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Reconciliation Week assembly was held yesterday to begin the week of celebrations. Students took the opportunity to recognise people across their school. Staff have also recognised previous students Kyuan Crawford and Maddi Fernando for receiving Youth Indigenous Leadership scholarships, Nathan Riley, who is working as an SLGO at school for his recertification, for his acceptance into the Robert De Castella Indigenous Marathon Project and Dina Moore for devoting 20 years to education. We were entertained by our Aboriginal language choir and special guest Michael Donovan.

Dubbo Show saw a huge number of entries for school work such as drawing, art and craft. Well done to all of our students for having a go. Congratulations to those who received awards. I trust that you all enjoyed the show - I loved the wonderful weather!

Greg Prior, the Secretary General of the Department of Education spoke with Principals on Friday and provided information and updates on the direction of our Department. He spoke of the introduced reforms (approximately 13 over the last 18 months). Local Schools, Local Decisions was discussed in regard to the directions schools will take with their communities. We know what best suits our students and meets their needs at local levels and discussions will be held with all our school community.

Dare to Lead snapshot has been completed and a report will be handed to me this week making recommendations as well as a range of areas to celebrate. I want to sincerely thank our parents and community who made the time to attend a forum and contribute.

I congratulated our students at assembly yesterday for their involvement, level of maturity shown and their willingness to share their opinions with our visitors.

Good luck to our Cross Country team who will be participating in the District team on Wednesday. Try your best and enjoy yourself.

Farewell to Mrs Kim Hillian who will be finishing up this Friday as Canteen Manager. Kim has been wonderful in working with our volunteer parents to provide a service to our students. We wish her luck in her new venture. The school will be notified when the new Manager is appointed - until then the Canteen will operate as normal with our parents.

Over the next 2 days many of the Executive are involved in training programs. Miss Marlene Rogers (AP) will be in charge. Please, if there are any concerns or queries, please contact her through the office. All staff will return by Thursday.

Have a great week. Cheers Sharon

From Sharon’s Desk

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NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

We now have 47 amazing readers who have finished the challenge this year! WOW! With the challenge continuing until week 6 next term, there’s still time to join them. Congratulations to our latest champions: Sophie Marchant 1L, Alexander Price 1K, Rebecca Mazzer 1/2T, Delaraya Stanley 1/2T, Tristan Waters 1/2T, Erin Gaydon 3/4K, Missaka Hennakaralage 4T, Amelia Hodgen 4R, Olivia Mazzer 4J, Zaland Yousafzai 5/6R, Natasha Clarke 5/6H and Darcy Wood 5/6T. You can enter your reading log online using your student portal name and password. See Mrs Smith for more information.

Donations

Don’t forget to clean out your wardrobes as the SRC are seeking donations of dress up clothing (e.g. scarves, hats, clothes, bags etc) They would also like 4 litre square ice cream container lids to help set up a wonderful play area for Kinder and Stage 1. Donations can be left in the box in Miss Pengilly’s office.

Sports News

School Cross Country

Last Thursday Primary students participated in the Dubbo South Cross Country at Lady Cutler Oval. students enjoyed running around the river and despite the very warm weather achieved great results. Congratulations to all those students that have made it to the District Cross Trials to be held in Wellington tomorrow Wednesday 28th of May.

PSSA Sporting Competitions:

We wish our students the best of luck when competing at:-
  ◆ Wednesday 28th - **Dubbo District Cross Country Trials** in Wellington. The cost of the bus is $10 which needs to be returned to Miss Temesvary with permission notes. The bus will depart at 9.15am so please ensure your child is here on time.
  ◆ Friday 30th - **Boys Hockey vs Orana Heights**. The boys will be traveling by private car and require their hockey stick, shin pads and mouth guard. Players need to be at the field by 9am for a 9.30am game. Please return all permission notes to Miss Temesvary ASAP with your $7. Students will return in time for PSSA sports.

Upcoming Assemblies

Friday 6th June 3/4K will present their item. Miss Kent would like her students to bring in their ‘super hero’ costume to school to practice in. Please place in a bag clearly labelled with your child’s name on all items of clothing.

Dubbo Eisteddfod

Eisteddfod notes have been issued for all competitions. Our school choir, signing choir and kinder choir will start the competition. All performing students MUST wear full winter school uniform including grey pants and black shoes. Details as follows:

- **Years 3 to 6 Choir**
  - Primary Choir: 29/5 10am
  - KB & KO: 29/5 12pm
- **Kinder to YR 2 Choir**
  - 2R, 2F & 1/2T and KR & KP: 30/5 10am

**Year 6 Shirts**

The year 6 shirt order should be delivered to us early next week. Once we have received them we will distribute them accordingly.

**Hear our Heart Ear Bus**

The Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project is taking off but need more help as the demands on the Committee are mounting. They are committed in bringing you the Hearing Testing part of our Program while finalising the actual bus but to do this they need more help. If you are able to help with administration and event organisation, please contact Rachel Mills 0413 687 571 and Donna Rees 0419 534 447

**An Enchanted Evening**

Isabelle and Stephanie Wong have an adventure of a lifetime ahead of them as they head to Japan with their violin teacher to attend the 2015 Japan Suzuki Summer School workshop. To help them, along with many other children, a fundraising event has been organised to be held Sunday 8th June at 6.30pm in the Dubbo Christian School Auditorium. For bookings, please visit www.eventbrite.com.au.

**Kaishin Taekwondo**

On Friday, students were treated to wonderful display of martial arts presented by Kaishin Taekwondo. If you are interested in your child participating in Taekwondo lessons, outside of school, please contact Kim Housden on 6884 5201 or find out more information at www.KaishinTaekwondo.com.

**New Uniform Shop Hours**

Tuesday morning 8.00am-9.30am
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