PLP Conferences
Our Personalised Learning Plan Conferences will be held in Week 7. These conferences are an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their child’s learning needs. This year we will be trying a new format. Conferences this year will be held in the school hall on an evening. Further details will be sent to parents shortly with interview preference times.

Sticks, Stones, Broken Bones
Eight lucky students will travel to Dubbo Regional Theatre on Wednesday 27th February to see the stage show “Sticks, Stones, Broken Bones”. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to see live theatre here in Dubbo. Congratulations to these primary students who are always Safe, Respectful Learners.

Mission Australia
Each week students from Year 6 spend time with the Mission Australia team learning leadership and self-esteem skills. Activities include, cooking, fishing and ten-pin bowling. These students are great ambassadors for our school and are certainly gaining valuable skills.

Safety Issues
Just a reminder for those students who arrive at school before 8.30am. The gates do not open until that time and students are unsupervised at the front of the school. It is very busy around the circle area of a morning with buses/cars dropping Special Ed. students off. There have been some near misses with students riding onto the road or chasing a ball. If students arrive before 8.30am they are required to wait quietly and safely until the gates open. Scooters and bikes are not to be ridden around and no games to be played. Please support us in keeping our students safe.

District Swimming
Good luck to our District Swimming team who will compete at the District Carnival this Thursday 28th February. This is a twilight carnival which begins at 5pm. Swimmers are able to warm up from 4.30pm. Thank you to the staff who act as officials on the night.

Debbie Pritchard
Principal (Rlg)
SACC INFORMATION

Baby Health - 1st, 2nd, 4th Wednesday of the month - 9am-12noon
Women's Health - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

GET SMART

“Get Smart” operation is a joint attendance initiative between the Department of Education and Training and the NSW Police. The operation takes place once per term and targets students whose school attendance is poor.

It is compulsory that students between the ages of 6 and 17 must attend school each day the school is open for instruction. An explanation (by note, phone call or interview) for any absence, including late arrival, is required by law and must be received by the school within 7 days of the absence.

In Week 5 of this Term as part of the Get Smart initiative, teams of DET personnel and Police will visit families of children with attendance concerns, encouraging them to maintain regular attendance. During this time they will also be conducting streetbeats where they will be interviewing compulsory school aged students to establish why they are absent from school.

The purpose of the Get Smart initiative is to support students to engage in education, encourage regular attendance, monitor truancy and communicate with families.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding school attendance please contact the school principal.

Many thanks for your support of this initiative.

Attendance Team Dubbo

Enjoying numbers

Here are some tips for helping your child with numeracy:

- Have a number hunt as you drive. Each child looks for numbers on signs and houses and adds them as you travel. The older children add the numbers as they go and try to be the first to reach 100.
- Try tipping up a container of toys onto the floor and ask how many there are of certain toys. For example, there might be 6 cars, 4 yellow blocks, 3 red blocks and 1 little bear.
- On a calendar, write down the weather for each day. Then talk about how many days in each month are sunny, cloudy, wet, cold or hot. It's fun to compare the months.
- If you give your child the laundry peg bag, your child can put them all into separate colours. He or she can then count how many blue ones there are, how many yellow and so on.
- You could try asking your child to stack pegs one on top of the other in their colours. How many red ones could you build up until the pile falls over? How many orange ones?
- Play games such as Dominoes, Snakes and Ladders, card games or board games involving dice. This will help your child to recognise patterns and to count. To help your child recognise numbers, change the dice to ones showing numbers.
- Help your child to remember your phone number and to press the correct buttons on the phone.

Students Kinder-Year4

Buninyong Bucks are back in 2013

More information coming soon.................
Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

Junior Girls - Chloe Arnold
Runner Up - Merinda Duncan

Girls 11 Years - Dezarai Booth
Runner Up - Mirrikie Shaw

Senior Girls - Tanika Kennedy
Runner Up - Kyeka Hill

Junior Boys - Tyrone Wilson
Runner Up - Jacob Kerin-Bayer

Boys 11 Years - Jarrod Derrick and Tyreak Shillingsworth-Byers (tie)

Senior Boys - James Nelson
Runner Up - Jarrod Peachey

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHAMPIONS AND TO ALL OUR STUDENTS GOING ON TO THE DISTRICT CARNIVAL.

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SPORT HOUSE PLACINGS:

1ST - KULA
2ND - THANTAY
3RD - KAAN
4TH - PARNA

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who helped make our Swimming Carnival a success!