Principal’s Message
Dear Parents/Carers and Friends,

Quote of the Week:
“By attempting the impossible one can attain the highest level of the possible.”
Anaust Strindberg

Welcome to half way through our first school term for 2015. Already teachers and students have been busy with a great start to the year.

Parent / teacher interviews
Next Tuesday 3rd March the whole school will be holding parent/teacher interviews. All families should have received notes to request a time that suits you. Teachers are running interview times from 3.20pm until 6.50 pm to maximise suitability for as many as possible. Please return notes to class teachers with your requests. The P&C will have refreshments on the evening for parents and carers. Notes will explain venues for your child’s class.

Parking and traffic
Parking around the school at the end of the school day continues to cause angst for both staff and many bystanders. Teachers are on duty to prevent unsafe behaviour and accidents where possible, however this becomes challenging when a few adults have little respect for safety- not just for themselves, but for their children and others around. Please take the extra minute or two of patience to keep us, and the children, accident free.

Suspension and Expulsion Policy
The Suspension and Expulsion of School Students is a policy which all DEC schools are bound by. Whilst of course schools know they work in areas of grey and not all incidents are black and white, it is important for parents, carers and students to understand some simple points. A suspension can be imposed for Continued Disobedience and/or Aggressive Behaviour. Please discuss with your child/ren that any striking of another person, even siblings, is not acceptable behaviour. Refusal to do as asked by any staff member is disobedience.

School planning
As you may be aware 2015 embarks on a new system for our whole school planning. Whilst this is well underway, it is an area for staff focus in the next few weeks to come. Should any parent wish to be a part of this planning process, please contact the school.

AFL CLINIC
Students enjoyed a visit by AFL ‘Giants’ players Dylan Addison and Sam Reid.

HEADLICE
There have been cases of headlice reported in the school.
Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

School Photos
Wednesday 25 March 2015
Envelopes will be sent home soon
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**Canteen News:**
A reminder that food for students cannot be reheated in the canteen microwave.

**Want to know more about the P&C?**
Next Tuesday 3 March during the parent teacher interviews the P&C will have a table set up where you can come and talk to current members about what we do and what joining the P&C would mean. We also would welcome your feedback so come along either before or after your child’s interview and have a chat and a cuppa.

**Uniform Shop**

**OPENING DAYS**
Wednesdays from 2.30pm until 3.30pm
Thursdays from 9am until 9.30am (trial period)
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays shop not open but orders checked, filled and delivered to your child’s class. Please leave completed order forms and payment with the front office on these days.
Saturdays – first Saturday of the month from 9.30am until 11.30am – entrance via Birch Avenue car park
SIZE 4 DRESSES are in stock again.
HATS are available to purchase from the canteen during school hours - $10 each.
Please support this vital resource for our school. We keep the prices LOW and the profit we do make from sales goes straight back into purchasing resources for our children. Volunteers always welcome.
SPORT NEWS

Sports Assembly

Last Thursday we held our special sports assembly. House captains and vice captains received their hat and badge and began their role as sport leaders for 2015.

Bradman
Boy Captain - Patrick Gibson
Boy Vice Captain - Jacob Clarke

Girl Captain - Rebecca Hale
Girl Vice Captain - Lakeisha Mackay

Spears
Boy Captain - Matthew Adkins
Boy Vice Captain - Kane Haluk

Girl Captain - Charlotte Hall
Girl Vice Captain - Brooke Stiles

Laver
Boy Captain - James Mann
Boy Vice Captain - Brodie Alchin Wheeler

Girl Captain - Bridie Maslen
Girl Vice Captain - Taylah Nurcombe

Cuthbert
Boy Captain - Angus Keller
Boy Vice Captain - Dane Lambert

Girl Captain - Tayla Amers
Girl Vice Captain - Haylee Fuller

Results from the school swimming carnival were also announced.

Congratulations to the following students:

Junior Boy Champion – Kane MacFarlane
Junior Girl champion – Kate Davis
11yr Boy Champion – Lachlan Donovan
11yr Girl Champion – Kate Davis
Senior Boy Champion – Campbell Stewart
Senior Girl Champion – Shiva Tuflasa

School Record:
Kate Davis – 11yr Girls 50m Freestyle – 36.81. The record had been standing since 2004.

Well done Kate!

Winning House: Cuthbert

Dubbo District Swimming Carnival

The Dubbo District Swimming Carnival is on this Thursday. The carnival starts at 4.15pm. Students need to meet Mrs Stewart (team manager) in the grandstand and sit under the Orana banner. Parents are welcome to sit with students. Good luck to the 35 students competing on Thursday night.
University of NSW Competition. (ICAS)

**Digital Technologies** (Old Computer Skills)
I give permission for my child _____________________ of class ________ to participate in the ICAS Digital Technologies Competition on Tuesday 19 May 2015. I have enclosed $8 for their entry fee.
Closing Date – Friday 20 March 2015

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University of NSW Competition. (ICAS)

**Science.**
I give permission for my child _____________________ of class ________ to participate in the ICAS Science Competition on Wednesday 3 June 2015. I have enclosed $8 for their entry fee.
Closing Date – Friday 24 April 2015

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University of NSW Competition. (ICAS)

**Spelling.**
I give permission for my child _____________________ of class ________ to participate in the ICAS Spelling Competition on Tuesday 16 June 2015. I have enclosed $11 for their entry fee.
Closing Date – Friday 1 May 2015

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University of NSW Competition. (ICAS)

**Writing.**
I give permission for my child _____________________ of class ________ to participate in the ICAS Writing Competition on Monday 15 - Friday 19 June, 2015. I have enclosed $17 for their entry fee.
Closing Date – Friday 1 May 2015

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University of NSW Competition. (ICAS)

**English.**
I give permission for my child _____________________ of class ________ to participate in the ICAS English Competition on Tuesday 28 July 2015. I have enclosed $8 for their entry fee.
Closing Date – Friday 12 June 2015

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University of NSW Competition. (ICAS)

**Mathematics.**
I give permission for my child _____________________ of class ________ to participate in the ICAS Mathematics Competition on Tuesday 11 August 2015. I have enclosed $8 for their entry fee.
Closing Date – Friday 12 June 2015