You’ve got to really want it!
13 kids brought together to become the DCS PSSA Soccer Team proved it takes heart. Julia Stuart, was cruelly struck down with Tonsillitis the evening prior to the game and 7 other team members had barely set cleated-foot upon a soccer pitch, yet their tenacity, and will to win, proved more powerful than their knowledge of the game.

Henry Kensit, Year 6 Veteran to the game took the lead in the pre-match warm up and pep-talk—it clearly made perfect sense. Mr. Wilson’s game board and quick explanation (not touching on the “Off-side” Rule) was put into play.

It was poetry in motion! Syd Kensit donned Goalie Gloves defending all but one. Georgia Cluff briefly left the pitch to tuck away a tooth, knocked out by a stray ball. Henry Kensit and Gemma Stuart scored the goals with the unfaltering support of the rest of the team.

A cheer squad of 4 Mums and a little-un were poised on the sideline, hanging on every kick of the ball, cheering themselves hoarse.

DCS defeated Dubbo West Public School 2-1 and will now continue their PSSA Soccer adventure.

On Friday 9th May, Kye Woodward, Meg Abbott, Hayley Cox and Georgia Lane travelled to Rylstone with Mr. Campbell to attend their third debate in the Gulgong Prince of Wales Eisteddfod 2014 Debating Competition. The topic was “Should the School day be two hours longer?” When we arrived, we sat and ate recess with the students of Rylstone Public School. After recess we made our way through to the Hall. We soon started the debate. They gave really good points but we were stronger. After the debate, the adjudicator announced that Dunedoo had won! We were so happy that we had won our last debate and came out on top. Then we sat down and had a little snack with them after the debate. We would like to thank Mr Campbell for driving us.

By: Meg Abbott, Hayley Cox, Georgie Lane & Kye Woodward
On 7th March, the U/12’s Dunedoo Central football team played Dubbo North at Robertson Oval in the P.S.S.A Rugby League Knockout Competition. The final score was 38 – 12 in favour of the Dunedoo boys.

Congratulations to the following players: Roy Watton, Jade Cowell, Kyle Smith, Jack Seis, Jack Copeland, Harry Taylor, Shaun Roach, Zac Green, Ben Gallagher, Cody Sampson, Jock Stuart, Bailey Fogg, Kye Woodward, Harry Hogden, Jaycob Kelly and injured player Ryan Bampton who was the official scorer.

A big thank you to Mark Gallagher for co-coaching, Spuz Hogden for Refereeing and Sam Foran and Ethan Adams for being Touch Judges. Also thanks to Katie, Tayla and Lexi who were the water and kicking tee girls.

The Round Two game of the Knockout has to be played by the 23rd of May. Mr Honeysett will inform all players and parents of a date and venue for the next game once all results have been uploaded to the P.S.S.A intranet.

By: Lexi Gallagher, Katie Lovegrove-Carpenter & Tayla O’Malley

We definitely had not had the ideal preparation to meet the top eight High Schools in the Western Region. With a bye in the first round, followed by a forfeit from our round two opposition, we were feeling very underprepared for this stage of the 2014 Combined High Schools Touch Football competition. Thankfully our referee for the day, Mark Gallagher, cooked us egg and bacon rolls to give the girls the perfect start to the day, thank you Mark.

Mudgee High was our first opponent of the day and we knew it would be game on from the start. A beautiful scoot from half by Emma Gallagher supported by Taylah Hogden led to the first try in the opening minutes of the game. It was the perfect start to the game, however it proved to be a wake up call for Mudgee as they were next to cross the try line to even up the score. It took an amazing try saving dive from Effie Fergusson and a long ball by Kate Gallagher to one of our young wingers in Jayde Bauer that allowed us to come away with a 4-2 win.

The day wasn’t getting any easier as within thirty minutes we were battling against a combined Dubbo High School Team for our second round match. The game was very physical and there were a number of sideline comments that we must have called up girls from our Primary school as our pocket rocket Chloe Green worked tirelessly out on the wing.

After the draw with Dubbo, it looked like we would need a better for and against result in our final round game against Nyngan. Realising we just needed to play a mistake free style of touch, and take more of the workload off our more experienced players, our younger girls stepped up. Maddie Cox, Jayde Bauer and Sally Christensen drove the ball beautifully up the sideline making valuable ground, allowing the breathing time for the older girls. Elle, Ceara and Emma were amongst the try scorers in our 8 – 0 victory.

