From the Principal

On Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th May the school will be undertaking a Dare to Lead “snapshot”. Dare to Lead is a federally funded organisation which focuses on Aboriginal education. One of the processes they use is called a “snapshot”. This is a supportive process and involves reviewing the schools actions and processes in relation to Aboriginal education. They do this via document reviews, interviews with parents, staff and students as well as observing processes in place.

At the end of this definitive information gathering process they provide me, as the principal, with a report indicating which areas are working well, any changes we could make for better delivery as well as recommendations for the future. I intend to use this supportive information gathering process as a basis for forward planning in the area of Aboriginal education for our school. You may receive a letter in the mail asking that you be part of a group to meet with the team as part of the information gathering process. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

♦ The SRC and student AECG representatives are off to a leadership training day on Monday 19th May.
♦ Our “delayed” Lapathon will be held this Friday after lunch.
♦ Next Wednesday 21st May is Colonial Day for Years 3 & 4
♦ Kindergarten are claiming the date for the famous “Teddy Bear’s Picnic” – 24/25 June. Notes out about this soon.
♦ The K-2 staff have completed training in the Fun Friends program which follows on from the “Got It” program

At pick up time of an afternoon we have many parents in the school. This is a great time to mix and have a chat. Unfortunately some parents are allowing their children to play on the school equipment and move around the school unsupervised. After school, students are supervised until parents/caregivers arrive. They then become the responsibility of parents/caregivers. Students are not to play on school equipment or go into areas which are out of bounds. Please ensure your children comply with this, it is a safety issue.

On Friday 23rd May I will be attending a meeting at which Greg Prior, Deputy Secretary of the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) will be presenting on his “Future Directions” planning. Greg is leading the changes which have been undertaken, and are still continuing, within our organisation. These have been extremely significant and it will be interesting to see hear more on his philosophy and vision for our schools.

Craig Renneberg

Quotes of the Week:
“Some of us are like wheelbarrows- only useful when pushed, and very easily upset.” – Jack Herbert.

“I cannot for the life of me see why the umpires, the only two people on a cricket field who are not going to get grass stains on their knees, are the only two people who are allowed to wear dark trousers.” – Katharine Whitehorn.

National Assessment Program—Literacy & Numeracy - NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
Wednesday 14 May - Reading
Thursday 15 May - Numeracy
Friday 16 May - Catch-up day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Gillian Hill

UNSW Computer Skills Assessment
Students sitting the UNSW Computer Skills Assessment 2014 will do so on Tuesday 20 May. Good luck to all students.

Stewart House
Thanks to our families a cheque for $159.60 was forwarded to Stewart House.

Congratulations to the following Award Winners

Honour Awards
Jordan Naden          Emily Clark          Andie McTiernan
Matthew Adkins       Ava Lane            Bree-anna Barwick
Madeleine Mann

Distinction Awards
Andie McTiernan       Grace Monson          Isaac Luckie
Lara Ledsham

Upcoming Events

The Colonial Show - (Stage 2) - Wednesday 21 May 2014
Safety Day (Whole School) - Wednesday 28 May 2014
Grandparents Day - Thursday 5 June 2014 - 12.30-2pm

Notes Home with this newsletter
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Stage One Excursion - Purple paper
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**P&C News**

**Next Monthly Meeting** – Tuesday 3 June

The next meeting of the P&C will be held at 7.00pm in the Staff Room at Orana Heights.

**Uniform Shop**

Polar fleece (discontinued line) – existing stock of polar fleece remain at the price of $24 for a limited time. Size 6 have sold out, however, the new style is available for the price of $27.

The shop is open on Wednesdays from 2.30pm until 3.30pm and Fridays from 9am until 9.30am. If you are unable to shop during these times, completed order forms can be left at the front office (together with your payment) and the order will be filled and delivered to your child’s class. Shop in confidence with our guarantee that any item with the tags still attached will happily be exchanged for a different item or size. Additional order forms are available on the school website under the P&C tab.

**Canteen**

Winter menu can be found on the school web page. It can also be collected from either the school office or canteen. Please note some items have increased slightly in price. A few winter favourites have been added to the menu.

Some handy tips for lunch orders:

- Don’t forget to write your child’s name and CLASS on the bag.
- When completing your lunch bags, please write details HALF WAY DOWN the bag. This enables the name to still be read after the bag has been filled and folded down!
- Any change due will be sticky taped to the outside of the bag. If you are expecting change, please remind your child to look on the bag prior to throwing it in the bin.

**Fundraising**

We will be running the popular 5c drive in term 3 – start saving those 5c pieces. As usual, the class that raises the most money will receive a class prize.

**Silver Award Winners**

Eloise Mules

**Bronze Award Winners**

Bhoomi Sagar, Darcy Thwaite, Dhvey Vachhani, Jack Holden, Toby

**Canteen Roster**

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Accounts for Library Service Fee, Workbooks, Music Lesson etc will be going home next
**SPORT NEWS**

**Dubbo District Netball Carnival** - Thank you Danielle Miller, Mandy Bourke, Mel Bass & Deanne Davis for organising and running the canteen at this carnival.


**Knockout Boys Hockey Report** - a big congratulations to Kenzie MacFarlane for being selected into the Western Area Hockey Team as goalie also to Ryan Simpson for being selected to the Boys Western Hockey Team. We wish them success in their future games.

Last Friday our PSSA Knockout Team played Parkes East Public School. It was a fantastic game to watch and all the boys had a terrific game.

We won 1-0 with Brodie Alchin Wheeler scoring our goal.

May thanks to Mr Garraway for coaching the boys. A big thank you to the parents who provided transport and for being our cheer squad.

Our next game is against Dubbo South Public School. The date is yet to be confirmed.

The Knockout Girls Hockey team is due to play their first game on Tuesday 20th May. A note will be coming home today.

The boys and girls hockey teams have a fantastic opportunity to participate in a skills development session with Kate Pulbrook from Hockey NSW on Tuesday 27th May from 11.20 -1.20pm

This session is free. All students will need to bring their mouth guards and shin pads. They may wear sports uniform this day. This will be great training for our upcoming games. Gaylene Barker.

**Knockout Netball Report** - on Thursday 8 May our Senior Knockout Netball team played in the Divisional Day in Dubbo. The team played three games in which they lost 2 and won 1 game. The girls all played extremely well and improved throughout the day. They showed wonderful sportsmanship and represented our school with pride. Thank you to Tina Sayers for her help throughout the day. Congratulations to Shiva Tuflasa and Brianna Walden who were both selected to attend the Western Trials on Thursday 29 May. Well done to all of the girls. Miss Wheeler was very proud of your efforts. Katelyn Wheeler.

**Term Two PSSA Sport** - Please remember bus money & a drink bottle each week.

**School Cross Country** - Last Wednesday we held our annual school cross country on Jubilee Oval. It was great to see so many students striding it out. The presentation of ribbons will take place at the primary assembly next Friday. The students progressing onto District Cross Country in Wellington on 28th May will receive their permission note this week. The notes and money need to be returned to the gold box in the library.

**Dubbo District Boys Touch Team** - Jacob French, Matt Dawson, Ryan Simpson & Anthony Charters will represent Dubbo District Boys at the Western Touch carnival in Dubbo this Friday. Good luck Boys!

**Western Touch Carnival** - Orana Heights will be running the canteen at this carnival on Friday from 9am-1pm. If you are able to spare an hour to help it would be greatly appreciated.

**District Cross Country** - Wednesday 28 May in Wellington.

**Western Cross Country** - Wednesday 11 June in Wellington.

*Mrs Hall, Sports Co-ordinator*
Year 6 Excursion
Wambalang