From the Principal

Today and tomorrow we have Mr Mark Crouch from the Dare to Lead program working in our school with Ms Neva Pengilly from Dubbo South PS. Mr Crouch will be conducting what is called a “Snapshot”. This process is an information gathering and analysis action; the focus in this case is Aboriginal Education. A number of parents were randomly selected and invited to participate in forums as are students and staff. After Mr Crouch and Ms Pengilly complete the information gathering and analysis process they prepare a report with their findings. I intend to use this as a basis for forward planning in our school.

We have different groups off to the Eisteddfod this week. We know they will enjoy themselves and represent our school respectfully and responsibly.

Deposits for the Year 5 and Year 6 excursions are due by the end of this week. No late deposits will be taken. The organisation of major excursions such as these are very dependent on accurate bookings because of the number of venues we visit. These need to be made well in advance because of demand from many other schools and the public. I am sure you can understand the logistics which goes in to managing a major excursion.

A number of students are not wearing hats to school or choosing not to wear them. Could parents please discuss with their children the importance of sun safety?

We will be holding our annual “Grandparents Day” on Thursday 5th June. Grandparents, uncles, aunts, family friends etc are invited to the school from 12.30pm to visit classes to see what learning looks like today!

Tomorrow we have an NRMA Road Safety day at the school. These are extremely difficult to organise due to the high demand for their services and negotiations for this particular event commenced early last year. The students will learn a lot in a highly entertaining environment.

Don’t forget our free “School App” is up and operating. This is a great source of support for the “tech savvy” parents and carers of our students. Keep an eye on it as it will evolve as we find more ways of utilising it.

We are concerned at the poor attendance and late arrivals of a number of students. Every hour and day a student misses puts them behind in their education. In the competitive society in which we live I am sure no one wants their child to fall behind their peers, thus limiting their chances of success. Every absence a child has must be accounted for, legally. Information provided to the school must be concise and correct. School rolls, where we document absences, are legal documents and can, and are, requested by the courts at times. Have a look at attendance on the DEC website if you want to see your full legal responsibilities.

Craig Renneberg

Quote of the Week: “The best time to plant a tree is 25 years ago. The second best time is today” - unknown
### Term 2 - 2014 Planner

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### Congratulations to the following Award Winners

**Honour Awards**
- Caitlin Petrie
- Georgia Rhodes
- Zoe Peisley
- Kaitlin Carr
- George Munro
- Zavier Crowe
- Preston Wallace
- Chloe Richards
- Jasper Goedhart

- Kyanna-Maree Cuskelly
- Maddison Brimley
- Jayden Adam-Wells
- Madison O’Connor
- Simone Dudgeon
- Jordan-Kyle Nurcombe
- Eloise Mules
- Zienia Wathen-Romans
- Taylah Wilson

- Graice Keller
- Braith Carroll
- Olivia Hall
- Makayla Rivet
- Koby Rawiri
- Airyah Taleb
- Izak Bennett
- Austyn Newton-Ley
- Jasmine Yates

**Distinction Awards**

- Bayley Binks
- Khynan Roworth
- Brayden Green
- Lucy Stiles

**Bronze Award Winners**

- Dhyey Vachhani, Mackena Dennis, Joshua Nissen, Eloise Mules

### Upcoming Events

**Safety Day (Whole School)** - Wednesday 28 May 2014
Grandparents Day - Thursday 5 June 2014 - 12.30-2pm

**NRMA Science & Road Safety Day**
**Who’s invited:** Parent/Caregiver/Community Members Workshop Information Session
**When:** Wednesday 28 May
**Time:** 2:35 to 3:05 pm
**Where:** School Auditorium

**The Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project is coming to our School** - Mark your calendar for the 23/24th June.
They will be conducting Healthy Ears lessons for the children, Staff and Parent Education sessions as well as targeted hearing testing for those children whom the teachers/parents feel they have a hearing problem.
For more information about testing contact Jemma Hall.
Although the Ear Bus Project is taking off the committee are needing more help. The demands on them are mounting and as they are all volunteers they are now struggling to keep up.
Can you help with things like-
- Computer work, maintaining our website, searching for big company grants to apply for, applying for grants, maintaining events in the Community Connect, assisting with publicity, coordinating our Dinner Party 31st August, taking photos at events, manpower at events, liaising with local councils and Lions/Rotary Clubs, Presenting our slide show at P and C meetings/ Rotary/Lions Meetings.
If you are able to help please contact Rachel Mills 0413687671 and Donna Rees 0419534447
**P&C News**

Thank you to all the families who supported the Lap-a-thon. We raised $6200.00 - a fantastic effort.

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### Canteen Helpers

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### Term 2 $5 Canteen Meal Deal

- **Monday**: Chicken Nuggets with wedges or salad
- **Tuesday**: Chicken burger
- **Wednesday**: Pizza
- **Thursday**: Hot Dog

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Rugby Union Gala Day** - Thank you Danielle Miller, Mandy Bourke & Deanne Davis for organising and running the canteen at this carnival.