The end of the pool games resulted in us being on the top of the table to come against Parkes High in the Semi Final. A renowned town for its touch prowess, we had everything to play for. A win would see us through to the final twenty in the CHS competition. Ceara Smith scored to give us an early lead and Gabbi Johnston showed great hands on the wing and demonstrated she was ready for the Opens competition. Lauren Sullivan was relentless in both attack and defence and named “players player” for this game as we clawed our way to a 3 – 1 win to make the final.

Last year’s winners Orange was our opposition. They had dominated the other pool and were a well drilled outfit. We went out with the game plan to enjoy every moment. The girls improved in every game and put in a huge team effort in the final game as we went down 3 – 0.

Every girl put in 100% on the day, working as a team especially in defence and were always there to support each other in attack. The younger girls improved every game and quickly learnt the importance of playing your position. All the girls should be extremely proud of themselves as they impressed all of us on the sideline. Well done ladies!

To top a fantastic day off, Kate and Emma Gallagher were named in the Western Region Girls Touch side to compete later this term.
On Thursday 8th May, 45 students from Year 3-6 walked down to Robertson Oval for the annual Peachey Shield/Richardson Cup Gala Day. It was a wonderful day of rugby league with perfect weather. Dunedoo fielded an impressive 4 teams on the day, 2 competitive teams and 2 non-competitive teams. Again, we were the only school to have female players and special mention to Hallie Hogden, our sole female competitive team player. I am very proud to say that we had an even number of boys and girls playing overall, a tribute to the Dunedoo Community’s wonderful sporting spirit.

In the David Peachey Shield, our Year 5/6 competitive team, coached by Mark Gallagher, were DCS’s standout team on the day, narrowly going down to Mudgee Public School in the semi-final in golden point extra time.

In the Richardson Cup, our Year 3/4 competitive team, coached by Mr. Honeysett, had a tough draw for the day with a few of the players nursing some bumps and bruises. I’m sure the boys will benefit from having played against some tough competition this year when next year’s gala day comes around again.

Our non-competitive teams also had a wonderful day with many hard fought matches. Thanks to Mr. Bush and Mr. Kline for their coaching assistance.

Special mention must go to our Best and Fairest players from each team: Bailey Fogg (3/4 competitive); Ben Gallagher (5/6 competitive); Hollie Copeland (3/4 non-competitive) and Katie Lovegrove-Carpenter (5/6 non-competitive).

Many thanks must go to the DJRLN who set up the day, including the great canteen and BBQ, and our 5 secondary students who helped referee and touch judge: Codi Page; Sam Foran; Dan Lane; Jake Besgrove and Ethan Adams.

Mr. B.Kline & Mr. A.Honeysett

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**Horse Sports**

**CANTEEN Helpers**

Horse Sports are on Monday 19th May and we are in much need of volunteers to man the Canteen.

Please remember that this is a FUNDRAISIER for the School. All proceeds go toward our children’s education.

If you have just an hour to spare, we would be most grateful for your time.

Please contact the front office to put your name down. Ph: 6375 1489

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Hello everyone. Last week was a very busy week for students, with a number of major sporting and debating encounters taking place. Our students represented the school very well, with excellent sportsmanship and behaviour exhibited, as they gave their best, whilst wearing the DCS colours with pride. The uniform was very impressive in all games that I witnessed, and people from outside the school and the town commented on our students in a positive way.

The Year 9/10 Debating team had a close encounter with Coolah CS in the first match of the Round Robyn stage, succeeding with better teamwork. Mrs Sams believes our team will need to work on their “rebuttal” technique and improve their discipline to progress to the next level.

I had the pleasure of taking the Primary One Team to Rylestone, on Friday, and was impressed by many things. The cordial welcome and inclusiveness of the Rylestone teachers and students was very reassuring for our students. The debate was extremely close with our students, Hayley Cox, Meg Abbott, Georgie Lane and Kye Woodward working better as a team, particularly with rebuttals. The team showed polish and potential and were a credit to their coach, Mr Wilson. I was impressed by the manners, confidence and the independence of these students.

There were smiles all around when Mrs Piper returned to school this morning, fit and well.

The Primary teams excelled in the first round encounters of the PSSA Championships in Netball, Soccer and Rugby League, with the Soccer and League teams progressing to the next round. Our Netball girls won one game, lost another by a point and lost the other one to eventual finalists Dubbo South. Thankyou to staff: Alisa Brydon, Joel Wilson and Adam Honeysett as well as parents Kyle Callow; Mark Gallagher and others who supported our teams with their expertise.

