Dear Parents

Dubbo District Twilight Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Cody and Rose for a great effort at the Carnival last Thursday evening. You each tried your hardest and we were proud to have you represent our school. Well Done!

P and C Meeting
The first P and C Meeting for the year was held last night. Congratulations to 2016 Office Bearers:
President: Ben Woldhuis Vice President: Wayne Sasse
Treasurer: Felicity Tickle Secretary: Nicole Woldhuis
Uniform Officer: Zora Stanford
And, a warm welcome to all our new members. I would like to sincerely thank all the 2015 P and C members and helpers on their efforts throughout last year. The P&C are always very proactive in fundraising and organising special days for all students.

Science and Engineering Challenge
Our Year 5 and 6 students have been offered places to participate in the annual Western Plains Science and Engineering Challenge on Thursday 10th March, which is being presented by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Dubbo. The day involves fun and competitive team based activities involving the principles of science, engineering and technology. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students. Please find attached permission notes for students in Year 5 and Year 6 with all the necessary information.

SRC Easter Raffle
The Student Representative Council are planning to hold an Easter Raffle and need your assistance. They require donations of Easter Eggs that can be the prizes for their raffle. Donations can be sent in from now on and left with Karen at the office. Tickets will go on sale soon and as an incentive a free ticket will be given to those who donate the eggs. The raffle will be drawn on Easter Thursday. The money raised will go towards Stewart House.

School Counsellor
Mrs Allison Fuller is our new School Counsellor and will visit us once a term to assist with specific testing and working with students to enhance their general wellbeing. Mrs Fuller’s first visit is on Monday.

Some Safety Issues for Everyone
It has come to my attention that some unsafe behaviours may be occurring before and after school – so I have included some timely reminders for everyone.
- When riding, you are required by law to wear an approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened on your head.
- Until the age of 10–12, children are not developmentally ready to cope with traffic and should not ride on the road without supervision.
- All children are required to wear a seatbelt when travelling in a car and children under the age of 7 or 145cm are required to be in an approved child seat.
- When crossing the railway crossing at the front of our school you must cross at the designated area.

Please remember that the safety of your children is of vital importance to us all.

Director Visit
Last Wednesday we had a visit from the Acting Director of Schools for our area. Mr Stewart was very impressed with the school and the milestones achieved in 2015 plus the planning, School Excellence Framework, finances, resources and data already being implemented for 2016.

Trish Farley – Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Justin Harrow who is our Student of the Week. Justin has been making a consistent effort in all his school work and is enjoying the extra challenges of Year 6. Justin is a caring and helpful member of the school community. Well done Justin!