Dear Parents

P&C Association
The P&C held its AGM today. Congratulations to the newly elected Office Bearers for 2016.
President: Michelle Mills  Vice President: Miranda Whillock
Secretary: Gemma Martel  Treasurer: Mandy Stiff
P&C annual fees of $5 per family are now due and can be paid at the school office or to Mandy Stiff.

From the Principal
This week I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students and families for the wonderful first half of Term 1 we have experienced. The students have settled into their work well, with the teachers being able to ensure the students are exposed to high quality and innovative instruction across the school.

Science & Engineering Challenge
Students in Years 5/6 will compete in a combined Small Schools’ Team at the Western Plains Science and Engineering Challenge this Thursday 10 March at the Dubbo Racecourse. Students need to wear sports uniform and bring a hat, water bottle, fruit, recess and lunch. Thank you to the wonderful parents for transporting our students on this day.

Say NO to Bullying
Congratulations to Jacob Stiff, on winning a Highly Commended certificate in Interrelate’s 2016 Say No to Bullying poster competition. Jacob and his parents have been invited to attend a special Awards Ceremony in Sydney, to mark the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Harmony Day Poster Competition
Harmony Day will be celebrated on Friday 18 March. Students will design posters to enter in the Harmony Day Poster Competition. This year’s theme is ‘Our Diversity is Our Strength’. The day will also be a Mufti Day, or out of uniform day and students are encouraged to wear orange, the Harmony Day colour.

SRC Update
The charity we wish to support in Term 1 is the Bandaged Bear Appeal. Help us raise valuable funds to enable The Children’s Hospital at Westmead to maintain the total healing environment that is vital to the wellbeing of children and families. We will be hosting a ‘Teddy Bear’s Picnic,’ Thursday 31 March. Bring your teddy bear, pack a picnic lunch, wear mufti clothes and please bring a donation. Parents most welcome to join us for lunch on the Ballimore School lawns 1pm start.

Orana Mall Easter Egg Decorating
Students have been busy decorating large Easter egg templates for a display at Orana Mall Dubbo. Next time you are there check out our artwork suspended from the ceiling.

Welcome to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Details will be provided by our school Librarian.

Honour Roll
Congratulations to Hayley Mills, Ashleigh Mills, Juanita Curnow and Gemma Mills who received Honour Awards this week.

Attachments
Parent Calendar
Permission Notes
SRC Leadership Day
Diary
Week 7
Tuesday 8 March: P&C AGM/meeting
Thursday 10 March: Stage 3 Science Challenge
Selective High School Placement Test

Week 8
Tuesday 17 March: SRC Leadership Day, Geurie P.S.
Friday 18 March: Harmony Day

Melinda Suttor
Relieving Principal
8 March 2016