Unique, innovative middle years programs within a wide and diverse curriculum
From our Principal’s Desktop ............
As we move rapidly towards the end of Term I would like to thank all staff, students and families for a successful start to the year. Our recent program of Parent/Teacher Evenings were well attended and designed to provide you with up to date information on current progress. Please feel free to provide feedback to me in regard to future planning for these nights.

Our Sports Captains were recognised last week. The best of our sporting talent was on show. I would like to thank and congratulate Marisha Blanco and her team for all of the efforts they are putting into the PDHPE and Sports programs this year.

One of our most successful initiatives this term has been the consolidation of our Learning Centre. The focus of this room is to support student learning, especially for those students who need targeted support in specific areas. The staff in the Learning Centre also spends time in various classes to support students in their own rooms. Please take some time to read the article included about this key program in our school.

This year I have made a decision to cut down on the number of Year group overnight excursions. The Year 7 excursion to Aussie Bush Camps and an end of Year 10 excursion will take place. The decision has not been made lightly and relates mostly to the high cost of these trips (over $500) and the decreasing number of students who are choosing to participate. With Year groups of almost 200 students some excursions have run with less than 60 students. Some overnight opportunities and curriculum based excursions will continue to be organised.

It is still not too late to make your school contribution. The response to our invoice based approach has been very successful. At the moment we have received a payment from 74 (double the number from 2013) of our 300 families. This is also important in terms of subject based payments for Technics and Food Technology. These are now due and required if students are to complete the practical component of these courses.

Items of note in this edition are our excellent achievements in Creative Arts with our visit to the After Afghanistan exhibition, some amazing Castle Creations, our PBL Movie reward, the Western Music Camp and our swimmers are preparing at the moment for the State Titles in Sydney.

I continue to seek your support in terms of our mobile phone and electronic devices policy. Students are not to bring them to school. If they are used they will be removed from students and stored safely in the Library. A process is then in place for parents to collect them from the school. The success of this approach in reducing disruptions, especially in classrooms, and keeping a focus on effective learning means that the policy is working and needs to be supported by families.

As I advised in the last newsletter this Term will also be our last with a printed newsletter. Electronic versions of the newsletter are currently on the Dubbo College App (now available for download) and our website (www.dubbocoll-m.schools.nsw.edu.au/).

Also over the next few weeks students will be participating at the State Swimming Carnival, our Get Real Assembly for Year 10, a visit by the Dental van will take place and continuing College Band rehearsals on Mondays from 3.30 to 5pm. Our Homework Centre has also started after school on Mondays.

The combined ANZAC ceremony for schools will be held at 11am at the Cenotaph after the holidays on the 29 April. A short ceremony will also be held at South Campus from 9am on the same day. I do encourage as many students as possible to attend the formal ceremonies on the 25 April which is the last Friday of the holidays.

Due to the school holidays there will be a break until our next P&C meeting. Can I encourage as many parents as possible to come along to this meeting which will be held on Monday 12 May. It will commence at 7.30pm in the Library.

Please be aware that the first day back to school for students is Tuesday 29th April. Monday 28th April is a School Development Day when students are not required to attend.

Have a great break!
Darryl Thompson
Principal
PDHPE News

As we are coming to the end of the term, as a faculty we would like to acknowledge the many great achievements in PDHPE. Our Sports/PDHPE assembly was a great display of these achievements with the exceptional sporting talent of South Campus recognised as well as displays and videos from students in our courses.

Students in year 7 – 10 have now completed their assessment tasks and the completion rates continue to improve and we would like to thank the staff of the learning centre for their assistance. All marks will be finalised by next week and students will receive final marks and grades in Core PDHPE lessons next week. A special mention has to go to Miss Ryan and her Year 10 elective Human Movement class who have achieved some outstanding results in their Term 1 exam. Particular mention has to go to Jess Gawthorne who received 48 out of a possible 50 marks. This is a great achievement as most of the concepts are stage 6 PDHPE concepts!

Our class Dojo points student reward system has been extremely successful this term with all core and elective classes achieving great results and we eagerly await our raffle draws next week to see who are the PDHPE all stars for year 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Mr Smith and his elective Girls PASS class have been making valuable contributions to Dubbo community assisting in the PSSA Swimming carnival and our sports captains who were inducted in the Sport/PDHPE assembly have been positive role models and support for the year 7 students participating in our annual Fun Run.

