We’re half way through the term already, time flies when you are having fun. Last Thursday evening we had many of our students and staff attend the Dubbo District Twilight Swimming Carnival. **Rhayne Shanks** was announced the Junior Boys Champion for Dubbo and surrounding areas. Amazing achievement! Rhayne and Kalan Dagg will now compete in the WSSA Carnival. Miss Iverach, Miss Ryan, Miss Fraser and Leigh all reported the great, ‘never give up’ attitude of the swimmers and the fantastic encouragement and support of the parents/carers on the evening! Thanks to all involved.

The Western Region Carnival will be held this week in Dubbo. Good luck swimmers.

**Professional Learning Weekend**
All teaching staff participated in a whole weekend of learning last weekend. They worked tirelessly to put new learning principles in place in all stages during this year. I would like to thank them for their generosity of time. They gave up being with their own families for the whole weekend to improve their practice and ultimately improve children’s outcomes.

**Individual Education Meetings for the Support Unit**
All students in the support unit have scheduled meetings this week to develop individual plans to support their learning. The staff are looking forward to working with you. If you are unsure of your meeting time or unable to attend at your scheduled time, please contact the school.

**Attendance**
I have attached a great poster to show how a few days of leave can add up to a lot of school time lost.

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**Dubbo District P.S.S.A**
Dubbo District P.S.S.A will be running touch trials for boys and girls prior to the Western SSA touch trials. Please do not attend these trials if your child is unavailable for selection for WSSA or NSW PSSA trials later in the year.

**Date:** Thursday 31 March 2016

**Where:** Katrina Gibb Ovals (near Office Works)

**Time:** 4pm to 5pm

**Cost:** Nil

Please see the office for more information or to obtain a permission note.

**School Photo Catch Up Day**
If you missed out on having your school photo taken last week, there will be catch up session this Thursday. Please come to school with your best smile, ready to have your photo taken!

**School Fees**
School fees are now due to be paid. The fee is $30 per student and goes towards purchasing reading resources for our school. Fees may be paid at the school office.

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**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Carers Support Group**
**Informal Morning Tea**

**Supporting families and carers who care for a child or young person who is living with either Autism or Aspergers**

**When:** 10:00 am – 12 noon the second Thursday of each month (excluding school & public holidays)

**Where:** Little Darling Cafe, Darling St-10th March

**Guest Speaker:** Mandy Wells—OT

This is a regular monthly event so that you can be pampered, learn how to look after yourself, listen to guest speakers and more whilst enjoying great coffee and support.

For further information and RSVP contact
Debbie (Mon-Fri) on 0409 782 136

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**PBL FOCUS**
We are respectful.
EVERY DAY COUNTS....
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!

National Close the Gap Day (NCTG) is on Thursday 17 March, a national day of action that brings together more than 200,000 Australians from all walks of life – including more than 92,000 school students and teachers.

In recent years, schools and students have been taking to social media to explore issues surrounding health equality in deep, creative ways that engage students of all year levels and abilities.

Participating in the Close the Gap Student Photo Challenge is just one of the ways your school can mark NCTG. Register your school to hold an activity and find out even more ways your students can mark our 10th anniversary.

During 14-18 March, Australian school students who post photos on Instagram to reflect five NCTG themes will be in the running to win great prizes. The photo challenge is a mash-up of action for social justice, peer education, and a way to engage students in ways familiar to their lifeworlds for authentic participation.

And when you read the stories of last year’s winners, like Ce’anne, Ishiah, Sumita, Lloyd, Maxine, Samson and Shaun from Centralian Middle School in Alice Springs (their winning image pictured), it’s clear the challenge is much more than mucking around on social media. It’s a transformational education experience allowing young people to be heard on issues of national importance.

RSL Youth Soccer Club
U6, U10, U11, U13 Girls and Boys soccer players needed.
Contact Registrar Danielle on 0405127331

Junior Registration Day
Dubbo Newtown Soccer Club
Under 5s-under 17s
Saturday 5th March.
10am-2pm
Dubbo City Bowling Club.
Any questions call Tara: 0423224489