Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney

The deposit of $70 is required by next Thursday 30th April to secure your child’s place on this excursion. Numbers are restricted to 130 students. A waiting list will be compiled if required.

Crazy Hair Day

On the last day of last Term some brave students, teachers and parents shaved their heads to help raise money for Leukaemia research as part of the World’s Greatest Shave campaign. Along with the fundraising that these participants did, students were encouraged to come to school with crazy hair and a gold coin donation. A total of $442.50 was raised from these donations which was in addition to the $3802 which was donated on line. What an amazing achievement! Its still not too late to donate! A big thank you to Anette for all her organisation and our team of hairdressers Michelle, Maree, Julie, Demi and Courtney for a great job on the clippers. A big thank you to Fuze for donating their time for “The Great Shave”.

Congratulations to our very brave volunteers Nat Lindsay, Tim Wetzell, Lachlan Gray, Holly Shields, Tom Shields, Glenn Shields, Jason Tierney, Alasha Pusel, James Snuggs and Anette Geering.

ANZAC Day Celebrations

The ANZAC Day March will be held this Saturday 25th April. Students are invited to represent our school in the march. All students are to meet at 10.15am out the front of Centrelink building in full summer school uniform with a school hat and a drink bottle. Let’s see if we can get lots of students to march! Dubbo City Council are this year allocating seats for those participating in the march. If your children are intending to march, please complete the slip provided today and return it to your child’s teacher tomorrow, Wednesday 22nd April, to ensure their seat is reserved. The school will hold an ANZAC service this Friday 24th April at 10am on the school grounds.

Important Dates

- Friday 24th April
  - School ANZAC Ceremony
  - PSSA Sport begins
- Saturday 25th April
  - Community ANZAC March
- Thursday 30th April
  - Stage 3 excursion deposits due
  - Rugby League against Buninyong

From Sharon’s Desk

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed your break away.

School Development Day yesterday had staff involved in sessions on Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), Literacy sessions on 7 Steps to Success in Writing and I delivered the Strategic Directions to all staff.

The Strategic Directions as a School Management Plan for the school will be available on our school website Friday 1st May. The Special Education team travelled to Orange for their staff development whilst three staff members attended a workshop with Maggie Dent at Dubbo School of Distance Education and Buninyong Public School.

Staffing: We welcome Mrs Jo Hamilton to the Relieving AP position leading our Special Education Unit (replacing Mrs Anne Fraser who will be on leave for the remainder of the year). Jo is an experienced teacher in Special Education and comes to us from Buninyong. We look forward to a positive year.

Mrs Julie Solomon has been successful in filling the Instructional Leaders position with the Early Action for Success Strategy. Julie replaces Mrs Michelle Wilson who moved to Forster at the beginning of the year. Julie comes to us as an experienced Literacy consultant in Sydney. Julie will begin her position with us next Monday.

Parking at School: Please remember to read the road signs around the school for correct areas to park, stop and drop off children. The back carpark in Dalton Street is for teachers only. All parents and students are required to enter from the Dalton Street entrance near the crossing. Gates at school don’t open in the afternoon until 2.45pm. There is NO PARKING by parents or community members in the Fitzroy Street carpark AT ANY TIME during school hours.

School Uniform was looking great last term and we will begin moving into the winter uniform officially from the June long weekend. All students need to keep warm so look at the predicted weather. Trousers, jumpers and jackets are now available from our school shop.

ANZAC Day will be commemorated this Saturday. It is a very special day being the 100 yr anniversary. We would like as many students as possible in full summer uniform to meet at 10.15am this Saturday near Centrelink for the march. If you intend to march please let your teacher know. The council are requesting exact numbers this year to ensure adequate seating. Notes are being issued today.

Suggestions and Complaints: Please make an appointment to discuss any concerns. If they are concerns about your child talk with your child’s class teachers first. If the issue is not resolved to your satisfaction please see and executive or myself. It is important that communication is open, honest and transparent. We need to work together in order to make changes and have positive experiences for all of the family.

Have a great week,
Sharon Murray
Save the Date
NAPLAN: The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May beginning Tuesday 12th May. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken during 25th and 26th June (Week 6) of this term. Order forms will be sent out closer to the date. These forms cannot be reissued so please take care to not lose them once received.

PSSA Term 2
PSSA interschool competition commences this Friday weather permitting! All students are required to wear full sports uniform and bring $3.50 bus fare in by Thursday. Don’t forget to provide safety equipment such as shin pads for soccer and mouth guards and head gear for league. If you have any enquiries about your sport selection or safety gear required please see Mrs Fistr.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Nat Lindsay who has been selected to play with the Western Area Open Rugby League team. Well done!

Be healthy – be active
Why is breakfast important?
- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

Cooperation
Positive Behaviour for Learning
The PBL learning goals for week 1 are Care, Cooperation, Respect and Responsibility.
All classes will be revising PBL focuses that have been covered throughout term 1. Teachers will be handing out the Ollie tokens in the playground and the class room to students displaying positive behaviours.
Well done to all of those students who have already received tickets for upholding our PBL values. We are looking forward to another term with rewards for Stages that fill their barometer.

Flexi Schools
Don’t forget to use the flexi schools website to place canteen orders. Visit www.flexischools.com.au to view the menu and place orders to speed up your lunch ordering process.

Library News
NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the challenge champions who completed their reading challenge last term. Well done!! Don’t forget you can enter your reading log online. Just remember to let Mrs Rice know you are finished. The challenge still has a term and a half to go, so it’s not too late to join in. See Mrs Rice for more information.

Overdue/Lost Books
Some students have overdue books that were not found or returned at the end of term 1. Reminder slips will be sent in home regard to these items. It is library policy that students cannot borrow until they have returned their previous book/s so if you receive a reminder slip, could you please make contact ASAP so we can get all students reading. Thank you.

Easter Hat Parade
A wonderful morning was had by all at the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term 1. Students from Kinder and Stage 1 were able to display the hats that they had made in class and then did two dances for all the parents and community members that attended. These visitors were then invited to their children’s classrooms to enjoy hot cross buns that were kindly donated by Coles and do some fun Easter activities. There were many visitors and beautiful smiles on students faces. Thank you to all who attended and the teachers for their great preparation.

Stewart House Collection
Envelopes were issued today for an opportunity to support Stewart House. Stewart House is a facility that provides optometry, dental and general health care to students in the NSW and ACT public education system.
Your donation of $2.00 provides you with a chance to win a $4,000 family holiday (please see www.stewardhouse.org.au for full terms and conditions). To participate, please fill in your name, address, telephone number and school, insert a donation of at least $2.00 into the envelope and seal it. You then need to return the envelope to your child’s teacher by Friday 8th May.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours Term 2
Tuesdays 8.30am-9.30am and
Thursdays 8.30am-9.30am.

Jodie at the Canteen 6882 2957.