From Sharon’s desk

A very engaging and exciting day was held last week introducing Robotics to students across Stage 2 and 3. All children were very enthused and interested in asking questions about how they operated and what they were made from along with the history of robotics. This is another introduction to our student engaging them in the learning of STEAM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. Classes have been working on their STEAM projects each afternoon across Stages 2 and 3 and of course this extends across our Enquiry Based learning classes. All will culminate in a Expo Day on 6th April where open classes will operate across Stages 2 to 3. All students will be able to explain to their parents what they have been learning and what projects they are working on.

Positive Behaviour for Learning: PBL data has been analysed and at the moment there is a spike around physical violence in the playground. It is important that all children are taught to look at other ways to solve issues rather than using violence. Working with your children to talk through their frustrations before violence is used would be very useful. The school works on providing lessons and talk around these areas but it is incredibly important to have all parents supportive and on board.

75th Anniversary meeting will be held at the Shed on this Wednesday afternoon at 3.30pm. Come along and get involved. We are all looking forward to celebrating the event on 14th October at the RSL Club and across that weekend at school. Tickets will be available soon. P&C are getting involved and there are a range of fundraising events that will be ongoing - BBQ’s held at Harvey Norman last weekend. Keep checking the newsletter for clarification and updates. Any students who used to attend the school keep in touch.

Personal invitations to the Easter Hat Parade and end of term Expos are being sent out today. It would be great to see all parents and carers here on 6th April from 9.45am. Parents can then remain for morning tea and our Expo Displays for Stages 1, 2 and 3. See you then!

Good luck to our swimmers who are heading off to the State competition next week at Homebush. Have a great week. Sharon

School Fees have been set and will remain at the previous rate of $30 per child which contributes to resources for your child. Payment can be made online or just send in an envelope with the money enclosed with your child or children’s’ names clearly written on the front.
Coming Events

**Wednesday 24th May 2017**

**National Simultaneous Story (NSS) Time**

Many children in schools, day care centres and preschools across Australia, will listen to this story and participate in activities around the story on National Simultaneous Singing day.

“It’s a story about perseverance. It’s a story about training. It’s a story about cows smacking into meteorites and hot air balloons, and sand dunes."

Tony Wilson – Author

**Short List books for Book Week 2017**

Today (28th March) the short list for 2017 will be announced. There are always great ideas on this list for books to purchase for children. A book makes a great Easter/celebration gift.

**Borrowing**

To encourage borrowing students will be allowed to borrow over the school holidays. If you don’t want your child to borrow please remember to tell them. Students with overdue books will receive notices next week. This gives you the holidays to search for these books. If you have a question about an overdue book please let me know. We will help your child to search for it at school. All lost and damaged books must be paid for.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

**PRC (Premiers Reading Challenge)**

Students have been involved in activities to help them learn more about the PRC (Premier’s Reading Challenge). The challenge is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 9. Students have to read a given number of books before the end of August. Most books need to be selected for the PRC list for 2017. Students can access the books we have through Oliver (our library system). Books in the library are marked with dots.

This is the website to logon and record books read. https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

More details will go home next week.

Enjoy this lovely autumn weather and don’t forget to put your clocks back on Saturday night.

Have a great week. Sue Buttrey

Teacher Librarian

**Orana Mall—shop for Schools**

Our school is in the running to share $12000 worth of prizes from JB Hi Fi. We are in the top five however to be in the running we need to be in the top three.

We need you, family friends, grandparents and community members to register online on the Orana Mall website and enter your receipt details. Lets all register and support this great initiative!

**Revising PBL Expectations**

**Cooperation**

This week we are focussing on being respectful to each other. Students are reminded to keep their hands and feet to themselves and to maintain their personal space.

Parents, please discuss these rules with your child so they understand them.

Remember our All Settings Rules for Respect:

- I will be honest
- I will use appropriate and polite language
- I will keep my hands and feet to myself
- and maintain my personal space

Reminder:

For your convenience, all money owing can be paid online via the schools website.

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Stage 2 & 3 students Robotics show!

Last Thursday Stage 2 & 3 students were lucky enough to be involved in a Robotics and Coding show. Students were able to learn about how computer programs are used to code robots to do certain movements etc. Students saw a number of different robots even one that could solve a Rubik’s cube in 8 moves or less. This was a great opportunity for students to be involved in some STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) learning. STEAM learning is a future direction for our school. Stay tuned for more exciting innovative activities that will help engage your child in learning for the future.

Girls Cricket

Congratulations to the girls’ cricket team who defeated Dubbo Public School last Friday. Another fabulous effort by the girls. Millie Wright fielded well, Emerson Bruce scored 14 runs and bowled 3-4! Ella Murray bowled 2-8 and Laura Keizer bowled 4-20. A great team effort, again making Mrs Heaslip feel proud. Many thanks to parents and grandparents who provided transport and crowd support. The girls now progress to round 3.

Save the Date!!

K-2 will be doing a dress rehearsal for the Easter Hat parade at this week’s Whole School Assembly, Friday the 31st of March at 1.35 in the school hall. The official K-2 Easter Hat Parade is on in Week 11, Thursday the 6th of April at 9.45 am. Following our parade, parents are invited to have morning tea with their children and view our expo of student work. After recess, we will then be treated to visits from guest speakers who will share with us their experiences from the past at Dubbo South Public School. Please come along to see the children dance and to share in their learning!

Old Running Shoes Wanted

During March 2L are collecting used running shoes to donate to those less-fortunate. Donated shoes must be clean, tied together in pairs have good soles and no holes. Donations will be passed on to Marathon Health to distribute locally.

LAST WEEK! LAST SHOES TO MISS LEACH BY FRIDAY!

P&C News - Easter Raffle

We are still seeking donations of Easter Eggs and items for the Easter Raffle, items can be of any value. A raffle book of 10 tickets were issued to each family last week (please contact the office if you did not receive yours). The tickets are $1 each. Please support this fund raising event. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 6th April. Please return all tickets to the school office by 4th April.

A coffee van will also be at the Easter Hat Parade for you to purchase something for morning tea. 50c from every cup sold will be donated back to the P&C. Please show your support on the day.

A big thank you to Coles who will be donating Hot Cross Buns for our Easter Hat Parade morning tea again this year. Your continued support is appreciated.

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Paul Jarman Choral Workshop

23 students from Dubbo South Public School joined with another 80 students representing 30 schools across the Western Region to participate in a Choral Workshop with Australian composer and arranger Paul Jarman.

The children were involved in the workshop for 3 days last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and enjoyed singing in a large group. At the conclusion of the workshop the children performed 4 songs for family, friends and school staff. Three of the songs were composed by Paul, the final song being “Take to the Sky” where they flew paper planes into the audience on the last note of the song.

Each year this valuable singing workshop grows to be bigger and the quality of the sound improves from year to year. Our students are very fortunate to be able to work with someone of Pauls’ expertise and musicality.

Respect. Care. Cooperation & Responsibility