Dear Parents & Caregivers

Our five Small School Swimming representatives didn’t disappoint last Thursday evening at the Dubbo District Swimming Carnival. They certainly lived up to our school motto of ‘TRY ALWAYS’ with many achieving personal best times.

Of all the boys, Mitchell Bebbington, again achieved wonderful results and was pronounced as Dubbo District Senior Boys champion. Mitchell will now represent Dubbo District in the Western Region Swimming Carnival being held today. We wish him well.

Well done also to Sam Hicks, Josh Bebbington, Banjo Tucker and Joshua Mohr for their excellent commitment and effort and thank you to the mums and dads for getting them to the carnival.

Who would think that when going to a swimming carnival you would get wet.

Regards

Peter George
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00pm in the staff common room.

Members, Nigel Payne (President), Jamie Watson, Colleen Braithwaite, Dianne Priddis and Maryan Priddis (P&C President nominee), should attend.

FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY

Next Friday, March, we will be having a FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY where the Student Representative Council (SRC) will be raising money for the Children’s Leukaemia Foundation

The children may come OUT OF UNIFORM for Friday but need to bring a $2 donation for this very worthwhile cause.

The children will have the opportunity to have their hair coloured after paying the $2 donation.

Show your true colours and go wild and wacky with your hair on Friday 15 March 2013.

WESTERN REGION CONFERENCE

Next Tuesday and Wednesday I will be attending the last (ever) Western Region Principal’s Conference. Under the NSW Department of Education and Communities restructure WESTERN REGION will no longer exist. Our current region (geographically the size of Germany) will become an AREA, with our ‘AREA’ being what seems like, geographically, 80% of the state.

EASTER EGGS

The P&C have organised for the children to make their very own chocolate Easter Eggs on WEDNESDAY, March 27.

If you can assist please contact Michelle Broadley on 6887 3828.

Preparation usually begins around 10:30am and finishes at 3:00pm. Even if you can assist for an hour or so it would be a big help.

The job entails setting up tables and moulds, melting chocolate, taking moulds to the fridge, removing eggs, placing on plates and cleaning up afterwards.

If you’re really good you might have to eat some broken eggs, but don’t get any ideas.
**LIFE EDUCATION**
On Thursday, April 4, we will be delighted to have HEALTHY HAROLD visit our school. The big interactive van is also a big hit with our students as they learn about healthy lifestyle choices. The cost per student is $10. Please return the attached permission notes before Wednesday, March 27.

**K/1 SESSION - HAROLD CLUED UP**
This module is recommended for 1st year of schooling. When Cocky goes missing, Harold, with the help of the class, does some earnest detective work to find him. The components of a healthy lifestyle, including safety with medicines are examined in the search for Cocky. In a playful twist Harold has the class declaring its members as his friends.

Other issues covered include:
- personal safety
- syringe safety
- body knowledge & self-assertion skills

**YEAR 2/3 SESSION - ALL SYSTEMS GO**
Inside a futuristic machine ‘The Venture’, the Captain and his crew take the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood we explore the functions of various body parts and how magnificent the human body really is. The students discuss issues and engage in activities centred on:
- Peer Pressure
- Second hand smoking
- Safety with medicines
- Factors that influence the function of body systems

**YEAR 4/5/6 SESSION - THINK TWICE**
- Recognises that alcohol is a legal drug but there are laws controlling its purchase and use
- Recognises that alcohol passes through and affects body systems, sometimes changing behaviour
- Discusses the level of consumption of alcohol for an adult that is low risk
- Examines both short and long term health consequences associated with alcohol misuse
- Discusses the myths surrounding the use of alcohol
- Recognises the level of risk is defined by the relationship between the environment, the drug and the person.

**ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 15 WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MRS RICH’S CLASS 2/3.**

**WONGARBON AND GEURIE SCHOOLS GET INTO THE SWING OF THINGS**

Golf ‘teed’ off in 2013 in the Western Regional Active After School Communities program with Wongarbon and Geurie schools taking advantage of a school visit from JNIG Territory Manager, Sharon Nott, during February.