The Peachey and Richardson Shields also took place in Dunedoo last week with a number of DCS teams involved, including boys and girls. The non-competitive teams all enjoyed the day with many strong performances. Our boys Peachey Shield team progressed to the Semi Finals, but were overcome by a strong Coonabarabran side.

The strength of our Touch football teams led to great results, with both Secondary Open Teams progressing to the Western Region Finals only to be beaten by some very strong Orange High School sides. Once again our sides overcame teams from the larger High Schools such as Dubbo, Forbes, Mudgee and Parkes, to challenge for the Championships. It is a great credit to the team members and their coaches, Mrs. Rachael Hogden and Mr. Chris Bush, to have played such outstanding Touch Football and exhibit such fine teamwork.

Congratulations are extended to the following students for securing places in Western Region teams: Kate and Emma Gallagher, in Opens Touch; and Dan Lane, in Opens Golf.

With so many students involved in out of school activities, it is important for them to remember that our “Main Game” is learning and understanding the curriculum. Students and parents need to be mindful that to attend these events, students will miss class work and that it is important that they catch up on any missed work. With a congested Curriculum it is difficult for teachers to support students, missing school work. By catching up with missed work, students can identify areas where they may need help.

Staff at DCS are always happy to support students who seek help.

At the last meeting of the Dunedoo Combined Education Group, comprising leaders from St. Michael's, Dunedoo Preschool, Regional Nurses and DCS, it was decided to support the “Hearing” Bus program, through some fundraising. The first of these will take place on the 23rd May during the Art for Youth Workshops, when students can wear mufti, but are asked to bring a gold coin donation. The “Hearing” Bus is designed to support students by conducting Hearing Tests, providing amplifying devices to schools and providing information to and training for teachers.

Good luck to all students sitting the NAPAN tests this week. Students become very use to these tests over time and we just ask that they do their best by attempting every question, to the best of their ability. The tests are a snapshot of a student’s ability and give parents and the school an indication of their strengths and weaknesses. For teachers, they provide great information for future planning.

Good luck to all of our debating and sporting teams who participate this week, I hope you enjoy the games and come home satisfied that you gave your best.

Enjoy your week!

Peter Campbell
Principal

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INFANTS/PRIMARY ACE

Congratulations to the following Infants/Primary students on reaching:

LEVEL 1
Kinder: Hamish Carpenter, Jordyn Smith

LEVEL 2:
Year 1/2: April Dominey, Luke Redding, Riley Fagerstrom, Erica Stuart, Sophie Kënsit, Mia Gallagher, Jess McMurtie
Year 5/6: Meg Abbott, Hayley Cox, Zac Green, Crystal Jamieson, Henry Kënsit, Kye Woodward

JOKE OF THE WEEK WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students on their winning joke entries to the Library Joke of the Week Competition:

Week 1
Izaiah Hall, Alice Fergusson, Tameka Martin & Hallie Hogden

Week 2
Chloe Stanford, Meg Christensen, Hollie Copeland, Georgia Cluff

FOUND
A gold ring with a semi-precious stone was found in the High School Grounds.
Please contact the front office should you be the owner
Ph: 6375 1489

DCS Horse Sports Working Bee
CALLING ALL DADS & MUMS
Friday 16th May at 12.30pm
Dunedoo Showground
HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Please remember to return Stewart House envelopes by 16th May 2014.
I hope all the Mother’s had a lovely day yesterday and enjoyed their special treats.

A few reminders:
- Supervision at school in the mornings commences at 8.30am. Please be mindful of this.
- Cut up fruit & vegetables for “Crunch” and water for “Sip”.
- Please change readers on a regular basis as readers are an important part of our “Learning to Read” Program.

Mrs. M. Abbott

Kindergarten: Welcome to Week 3! I hope you all enjoyed your weekend. The Kinder children are very excited as they get to host the Primary Assembly for the very first time this Friday. We hope all Mum’s, Dad’s and family members are able to come along to this very important occasion.
Kinder sounds this week are “x” and “ch” and our shared big book is “Keeping Healthy”. In Maths, our topics are Tallest and Shortest, Comparing Length, Length Words, Take Away and Problem Solving.
In HSIE we are discussing how people adapt their homes to suit their environment and in Art, we are completing works for our Assembly.
Please continue to read, learn your sight words and spelling words and complete all homework sheets.
Congratulations to Chloe Brougham, our student from Week Two and to Rylee Clifton and Charlie Stuart who received merit certificates.