Fun Run Results - Tuesday 1st April

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The fun run is an annual event which provides students with the opportunity to raise funds which will go back into the Dubbo College South Campus Sports program. By participating in the Fun Run students are earning points for their Sport group, which will be added to the weekly tally. The winners of Year 7 Sport in Term 1 will be announced in Week 11.

Students are to be commended on their efforts in Year 7 Sport this term, and we look forward to lots of exciting activities and events planned for Term 2.

Mr Smith and 10 PASS Girls assisting at the PSSA Western Swimming Trails

We are looking forward to another exciting term in Term 2 and welcome any feedback from parents and students alike on our existing programs.

Miss Marisha Blanco
Head Teacher PDHPE

"After Afghanistan"

In Week 7 and 9 some Year 7 and 8 art students visited the Ben Quilty ‘After Afghanistan’ Art exhibition at the Western Plains Cultural Centre. Students were engaged by large colourful works in lush, thick oil paint of sadly tortured portraits of war torn soldiers and vehicles.

Students took on some of the poses of the soldiers to understand more about composition and the importance of body language.

They were all excellent ambassadors for the school on the visit contributing thought provoking observations.

Looking forward to our next trip.

Ms Lawry
CAPA FACULTY

Year 7 Sport Report

The Year 7 Sports program is winding down for Term 1; however this week student’s participated in the Dubbo College South Campus Fun Run. The Fun Run has students running, jogging or walking four kilometres along the banks of the Macquarie River.

There were some very impressive results from Tuesday the 1 April which are as follows:

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School community engaged in lifelong learning
This is the last week for the term for students to see if they can be the winners of school sport! It is a tight race for the winners and I wish all the students best of luck! Winners will be announced next week at assembly. Next term the multisport option will rotate around three sports. The cost will still be $10 but for the weeks that you participate in PCYC you will need to pay $5.50 extra for THE FIRST WEEK ONLY as membership. If you are already a member you will not need to pay.

If you are interested in doing sport and would like to pay upfront for the whole term ($95.50) please see Miss Ryan and we can arrange this for you. This only applies to students doing sport on Thursday and Friday.

We have had many trials lately for college and western teams.

The following students have recently made the western teams in the following sports:

**Girls Basketball:** Ashleigh Taylor & Jayda Darcy

The following students have recently been successful in making a college team:

**Girls Soccer:** Jessica Gawthorne, Ashlee Finch and Charlotte Duffy

**Boys Soccer:** Tyler Spang, Louie Kerr and Will Grant

**Boys Hockey:** Dalton Medcalf, Lachlan O’Neill, Callum Astill.

**Girls Hockey:** Kyla Lake, Chloe Ariesen, Hanna Starr and Raissa Starr

**Congratulations** to those students and good luck in the upcoming games!

Once again we have had great success in the netball field with the U15 netball team winning against Gulgong 50-3. They then went on to win against Mudgee by 8 points. They play their next game this Thursday against Lake Cargelligo.

The open netball team played a gala day- won all their pool games and sadly lost in the final against Lake Cargelligo.

Buckley Shield had their first game washed out, so we are awaiting the next game to see how the boys will go! Good luck boys!

Rugby Union trials are taking place over the next week so stay tuned to hear from Mr Smith and Mr Job about when and where you will need to go for that!

Once again, Good luck to all the swimmers competing at the western trials in Sydney in April! Looking forward to hearing the results of your swimming and I’m sure you will be bringing back some **Gold medals!**

**Congratulations** to all students involved in sport! Keep up the good work!

Stay tuned for some fun sporting events like teachers vs student competitions! Who will come out on top?

**Miss Ryan**

**Sports Coordinator**

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**Safety requirements for the School Timber & Metal Workshops, Kitchens, and Textiles Rooms**

In accordance with National Workplace Health and Safety guidelines it is a requirement that students wear appropriate footwear when using the workshops. This is in line with the Department of Education and Communities safety policy.

This policy states that students are required to wear **fully enclosed leather shoes and they must have a leather tongue.** Sneakers, Sandals, open footwear, canvas or high heeled shoes are not permitted in these areas. No mesh or canvas shoes allowed.

