From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to our district swim team who performed so well at last Thursday evening’s carnival. Special mention of Sophie McAneney, Brody Steele and Nicholas Owens who took out age champions. The Western Swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 14 March. 16 students will represent our school as part of the district team. Next week Setting the Scene conferences will be held. These conferences provide the opportunity for parents and carers to share information and discuss individual learning goals for their child. Please take advantage of our online booking system to secure your appointment. Should the dates or times not suit please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative time. We value your input and acknowledge the importance of open communication between home and school in supporting students to reach their potential.

Enjoy your week!

Debbie Pritchard
Principal

Learning Conversations

Over the last two years, teachers at DPS have been involved in professional learning to realise our school vision of enabling critical and creative thinkers with growth mindsets. To support this, teachers are being upskilled in AVID strategies. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. The first step to improving a student’s performance is teaching them how to learn. Rigorous content alone will not bring students success if they are not equipped with the habits and strategies that help them to process and digest information. Thus it is important to provide teachers and students with the expertise and support to build this foundational first step. In doing so, students build confidence in their own abilities and become determined to achieve the results of which they are truly capable.

Already teachers are witnessing increased enthusiasm for learning, deeper thinking and significant improvement in the quality of work produced. To this end we encourage parents/carers to engage in learning conversations with their children to build on what’s happening at school. The trick is to ask about things that are specific, but still open-ended. Move beyond "fine" and "nothing" by asking your child:

1. Tell me about the best part of your day.
2. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
3. Tell me about what you read in class.
4. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
5. Do you think maths [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
6. What’s the biggest difference between this year and last year?
7. Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?

School Photos

School photo day, Tuesday 19 March, is coming up soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below or by using the envelopes.

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Assemblies

The next K-2 assembly will be held on Thursday 7 March at 2.45pm. 2R will be performing an item. The next 3-6 assembly will be held Friday 8 March at 2.30pm. These assemblies will be held under the COLA near the library. Parents and carers are welcome to attend all assemblies.
Emailing the School
If you've sent an email to the school that is of high importance or requires a response the same day, please also phone the school to alert us to look for the email. The school receives dozens of emails daily. Sometimes we may only get the opportunity to check them once a day so this is not the most reliable way to share important information. For important or urgent information please ring the school or send a note with your child to their classroom teacher.

Canteen
Wacky Wednesday next week will be Oriental Heaven - Fried rice served with mini spring rolls with choice of water or popper. All Wacky Wednesday orders must be given to the canteen by Monday morning.

Music News
Moorambilla Voices Auditions
When: Friday 22 March 3.45-5.00pm
Who: Years 3-6 (Boys and girls)
Where: Macquarie Conservatorium
Moorambilla Voices helps uncover artistic excellence in regional children and youth by creating performances that showcase choirs, dance and Taiko. Each year 300 selected students attend a camp where they dance, sing, compose, paint, weave, play drums and learn about the cultural traditions and stories of their landscape. This is delivered in partnership with the highest quality professional musicians, performers, composers, choreographers and visual artists including Taikoz, Song Company and the Australian World Orchestra.
Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to the auditions and arranging pick up.

Information Session for Beginner Band Parents
Macquarie Conservatorium will be holding an information session for parents of new band students in wind, brass and percussion. Our teachers will demonstrate care and maintenance of the instrument, explain what happens in the lesson, what practice should happen at home, how you can support your child in their music studies, and answer any of your questions.
This information session is aimed at parents of new beginner students, particularly those in group lessons at school, but parents of students in continuing music lessons from last year are also most welcome to attend.
When: Thursday 14 March 7.00pm
Where: Macquarie Conservatorium
Cnr Darling and Bultje Street Dubbo
Mrs O’Brien will send home more information this week to Beginner Band members, including instructions on how to register to attend this session.

Sport News
Western PSSA 2019 Rugby Union Divisional Day and Trial
When: Friday 22 March
Time: 9:00am
Travel: Players are responsible for their own transport to and from the trial.
There will NOT be Dubbo District trials for Rugby Union. Please see Ms Barlow for a note.

Dubbo District Basketball Selection
Congratulations to Kiara McKeown on gaining selection to the Dubbo District PSSA Basketball team to trial for Western PSSA selection.

Swimming Carnival Results
Congratulations to all Dubbo Public School students who competed at the recent Dubbo District PSSA Swimming Carnival. Our school was awarded the Champion School of the carnival for overall highest point score and three of our students were awarded Age Champions. Sophie McAneney is Junior Girls Champion, Nicholas Owens is Junior Boys Champion and Brody Steele is 11 Years Boys Champion. An outstanding result.
Well done to the following students for gaining a place in the Dubbo District PSSA team to compete at the Western PSSA Swimming Carnival on Thursday 14 March.
Benjamin Austin, Xanther Birchall, Isla Bassingthwaighte, Rex Bassingthwaighte, Riley Bond, Harry Chapman, Patrick Edwards, Addison Lovett, Zali Lovett, William Marchant, Max McAneney, Sophie McAneney, Joe Owens, Nic Owens, Isabella Sinclair, Brody Steele, Olivia Walsh, Ruby Walsh.

Hear Our Heart Golf Day Fundraiser
What: 4 Man Ambrose
When: Sunday 17 March
Time: 12pm Shotgun Start
Where: Dubbo Golf Club
Registrations & Entry fee Dubbo Golf Pro Shop 68 82 2201