Mrs. E. Yeo

Year 1/2: Welcome to Week 3. I hope all the Mums and Grandmothers enjoyed their special day. Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who came to our assembly. We enjoyed entertaining you and we appreciate your support.
This week in Spelling, Year 2 will study Length, The Metre and Measuring and Subtraction Stories.
In Computers this Term we are improving our Word Processing skills. Don’t forget, children can access Reading Eggs and Mathletics from home. In the next few weeks, the children will be completing some assessment tasks as we prepare for School Reports at the end of the Term. This week we will be doing Spelling and next week we will be writing Narratives.
I will not be on class tomorrow. I will be doing some Maths testing with the Year 1 children. Mrs. Sullivan will be taking the class.
It would be great if all homework could be handed in this week. Lots of children forgot last week!
Keep reading and have a great week.

Mrs. M. Abbott

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This week Year 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests in Language, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The Year 3 test will be administered by Mr Kline and Year 5 by myself. During the tests Mr Honeysett will supervise Year 4 and Mrs Armstrong Year 6. The timetable is as follows:

- **Tuesday**—Spelling & Grammar and Writing Assessments
- **Wednesday**—Reading Assessment
- **Thursday**—Numeracy Assessment

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Peachy Shield and Richardson Cup Rugby League last week. A sensational effort by all involved. Thanks also to Mark Gallagher and Mr Bush for coaching, and to Mr Kline, Mr Honeysett and Mrs Lane for organising the day.

In other sports news, our Netballers travelled to Dubbo last Thursday and participated in the PSSA Gala Day. The girls did not progress to the next round, but all players improved their skills and teamwork, and were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to Annie Christensen who has been selected to trial for the Western Region side later this month. A big thanks to Alisa Brydon and Kylee Callow for organising and coaching the girls.

In PSSA Soccer, Dunedoo defeated Dubbo West 2-1 last Wednesday to book a place in Round 2. Their next opponent will be either Buninyong PS or Orana Hts PS later this term.

In PSSA League, Dunedoo defeated Dubbo North 38-12 last Wednesday in Round 1 of the knockout. They will now play either Buninyong PS or Mudgee PS. More details to come.

Our Year 6 debaters have been busy in Round 3 of the Gulgong Eisteddfod, with Dunedoo 1 defeating Rylstone last Friday. Thankyou to Mr Campbell who drove the team, and well done on a sensational debate. Dunedoo 2 had their final debate against Gulgong PS today.

Mr. Joel Wilson

**Year 2/3:** Congratulations to the students who played in the Peachey Shield last Thursday. It was great to see everyone having a good time and playing so enthusiastically.

I trust all the mums had a wonderful Mother’s Day. I hope you had a great family day and look forward to hearing how the gift vouchers go. There were some very excited students when we did these but they all assured me that what they promised to do for you is achievable!

This week is NAPLAN and as such is a very big week for Year 3. We’ve done a lot of work in preparation for the exams and I wish students all the best. Please make sure they get plenty of sleep each night. Year 3 will not get the normal homework this week, they will just receive their maths/spelling sheet.

There will be a note going home with a permission slip in relation to an excursion next week for Stage 2 students (just year 3 students in my class). The program, delivered by the State Library of New South Wales is entitled “FAR OUT! Treasures to the Bush”. The event will be held at Gulgong Public School on Tuesday 20th May 2014, and is in relation to early Australian history, notably artefacts from Captain Cook’s time. More information to follow!

Have a good week.

Mr. Ben Kline

**Year 4/5:** Firstly, congratulations to all our students who played in the Peachey Shield and Richardson Cup last Thursday. It was great to see everyone having a go and playing to their ability. A special mention goes to our Year 5/6 competitive team who made it to the semi-finals, only to go down to Mudgee P.S in golden point extra-time. Secondly, I’m confident that all the mums had a wonderful Mother’s Day. I hope you had a great family day and that your child(ren) spoilt you. I hope you all liked reading your Mother’s Day poems that were written for you. Lastly, this week is NAPLAN and as such, a very big week for our Year 5 students. The students have done a lot of work since their last NAPLAN in Year 3 so I’m expecting some growth in all areas of Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night. Have a great week everyone.