**Knockout Teams**

- **Upcoming games:**
  - Boys Hockey Friday 30th May against Dubbo South.
  - Boys Soccer Tuesday 3rd June against Dunedoo.
  - Girls Soccer (date to be confirmed) against Narromine.
  - Boys softball Thursday 12th June against Wellington & Dubbo South.

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

**Knockout Girls Softball** - Last week our girls’ team travelled to Orange to compete in a gala day. The girls played 3 great games and finished on a high with a win over Wellington. Thank you to Mr Tailby & Rebecca Hale’s Pop for helping with transport.

**Knockout Girls & Boys Soccer** - Last week the boys defeated Buninyong and the girls defeated Dubbo North in their round one games. The boys play their second game against Dunedoo on 3rd June in Dubbo and the girls date is yet to be confirmed against Narromine.

**Rugby Union Gala Day** - Yesterday our rugby union team competed in a gala day with teams from Cudgegong Valley, Narromine, Dubbo West, Dubbo South & Dubbo Public. The boys displayed sportsmanship and team spirit in 3 tough games. Well done to all the boys who competed. Thank you Mr French, Mr Dawson & Mr Todhunter for your guidance.

**Rugby League Gala Day** - Last Tuesday our junior and senior rugby league teams competed in the Russell Richardson Shield and David Peachey Cup respectively at Caltex Oval. Thank you to Mr and Mrs French for their support and assistance with the teams. Although neither side made the finals I would like to congratulate both teams for their sportsmanship and for showing Respect, Responsibility and Safety. Miss Barnes

**District Cross Country** - Good luck to the students representing Orana Heights at District Cross Country in Wellington tomorrow. The bus leaves Orana Heights at 9.15am and returns at 2.30pm. Parents driving need to meet Mrs Hall & Mrs Stewart at the racecourse at 10.30am. There will be a canteen.

**Western Netball** - Brianna Walden & Shiva Tuflasa will be trialling for a spot in the Western Netball Team on Thursday. Good luck girls!

**State 11yrs Rugby League Carnival** - Jacob French will be part of the Western Boys 11yrs Rugby League team competing at the state carnival in Cronulla next week. All the best Jacob!

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

**School Athletics Carnival** - Wednesday 6th August at Bob Dowling Oval.

**Dubbo District Athletics Carnival** - Friday 15th August.

**Western Athletics Carnival** - Friday 29th August.

We are giving advance notice of these two athletics carnivals as Orana Heights is rostered to run the canteen at both of these carnivals. Our school needs a minimum of 10 parent helpers (can be aunty, uncle, nan, pop or family friend). There will be between 800-900 people at each carnival. Please contact Mrs Hall at the school if you are able to help on either day.

*Mrs Hall, Sports Co-ordinator*
Students in 4/5M, 5B and 5L have been taking art lessons with Mr Garraway concentrating on Canberra architecture. We have had great success with these drawings and entered twenty into the Dubbo Show - Under 12 Drawing Competition. Emily Costa of 5L was awarded with a highly commended and Sally James of 4/5M was awarded with an encouragement award.

Today begins National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is an annual celebration and is a time for all Australians to reflect on our shared histories, and on the contributions and achievements of each other. Recognition means different things to different people. But everyone likes it when they get it. The Macquarie Dictionary says that recognition means “the acknowledgement of something as valid or entitled to consideration”.

Recognition can take lots of different forms, such as:
- Saying a simple ‘thank you’ when someone lends you a helping hand
- Cheering on your friends or being cheered on during a game
- Being praised at work or school for your hard work and effort.

Think about how much you value recognition. When you are sincerely recognised for who you are and what you contribute, you feel proud, valued and connected. Being recognised is good for your self-esteem. It energises you and encourages you to recognise the best in others. So today take the time to recognise others in your community by simply saying thank you and recognising the best in others.

Year One students were invited to the Dubbo Charles Sturt University for National Simultaneous Storytime. Many students across Australia will be reading the book ‘Too Many Elephants in the House’ by Ursula Dubosarsky.

Hockey News - last Tuesday our PSSA Girls Knockout Team played Dubbo North Public School. It was a fantastic game to watch and all the girls had a terrific game. Dubbo North scored a goal in the last 5 minutes which gave them a win.

May thanks to Mr Garraway for coaching the girls. A big thank you to the parents who provided transport and for being our cheer squad. That knocks us out of the competition but I look forward to seeing the girls at the upcoming Hockey clinics run by Hockey NSW.

The Knockout Boys Hockey Team is due to play their second game this Friday 30 May. A note went home last Friday.

Pictured L - K/6M having fun at the Dubbo Show last Friday.