Dear Parents & Caregivers

Our mini epidemic of chicken Pox seems to have abated with no new cases and those children with Chicken Pox gradually returning to school. Let’s hope this will be an end to it.

Congratulations must go to those who have sought school work whilst staying at home. What dedication!

Congratulations also to Mitchell Bebbington, Banjo Tucker, Josh Bebbington, Joshua Mohr and Sam Hicks who will be representing the Dubbo Wellington Small Schools at the Dubbo District Swimming Carnival next Thursday at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre. A very fine achievement with the boys being entered into at least two races each.

The team manager will be Mrs Dent under the Small Schools banner. We wish them all the best as they take on the might of Dubbo District swimmers.

GO YOU GOOD THINGS!

Regards

Peter George
Principal

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our School Council has again endorsed the Parent Contributions at $50 first child, $30 second Child and $20 third child. With the recent government money to parents in the Schoolkids Bonus Scheme it should be easy for all parents to pay. After all this government Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the education related costs of primary and secondary school studies. The Schoolkids Bonus can be used to assist with the costs of things like school fees, uniforms, books and sports, music or other lessons.

All families should have received their invoices for their school contributions.

P&C MEETING

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be next Wednesday, 27th February 2013 in the school library at 7:00pm. This productive, positive and friendly group of people would love to have you come along and help plan some activities for the year. It is a good opportunity to get to know other parents and be an active part of the school.

Many of our current P&C executive (President, Treasurer, Secretary, Uniform Officer, Monday Munchies, Public Relations etc.) have been very proactive members for many years and we are keen to attract new members to the P&C and support them in executive roles. We have been very fortunate to have an active P&C as even many large schools struggle to have significant parent bodies.

As parents, the most important things in our lives are our children and we always want the very best opportunities for them. A significant way to achieve this is by being active in either the school P&C or School Council as the influence of both these parent bodies, impacts directly on resources, activities and policies for our students.

It is easy to say, “I’m too busy”, or “No time”, but the reality is that your child’s Primary School education passes quite rapidly and these are critical years of learning. The time required is not overwhelming as it consists of 8 meetings a year plus assisting with some P&C organised activities such as Mothers’/Fathers’ Day stalls and some catering.

In my experience the children who have parents involved in either the P&C or School Council, feel highly valued by their parents and proud that their parents are a part of the school decision making process. They feel that their parents, although very busy, care about them and their school. So please come along and be involved only for a year or so because it all goes so quickly and it would be sad to look back and think ‘If only’.

If necessary, voting for parent representatives for School Council will occur at this meeting. The P&C President or their nominated representative is automatically on School Council.

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Photographs of students may be published in the school newsletter and the local media. If you do not wish to have your child’s photo appear in these publications please notify the school.

**SPORTS DAY**
Don’t forget that sports day is **TUESDAY** next week as golf lessons continue.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**
We are still seeking a parent or parents to help prepare afternoon snacks on Tuesday at approximately 2:45pm prior to the After School Activities. This entails cutting up some fruit and possibly preparing a basic savoury snack. A weekly budget of $25 is provided for each session.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**
Contact Jo McPherson 6887 8207

**Australian Football**
Registration Day and BBQ
Friday 1st March 5:50 – 7:00pm
South Dubbo Oval (Boundary Road)
Auskick (for kids under 10 years), Under 11s, Under 13, Under 15s - Boys & Girls
Pre-season competition (run for 3 weeks on Friday nights during March) – Cost $5
Junior Football Season commences first week of May (following school holidays) – cost $25
(family discount for 3 or more kids)
For further information phone John Maljers 0407 780 495

**GREAT NEWS.......**
WONGARBON PLAYGROUP has re-opened on TUESDAYS from 10 till 12 noon at the CWA Hall in Boberah Street, Wongarbon,
All new members with pre-school children are most welcome to attend.
Playgroup is an informal session where mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet up in a relaxed and friendly environment.
So come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat & let your kids have some fun.

**ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY, March 1 WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MISS MUIR’S CLASS K/1.**