Students are encouraged to bring in the correct footwear and we can store them at school so they are available when needed for practical lessons. Incorrect footwear will mean students will have to complete alternative tasks.

This means students in all Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory and those in year 9 and 10 electives in the Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) areas must have appropriate footwear.

Any donations of appropriate safety footwear would also be greatly appreciated. Old leather schools shoes or work boots would be gratefully received. Please drop off at front office.

Please contact the school to discuss any concerns in relation to the payment of course fees and footwear requirements.

**Cheers,**

David Stuart

**Head Teacher TAS**
“HOT OFF THE PRESS”

School Musical
“Back to the 80’s”
now beginning!

Will be presented in Term 3 Week 5, watch this space.
Auditions beginning next Wednesday, sign ups with CA-PA Staff Week 10 and 11.
Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday afternoons beginning Term 2 Wednesday 3.30pm to 5.00pm. You must be available for these.

Be brave—come and be involved in this awesome school project. Many ways that you can be involved. It is a fun Show with lots of great “80’s hits!!”

Week 11—Drama and Theatre students are off to see “1984” at the Regional Theatre and participate in a pre-show workshop. This should be an excellent way to wrap up our 1st Term.
Brooke Sendt is off to Western Region Dance Camp, we hope you have a wonderful experience.
Have a refreshing holiday and lovely Easter.
We look forward to seeing you back for an action packed Term 2.

Cheers
Jules Marshall
HEAD TEACHER CAPA

Western Music Camp

In week 5 Dubbo College had five representatives from Senior, Delroy and South Campus attend the Western Music Camp at Lake Burrendong. The Music Camp gave student the opportunity to develop their instrumental abilities within small and large ensembles in an enriched musical environment. Along with fantastic rehearsals lead by professionals from the music industry, students were given the opportunity to develop their personal musical skills tailored to their individual instrument family and also participate in team building activities such as breathing gyms, advanced band rehearsals and recreational activities. The students who represented the college were Tara Williamson, Robin Hall and Eliza Vail from South Campus, Nathen Bryan from Senior Campus and Jessica Wyatt from Delroy Campus. All students demonstrated an outstanding level of enthusiasm and maturity whilst on the Camp and were all very proud representative of the college.
The Learning Centre is staffed with three Learning and Support Teachers and five support staff. It is an environment where students of all ability levels can enrich their learning by having access to the support they need, to significantly improve their educational outcomes. It offers a range of activities, curriculum support, programs for all students including at risk students, individual support and tutoring in all key learning areas, whilst providing a safe and encouraging learning environment.

The Learning Centre environment is success orientated. It has a strong focus on creating and building positive relationships with students, developing a rapport with parents and providing students an opportunity to complete assignments and exams. Our centre is geared to cater for all students not just those who are under achieving. On occasion we provide a supportive environment for distressed students with the aim of keeping them at school, identifying what systems we need to put in place to support them and following through with consistent and appropriate support. The Learning Centre provides a range of services for our school community to enhance consistency, continuity and success.

Another program operating within the Learning Centre in 2014 is Corrective Reading. It was offered to students as part of the Literacy funding across the school and has provided assistance to two select groups of six Year 7 students, performing two years or more below their average age group. It was conducted over a period of sixty five regular lessons, providing an intensive, sustained direct instruction to address deficiencies in decoding and comprehension. To date it has been very successful and we continue to provide students with the opportunity to participate across each year level in 2014.

The Learning Centre Staff upholds the Dubbo College South Campus motto of Building Community through empowering students to develop the values of Courtesy, Achievement, Respect, Effort and Safety.

Sydney Olympic Park

Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns this summer, with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under $20, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays!

- Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers
- All Day Holiday Recreational Program
- Art, Cooking and Drumming Workshops
- Cheerleading & Gymnastics
- Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze
- Fizzics Science Workshops
- Martial Arts for Kids
- Sport & Adventure Camps
- Space Racing for Kids
- ... and lots more

Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

Sydney Olympic Park Team

School holiday kids and family camps

It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Outstanding range of opportunities for individual success
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### Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common sense Media has lots of useful resources to help—from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them.


### Help Wanted

**DW Quality Meats**
Orana Mall
Phone: 6884 4487
ask for Darren.