Term 4 Week 3, 21st October 2014

**Important Dates**

- **Tuesday 21st October**
  - Stage 1 Concert
- **Thursday 23rd October**
  - 3K and 3M to Red Hill FSC
- **Monday 27th October**
  - Stamp Out Bullying show
- **Tuesday 28th October**
  - Kinder Transition
- **Wednesday 29th October**
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  - Sports and catch up photos

**Sports Photos and Photo Catch Up**

Students who have competed in a school sporting team this year, including representative swimming and athletics, will participate in group photos in each of these sports. The photos will be taken next Wednesday 29th October. Students are to bring in their sports uniform to wear for the photos. Catch up photos will be taken for those children who were absent on the day of school photos. These students are required to be in full school uniform.

**Selective High Schools Applications**

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 has been open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14th October until 17th November 2014. Application information booklets are available from Miss Pengilly or can be downloaded from the High Performing Students Unit’s website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. All Year 5 students received an intention to apply form last week which needs to be returned to Miss Pengilly by this Friday 24th October.

**STAMP out Bullying**

Using comedy magic and puppets, STAMP out bullying has the audience in fits of laughter and hanging on every word as the five important STAMP principles are demonstrated. Stay away, Tell someone, Always help, Make friends and Play nice.

*When: Monday 27th October*
*Who: Kinder to Year 6*
*Cost: $4.50 per child to class teachers*

**Stage 2 Red Hill Excursion**

The first of the Stage Two excursion groups head off this Thursday 23rd October. Please make sure that your child’s money is paid in full to avoid disappointment.

**From Sharon’s Desk**

**Ear Bus:** A partnership between the Royal Far West and Hear our Heart provided our students with a wonderful opportunity last week to have their hearing assessed. Dr Rutter worked with the hearing team to see and follow up nearly 70 students (parents and families) over 2 days. We were very excited to host this event (for the first time anywhere) which enabled the skills of Dr Rutter to be brought to us. Children need to hear to learn. It is as simple as that. I hope to see more of these programs across the western areas. A huge thank you to the Royal Far West and Donna Rees and Rachel Mills from the local hearing team and Kirstie Jackson.

**Kindergarten 2015** will be arriving soon. Local Principals met last week to discuss those students who are seeking out of area enrolments. Base schools will be in contact with families of these students this week. There is an appeal process if parents are not satisfied with offers given to them.

**School Concerts:** An absolutely wonderful job was done by Kindergarten on their performances last week. There were outstanding acts by emus, kangaroos, kookaburras, crocodiles, wombats and bilbies and narration by a very eager and well rehearsed group of 6 boys. A huge congratulations and well done to staff and support staff! This week we will see Stage 1 step up to the stage. Enjoy all!

**Congratulations** and top effort to our state team heading off to Athletics in Sydney. What a great job done by all! We are proud of you.

**Australian Primary Principals Conference** will be held in Sydney this week. This is a National Conference and will see me in attendance from Tuesday to Friday this week. Please contact Miss Neva Pengilly in my absence if you have any concerns.

Have a great week everyone, Sharon Murray

**Kinder Transition**

Kinder Transition begins **NEXT WEEK**. Children are to be dropped to the school hall at 1.40pm and collected at 3.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend information sessions in the Community Room on Tuesday and Thursday once you have dropped your child off.

If you haven’t enrolled your child as yet, please do so **ASAP**.
### Wheelchair Sports NSW Roadshow

Next Thursday, 30th October, Dubbo South Public School will be treated to an information session on Wheelchair sports and an interactive display. All students will be able to see this free presentation. What an amazing opportunity for our students.

### Stage One Concert - Playschool

Family and friends are invited to attend the Stage One Concert this evening in the school hall. A BBQ with sausage sandwiches will begin at 5.30pm. All Stage One students need to be at the school by 6pm with the concert beginning at 6.30pm. Cost is $2 per person or $5 per family. Come along and be thoroughly entertained.

### Stage Three Concert Postponed

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### Year 6 Farewell

**Parent Volunteers required**

We are seeking volunteers from Year 5 parents to help organise the year 6 Farewell. If you can help out in any way please contact Miss Matheson or leave a message with the ladies in the school office.

**Year 5 Hosts**

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### Kinder News

**Tea towels:** Students from Kindergarten completed their drawings for the memento tea towels and designs have been sent in to the company for printing. We will let you know when they are available for purchase.

**Thank you:** A big thank you to all parents and community members for their help and support of our concert last week. The students had a great time.

### OLGA

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**When:** Saturday October 25  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Where:** Macquarie Regional Library car park

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