From Sharon's Desk

Congratulations and well done to our outstanding students who were chosen to appear in a performance of “The Candy Man” recently at the DRTCC. Students names were requested by the Director Katie Kermond to Lindy Blekemore, who put more than 12 names forward and was ecstatic to see the end result. Our students who performed were Hannah Barker, Emily Cudmore, Jessica Hall, Sarah Hall, Holly Keizer and Laura Keizer. What a fabulous experience. Great job!

A team of our staff attended a forum on “Bridges Out of Poverty”. The workshop day saw Nairn Walker who is an educationalist from Tasmania present a range of ideas around children and families and the relationships with generational poverty. She talked about the affects it can have on students in schools and education. Staff were provided with a range of strategies and approaches to think about to improve outcomes for all kids and improving expectations. These topics will be raised at future staff meetings. We also discussed, how our school clientele has changed which see the need for new approaches and school based programs.

Planning 2015 is underway. A planning team has been formed to look at data. If any parent is interested in being part of the team please contact me. The team are looking at all of the survey data from parents and students as well as school data such as NAPLAN, attendance, Best Start etc. Strategies and directions will be formulated and reported back to all staff for further input. If you have any suggestions please drop them into the front office or give to your child to hand in. Surveys were issued to parents at the end of Term 3, asking for information on what you thought our successes were at Dubbo South PS, what suggestions you had for areas of improvement and what you would like our school to be known for in the future. Strategic directions will be formed from the information.

PBL targets a range of areas across the school where needed. Realising there is only 5 weeks left of the school year some students, especially across Year 6, feel they may have already completed Primary and heading to High School. We still have a few weeks of very important events so please discuss with your children that school expectations, behaviour and uniform etc doesn’t finish until 17th December.

Mobile phones are not needed at school. Some children are using them for other purposes whilst at school such as texting, taking photos and filming. It is part of our school education plan to work with our students on how to use the technology sensibly and responsibly. If you child MUST have a phone at school due to travel arrangements etc please let the school know. Ring Miss Pengilly or myself and we will hold their phone in our school office for safe keeping each day.

AECG Meeting will be held at Dubbo College South Campus this Thursday 6th November at 1.30pm in the school library. Our school P&C Meeting will be held this Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Shed. Come along and have some input. It will be our last meeting before the Christmas Party. See you there. Mrs Michelle Wilson (Instructional Leader) will be attending discussing literacy programs and Mr Lincoln McBroom will discuss Year 7 Transition and Technology across the school. See you there! I hope you have had a great Melbourne Cup Day!

Sharon Murray

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Year 7 Parent information Night

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Dubbo South Public School
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility

Term 4 Week 5, 4th November 2014

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Claim The Date

The School Presentation Evening will be held on Tuesday 9th December.

Please mark the date in your diary.

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Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program
Notes were issued last week and need to be returned with money ASAP. The assessment day is this Thursday 6th November. $5.50 for this day needs to be paid prior to the assessment with the remaining $55.00 to be paid in full prior to Wednesday 19th November. Please see the note for further information. The medical information and permission note must be returned before your child can participate in the assessment day on Thursday.

Kinder News
Home reading bags: We are looking for volunteers to sew home reader bags. Please see one of the Kindergarten teachers for a pattern if you would like to contribute. Donations of material can be given to any of the Kinder teachers.

Tea towels: The unique tea towel design is made up of drawings by all Kindergarten students and staff. The drawings are arranged into a commemorative design and screen printed in royal blue onto high quality white tea towels.

Order forms were sent home last week to all Kindergarten families. Please fill out the form and place in an envelope labelled with your child’s name and class with full payment by Friday 14th November. If you are not a Kinder parent but would like to order a tea towel you can pick up an order form from the top office.

Year 6 Farewell
Parent Volunteers required
We are seeking volunteers from parents of Year 5 students to help organise the Year 6 Farewell. If you can help out in any way please contact Miss Matheson or fill in the below slip and return to your child’s teacher.

The first meeting will be held next Tuesday 11th November at 3.30pm in Miss Matheson’s classroom.

Year 5 Hosts
Each year our Year 5 students host the Farewell to Year 6. To help with the cost of this event Year 5 students are requested to pay $5 to their class teachers.

Boxes
We need donations of cardboard boxes to make decorations for the hall. Any box donations can be taken to Miss Matheson’s classroom.

Year 6 Farewell Parent Volunteer
Name: __________________________  Class: __________
Phone: ______________________________

State Finals Multicultural Speaking
On Friday 31st October Beth Blanch proudly represented Dubbo South at the Junior State Finals of Multicultural Speaking in Sydney. Beth did a fantastic job and confidently presented her three minute prepared speech on “Empathising with Other People” as well as a one minute impromptu speech on Heroes and Villains. Well Done, Beth!

Beach to Bush
Surf Life Saving NSW delegates will be visiting our school next Tuesday to conduct a free presentation for our students which focuses on beach and surf safety. However the presentation also touches on safety around home pools, dam and inland waterways with topics such as general beach safety messages, sun smart strategies, rip and wave identification, sea creatures and first aid, rescues and getting help and safety in other aquatic environments (pools, creeks, waterholes).

Year 6 ESSA online testing
The High Performance unit of the Department of Education and Communities is developing an online multimedia interactive assessment for Science and Technology Stage 3 as part of work to expand resources for assessing a broader range of student learning. The test, based on the model of the current Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) program for Year 8, will provide teachers, schools and parents with diagnostic information and resources for the new K-6 Science & Technology syllabus due for implementation in 2015.

As part of the development, Dubbo South Public School was invited to participate in the first major trial of this new assessment. Our Year 6 students completed a one hour online Science and Technology test which incorporated videos, audio and graphics during weeks 3 and 4. Students greatly enjoyed the challenging and interactive nature of the online assessment modules. We look forward to receiving some valuable feedback on our student learning and quality Science initiatives.

Remembrance Day
Next Tuesday 11th November our school will be holding a ceremony at 11am to remember of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Student Departures
If your child is not returning to Dubbo South Public School in 2015, other than students heading into Year 7, can you please notify the school at your earliest convenience to help us with our class allocations.

Canteen Roster

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Special of the Week
This week’s special is: Buy a hamburger with cheese and receive a free frozen orange or apple cup.

New South Wales
Cooperation
PBL
Positive Behaviour for Learning
The PBL learning goal for week 5 is COOPERATION. This week all students are learning to WORK WILLINGLY. This is a whole school focus for the classroom.
Teachers will be looking for students who are working willingly and actively participating in lessons. Teachers will be handing out tokens and Ollies. Well done to those students who are always trying hard to uphold our PBL values. Great job!