This is a government initiative providing primary school children with access to free sport and other structured physical activity programs. The aim is to engage children in after school sport or physical activities, through positive and fun experiences and link these children to local sporting clubs. AASC Community Coaches were on hand and will continue the golfing program over the following weeks.

The MyGolf Schools Program is designed to cater for all Primary and Infant students which is great in that it allows everyone at the school to join in and develop their skills at their own pace.

Both schools have less than 50 students and the enthusiasm shown will hopefully inspire some of the students to take the next step and join in the junior program held at Dubbo Golf Club under Head Golf Professional Craig Mears or Junior Coordinator Jim McDonald.

JNIG Territory Managers work closely with AASC Regional Coordinators and clubs to promote and develop junior golf and offer pathways and opportunities that children may not have considered. For further information on the MyGolf Schools program in the Central West contact Sharon Nott, sharon@jnjg.com.au.
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.

Change of Contact Details Form
Thank you to all those who have returned the updated information notes sent home recently. Also keep the school contributions (Invoices sent home) coming in.

The Big Cover Up ssssh!
Wow! What a sensational response to our request for helpers to cover books. Some people have covered what seems like hundreds.

Keep volunteering we’ve nearly finished the library books and are now nearing the K/1 and Year 2/3 readers.

Pub Raffle
Don’t forget to support the P&C pub raffle tonight at the Ploughman’s Rest Tavern – starting around 6:00pm.

STUDENT PROFILES
Interviews and photography by SRC

Nate
What is your favourite place at school? The playground
What is your favourite meal? Wraps
Where would you like to go on an excursion? Disneyland because it sounds fun!

Alexis
What is your favourite holiday? Camping
What 3 foods do you like? Pasta, spinach and skin off carrots
What 3 things would you pack for a trip? My pillow, my teddy bears and my blanket.

Sarina
Who is your hero? Mum
What 3 people would you take on holiday? Skye, Bobby, and Georgia
What is your favourite joke? Why did the chicken cross the roof?

We are Amazing!
Assembly Award Winners - Term 1

Week 5

Year 4/5/6 Year 2/3 Kinder/Year 1

Class Awards Class Awards Class Awards
Talesha Murray Jasmine Murray Leah Diamond
Jack Barber Josh Bebbington Tyler Barnes
Eric Holland Emily Austin Josh Lincoln-Bruce

Performance Awards Performance Awards Performance Awards
Banjo Tucker Andrew McLane Jordan Harper
Harley Hudson Amarnie Taylor Mackenzie Harvey
Teagan Jacinta Bell Zac Bradshaw Ferguson

Book Award Book Award Book Award
Emily Watson Clare Powyer Rikki-Ann Murray

Principal's Award
Ethan Conte

Home Reading

Club 25
Ethan Conte, Caitlin Conte, Patrick Reilly, Jordan Harper, Mitchell Jones, Charlotte Jones, Rebecca Jones, Ella Hinchcliffe, Sarina Hinchcliffe, Georgia Barsby, Allison Rice, Clare Powyer

Active After School Activities
Hockey continues for students Years 3-6 in the After School Activities for the next few weeks culminating in a bus trip to Dubbo on Tuesday, March 26 to join the other small schools for an afternoon of hockey.
The students will be leaving school at 2:20pm and returning at approximately 5:20pm.
Only children previously attending at least one of our After School Activity sessions may take part.
Please complete the attached permission note and return it promptly to school.

Back to School Barbie
Don’t forget our back to school BBQ to be held next Friday, March 15, night at 6:00pm at the school.
A P&C sausage sizzle, plus cordial for the children will be provided. Adults can bring their own drinks. No alcohol.
Children must be accompanied by a parent.
Please return notes by Tuesday, March 12 to assist in organisation.

School Contributions are Now Due
1st child $50 2nd child $40 3rd child $30