There will be a note going home with a permission slip in relation to an excursion next week for both Years 4 and 5. The program, delivered by the State Library of New South Wales is entitled “FAR Out! Treasures to the Bush”. The event will be held at Gulgong Public School on Tuesday 20th May 2014, and is in relation to early Australian history, notably artefacts from Captain Cook’s time. More information to follow!

Mr A Honeysett
Year 5/6: Year 5 have their NAPLAN assessments this week and we wish everyone the best of luck in their tests. Year 4 and 6 maths groups will continue this week, Year 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN. Mr Honeysett is teaching 5/6 Volleyball skills in PDHPE this term. Students may bring a change of shoes for PDHPE if needed. HSIE Assignments have been handed out today. We have discussed the requirements in class and students will be given time, support and resources to complete the assignment at school. However, many students have indicated they want to complete some or all of the assignment at home, with their own materials and resources. This is more than acceptable and I look forward to seeing what creative and quality work the students come up with.

Year 6 Maths: This week students will continue work on Prime, Composite, Squared and Cubed Numbers and Order of Operations. The homework sheet is due in on Thursday. Please encourage your child to complete this as it revises the previous weeks work.

Mrs Donna Lane

PSSA Netball

On Thursday 8th May, Meg Abbott, Christie Bauer, Annie Christensen, Hayley Cox, Crystal Jamieson, Taylah Kelly, Georgie Lane, Cheyenne Smith, Gemma Stuart and Julia Stuart travelled to Dubbo for PSSA Netball. We played three games and in our first game we played Dubbo South and lost 32-3. Our second game we played Orana Heights and won 14-7. Our last game was very close against Dubbo West and we lost 16-17. They also had the Western Try-Outs and Annie Christensen gets to go try out in Possible’s and Probable’s in Orange in 2 weeks time. We would like to thank Ailsa Brydon and Kylee Callow for driving us all there and for coaching us. Also thank you Kim Sheldon for coming and refereeing our games.

By: Annie Christensen, Hayley Cox and Georgie Lane

Happy Birthday

12th May Charlee Binks Kinder
13th May Ella Hickson Year 4
15th May Joshua Shipsey Year 11
15th May Chloe Stanford Year 2
17th May Taylah Kelly Year 6

And to staff:
13th May Julie Stanford
18th May Maria Harrington

Wishing you all a great day!

Canteen News

Hi everyone
Hope all Mum’s were spoiled and had a restful Sunday.

Uniforms will be ordered this week so should arrive in 2-3 weeks.

Please check new canteen price list (attached to Week 1 newsletter). Thank you to last week’s volunteers—Victoria, Nick and Annette (3 times).

Jenny will be back part time for the next two weeks (Tuesdays & Thursday)

Nola Squire
| Year 5/6/7 | Literacy                | Fri—Persuasive letter to the Principal |
| Year 7    | Science B, Maths, Geography | Thurs—Homework Sheet, Thurs—Homework Sheet, 22.05—World Heritage Sites Project |
| Year 7/8  | Metals                  | Portfolio                              |
| Year 8    | Maths, English, Science | Thursday—Homework Sheet, Friday—Bring in box, Fri—in class assessment, 19.05—in-class assessment |
| Year 9    | Maths, History, Geography | Fri—Homework Sheet, Draft information report, 23.05—Natural Hazards Project due |
| Year 10   | Maths                   | Tues—complete topic test Algebraic Techniques & Probability |
| Year 11   | Standard English Maths  | Practice Foulcher Essay, Tues—Assessment (In-class test), Wed—Homework Sheet |
| Year 11/12| Agriculture, D&T        | Mon—Assessment, Thurs—Case study        |
| Year 12   | Maths, English, General Maths 2 | Wed—Homework Sheet, Weekly work for Dulce Et, Past HSC Paper (overdue) |

Dan Lane recently played in the Final of the Western Region Golf Matchplay Championships. In order to progress to this Final, Dan who currently has a Handicap of 12, defeated a number of students with lower handicaps from across Western Region.

- Round 1: Jesse Carolan - Dubbo (6)
- Round 2: Zac Kelly - Mudgee (8)
- Round 3: Brad Scott - Parkes (9)

In the final Dan played Jayden Taylor from Kandos who has a handicap of 5 and was defeated, placing him 2nd in this Western Region Championship.

