SENIOR CAMPUS PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
March 25, 2015.

Term 1 is rapidly drawing to a close, which means we are once again entering into an assessment cycle. The assessment period for both Years 11 and 12 is an important time for all students. It is the first assessment phase for Year 11 and it can be quite a stressful time for students. Students are reminded they should make good use of the support available. Our teachers, the library and the Learning Centre are all at their disposal. For Year 12 this assessment period marks the halfway point on their journey to the HSC. I wish all students well in their assessments.

Next Monday evening will see Nathan Bryon and Billie Palin perform at the Dubbo Regional Theatre. Nathan and Billie have put together a show –“ Forte- Let’s get Loud”, which includes acts from Delroy and South Campus as well as Dubbo South Primary, Dubbo Central and Dubbo North Primary. As part of HSC extension music Billie and Nathan are not only performing at the event but are having to, with the help of Mrs Powderly, organise and promote the event. A huge thank you on behalf of Billie and Nathan to all students and staff who have helped bring FORTE to fruition. Tickets are $6 and available at the theatre or online.

Congratulations also to Nathan who has been selected to attend the summer school of the Washington DC Opera. Only 20 students worldwide get this fabulous opportunity and it is an amazing achievement on Nathan’s part.

While talking about upcoming events a reminder that Parent-Teacher afternoon/evening will take place next Tuesday March 31. The evening will commence at 4pm and run until 6:30pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to see how your child is progressing with their studies. To complete a busy week the athletics carnival will take place next Thursday. The PDHPE faculty has organised a great day, which will see serious competition alongside more fun athletic pursuits. It is an official school day and all students are expected to attend.

Sport has played a prominent role in the life of Senior Campus in Term 1. Our sporting teams have covered thousands of kilometres and have had incredible success. Boys and girls football, touch, netball, basketball and cricket teams have all enjoyed success. Our cricketers’ run finished last week with them making the final eight in the State.- a fantastic achievement for Mr Berry and the team! The other teams continue to make inroads into their respective competitions. We have also been incredibly successful in gaining representation in Western Region teams.

Girls Football: Jessica Fuller
Boys Football: Edward Kweka
Basketball: Nicholas Conte, Adam Wheeler, Melita Hampton, Sedia Towney
As many of you will have heard, Dubbo College Senior Campus has been removed from the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program. We have been the only public school brokerage for the program since 2009 and have overseen IYLP at Coonabarabran, Young, Campbelltown, Delroy and South Campus. During those years in excess of 150 students have been beneficiaries of the program. In 2015 we have, across all the schools, 48 students on the program, 28 of which are from Dubbo. At the moment we are working, with the support of Mark Coulton, the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Indigenous Affairs to try and rectify what is a potential tragedy for our community. We remain positive that, with the support of the community, we will be able to resolve this situation and public education will again be part of the IYLP program.

Finally, in news just to hand, our Dubbo College open netball side has taken out the Western region championship, beating Orange in the final 45-36. A major achievement for our girls! Congratulations to students and coach Bec May!
I would like to wish all members of the Dubbo College Senior Campus community a happy Easter and a great and relaxing break.

Andrew Jones
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