, any, about, ant, father  
In all of these words the ‘a’ represents a different ‘speech sound’. Rarely does it represent ‘a’ as in the beginning of the word ‘apple’. Did you know that the Speech Sound Pic (letter) ‘a’ could actually represent at least eight ‘speech sounds’?  
Encoding Words (important for spelling)  
A child using SSP will spell a word by splitting the ‘speech sounds’ in that word using ‘Duck Hands’, spelling lines and numbers. They then fill in the word like a puzzle.  
For example – think of the word ‘said’. Three speech sounds, three lines – and the ‘picture’ of the middle sound is an ‘ai’. With the use of SSP Spelling Clouds children learn to recognise different ways to write this ‘sound pic’. The bold ‘sound pic’ on the outside of the cloud is just the most common one.  
All of this is called ‘mapping’ i.e. we are mapping speech sounds with their representations on paper (the Speech Sound Pics / the letter strings).

Taronga Western Plains Zoo - Autumn Program. For children 5-12 yrs to experience the sights & sounds of the zoo.  
Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April then Monday 13th April to Thursday 16th April  
Time: 8.30am to 3.30pm. Ph: 6881 1433  
Orana Junior AFL: Registration days.  
New Sunday winter competition Yrs 5-17.  
South Dubbo Oval: Fri 27/3 from 5.30pm-6.30pm (Auskick), Orana Mall & Dubbo Square: Sat 28/3 11am-1pm. South Dubbo Tavern: Sun 29/3 1pm-3pm. Contact: Kim Woodman 0429 424 128 or www.dubbodemons.com  
Seasons for Growth: Learning about loss, grief & change. FREE program at the NALAG Centre Thursday 7th May for children 6-10 yrs. To register call the centre 6882 9222.  
Earth Hour: Free Open Air Cinema Night  
Sat 28th March, 6-7pm explore Old Dubbo Gaol, fun kids activites. 7-9.30pm Movie screening, Earth Hour followed by Happy Feet. If wet will be held in Western Plains Cultural Centre. 6801 4000

PBL News  
The focus for this week  
Is Respect  
Always use appropriate language

BroSpeak Program  
Work on the boys didgeridoos is progressing well. They have been using spokeshavers to remove the bark. It takes a long time but the boys can see their instruments taking shape.

Dubbo North Cross Country  
Wednesday 1st April  
During the morning the children will walk to Theresa Maliphant Park (near Hospital) for the Cross Country race.  
Please wear your full sports uniform

Forte—Let's Get Loud  
Dubbo College Year 12 students Billie Palin and Nathan Bryon are combining their musical talents for the extravaganza, and will include presentations by students from South Primary, Dubbo Public and North Primary schools, as well as Dubbo College.  
The highly accomplished pair has booked the Dubbo Theatre for their concert titled Forte - Let's Get Loud - on Monday March 30 from 6.30pm, with tickets already selling well.

Let's Get Loud