Last week Dan also played in the NSW Jack Newton Shield at Blackheath and Wentworth Golf Courses. As a result of this competition Dan was selected in the Western Region team to compete at the NSW CHS Championships in Dubbo later in the term. Unfortunately Dan will be unable to play in this due to his prior selection in the Western Region Squash Team to compete at the same time in Sydney. Well Done Dan!

Congratulations to Ethan Adams, Kate Gallagher and Dan Lane who have all been selected in the Western Region Squash Team to compete at the NSW CHS State Carnival in Sydney from June 24th—26th. Congratulations to Emma Gallagher and Elle Lane who have also been selected to compete in the Under 15 Individual Tournament at the State carnival.
After the success of our small schools combination in 2013, reaching the top 20 was the benchmark this team aimed for the CHS opens Boys Touch Competition. This year did see the top 8 series played at Bathurst. With the following teams qualifying:

- Dunedoo/Coolah
- Kelso High
- Parkes High
- Mudgee High
- Orange High
- Forbes High
- Dubbo Senior College
- Nyngan High

The day started for majority of our boys at an earlier than normal start, between 4.30 and 5.30am our team members headed for Bathurst. After finding the field at approximately 8.30am we were greeted with a heavy fog and a significant amount of Dew on the playing surfaces.

Play wasn’t delayed one moment and our boys needed to be really warmed up for their first opponents a very talented Mudgee High. With the fog extremely heavy and set in, the game was all about ball security and making the plays simple. Our boys, did extremely well in the trying conditions and ended up coming out on top 5-2.

With this confidence from game one, we approached game 2 with the game plan, simple, simple simple and concentrating on subbing well and ball security. Our opponents were a very skilful and well drilled Dubbo Senior College, who were excellent in attack and defence, our boys held strong and came away with the impressive win of 6-2.

Our final pool game was with a skilful yet inexperienced Nyngan side, who actually put the first point on the board early. This reminded our boys, that we do not need to be complacent as they were quick, steppy and skilful. We ended up convincing winners 9-1.

The three victories did see us ranked 1 out of our pool, meaning we play 2nd from pool B to see who qualifies for the top 20 series.

After confusion on who we were facing, we ended up playing Forbes High, who were a very skilful team. Our boys really stepped up to this game after a mediocre start, Forbes put on the first try for the match and that was the only one they got, to our 8, our boys really displayed exceptional advancement in the skills, knowledge and attitude towards the game of touch football. Dunedoo/Coolah 8-1.

With the satisfaction of making the top 20 in the state in consecutive years, the boys needed to win one more game if they wanted to be ranked 1 in western region. Orange High were our opponents who were an outstanding team. Unfortunately this game was very controversial with penalties against us 20/1. With this and numerous bad decisions against us we ended up only beaten 4-0, which reiterates how well our boys played.

This loss will certainly be in our boys minds for some time and they will understand the significance of resilience, and overcoming adversity during our future games.

Again I stress this is a huge result making top 20, with our selection range from a small number of boys, to make it this far is a massive achievement. The boys completion is extremely strong with exceptional teams and individuals from much larger high schools, who can pick sides from literally hundreds of Boys.

This year controversially none of our boys were chosen in the Western region touch squad, this is extremely disappointing as our boys were far superior in regards to all aspects of the game.

I would like to thank all boys for their application and commitment to this team. Also a huge thank you to Amanda Leeson, Paul Besgrove, Jack Ticehurst, Matt Wesley for their support with the team and transport to and from Bathurst.

Mr. Chris Bush
The Secondary Debating Season has kicked off for 2014 with the annual launch of the Premier's Debating Challenge. This year DCS is participating in the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge in the Years 9&10 age division (Teasdale Cup) as well as in the Years 7&8 age division (The ESU Trophy). This is a competition over several rounds with the Zone winners advancing to the regional finals and then onto the NSW State championships.

Every debate in the challenge is a 1 hour preparation debate. Teams do not know the topic or which side of the debate they are on until 1 hour before the debate starts. Once the preparation time is up, 3 speakers from each team take turns to speak, with a 4th silent speaker helping out during preparation and during the debate.

On Thursday 8th May, we kicked off our Teasdale Cup campaign with our Year 9 and 10 Debate team against our first round opponents Coolah Central School. The topic was that Students and staff should have equal say in how the budget of their school are spent and we were assigned the negative argument had the difficult task of speaking for 8 minutes each. This was a very challenging debate and the team demonstrated critical thinking in manipulating information and concepts to build a strong line of argument.

DCS first speaker, Molly Boyd, provided ample rebuttal against the affirmative speaker and provided a strong platform on which our team built their argument with her detailed examination of the ‘popularity vote’ in terms of which subjects would be allocated funding if both students and staff had equal say in the school budget. Second speaker, Lauren Sullivan provided further examples, linking to the idea that technology is far too expensive to purchase exactly what each and every student would want and therefore an equal say in the budget would amount to unfair distribution of the budget to more popular areas such as I.T. She also extended her argument to the sporting arena in terms of the purchasing of equipment. Our third speaker, Connor Ferguson provided witty rebuttal and in doing so injected some humour into the topic whilst and recapped our arguments to end the debate on a convincing note. Our thinker, Rachael Sweeney worked hard throughout the debate to construct rebuttal to unhinge the arguments of our opponents and the rebuttal provided by both teams within the debate highlighted the teams’ higher order skills in abstract thinking. After a very close debate, the Dunedoo Central School Teasdale Cup Debating Team is to be congratulated for winning their first round.

A thankyou goes to Beth Bowman for giving up her time to adjudicate the debate, Madam Abbott and David Abbott for setting up the library, Linden Ewin for organising the palm cards, Emma Gallagher for chairing the debate, Elle Lane for acting as time keeper and to Years 8, 9 and 10 for being the audience. Thanks also goes to Year 8 for helping to rearrange the library after the debate and for returning equipment. Above all, thank you to our debaters for representing their school with pride.

Our next debates are against Mudgee High School and Dubbo College in the coming weeks.

Jodi Sams
Secondary Premier’s Debating Challenge Co-ordinator

REMINDER

Please be aware that the adult I.T. classes have commenced again.

Thursday afternoons from 5pm

Any newcomers welcome
SWIMMING CLUB

Our AGM was held on 5th May at the Sports Club. Most positions have been filled but there are a few that haven’t. If you feel you can put your hand up to take on these positions, it would be much appreciated. We are always looking for new faces to join our Committee and you would be most welcome. A huge thank you to Tammy Gallagher, Brett Christensen and the Committee for another fantastic season. You all do such a wonderful job. To Tracey Matthews and Jess Ewin—thank you for all your effort with the coaching. You do a great job and we are so lucky to have you both!

Committee for the 2014/2015 Season:

President  (not filled)
1st Vice Pres (not filled)
2nd Vice President (not filled)
Secretary: Victoria Seis
Treasurer: Mel Bampton
Race Secretary: Adele Stoddart
Assistant: Cathy Gallagher
Publicity Officer: Teena Besgrove
Registrar: Mel Bampton
Club Delegates: Brett Christensen, Cathy Gallagher
Coaches: Tracey Matthews, Jess Ewin

NETBALL: Well done to our netball girls at the Baradine Carnival on the weekend.

THIS WEEKEND GAME: This weekend Dunedoo JRLN has a bye.

RUGBY LEAGUE CAMP for 10-12 year olds: Information regarding this opportunity is below. If you are interested in your child attending this camp please contact Mel Bampton on 0429 040 679 for the registration forms. If we have more than 5 players interested in the camp then we will receive a discounted rate of $305. This would be a fantastic opportunity for our players to receive this experience.

SAVE THE DATE: 28th June 2014 will be our Annual Bon Fire Family Fun Night.

A meeting will be held for preparation for First Holy Communion for 2014.

Thursday 15th May
St. Joseph’s House
At 4.00pm

For further information, please contact Sr. Margaret on 6375 1387

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
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CONFIRMATION 2014

Dear Friends

I am calling for names of those interested in Confirmation at the Anglican Church. Students turning 12 in 2014 and Adults interested are also asked to contact me. Please ring 6375 1246 or email robert@bowman.id.au to advise names of candidates.

Classes will be held on a weekly basis in Coolah, Dunedoo and Mendooran. Arrangements for lessons can be made with people at other centres if required. Candidates will need an A4 notebook, pens etc., a folder for handouts, a copy of a Prayer Book for Australia (a Parish copy can be borrowed) and access to a modern copy of the Holy Bible. These will be needed for each lesson.

I will need to sight original Baptism Certificates.

Meetings will be held:

Tuesday 20th May—Mendooran Central School Library at 3.30pm
Wednesday 21st May—St. Andrew’s Church, Coolah at 4.00pm
Thursday 22nd May—All Saint’s Church, Dunedoo at 4.00pm

Yours faithfully

Fr. Robert Bowman