Dubbo South Public School
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Term 1 Week 2, 5th February 2013

From Sharon’s Desk

Welcome back to all from your break and we are certainly back into it! It was wonderful to see our new Kinders yesterday, mostly smiling faces, some with a few tears but overall a positive day to their new Primary Education. Classes appear settled and on track. All students have returned and classes are now in place however some changes may occur over the next week.

New Staff in 2013: Welcome new staff to Dubbo South! Kim Hosking and Rowena Gay will be sharing a class in Stage 3, Patrice Kent as Learning Support Teacher and of course Michelle Wilson back on Year 1 & Sue Mestrom 5/6 and Assistant Principal.

Uniform: Great to see all of our students back wearing the new uniform. Looking great! Please remind your children they need hats, school hats are available from the front office. All students should be wearing black shoes; runners are acceptable however I want to see less colours on shoes. Please don’t spend excessive amounts of money on shoes for trend rather than uniform.

Attendance at school is everyday. Please remember if you must be away due to holidays, family leave etc an exemption form needs to be completed before you leave. These forms will be given to you by class teachers and need to be completed and returned to the school.

Scripture classes are held at school each week. This is non-denominational and many of the lessons are based around family values and expectations. I would expect that all students are in their classes for this 40min each week. If you are not in support of scripture lessons due to your own religious or cultural background please write a note to excuse your child.

Band At the end of last year many of our band members left to go onto Year 7. I spoke to the Macquarie Conservatorium teachers and stated we would look at seeing how many students would be interested this year to get band up and running again. Miss Rogers will be gathering information over the next weeks. Funding for the program will then have to be addressed and revisited. We are looking forward to getting this successful program up and running again this year.

Investiture of School Leaders

The School Captains, members of the SRC and Sports House Captains will be presented with their badges at an Assembly next Thursday 14th February at 10.30am in the School Hall. Parents are very welcome to come along and participate in the ceremony by pinning the badge on your child. Parents are invited for morning tea after the ceremony. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full summer school uniform on the day.

School Captains: Meg Hogan and Jonas Palin

Nominations and voting for House Captains and Vice Captains will take place Friday.

Class Captains Induction

Class Captains inductions for Term 1 will be held Friday 15th February commencing at 1.35pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. A nominal charge of $4 is requested for the class captain badges.

Important Dates

Wednesday 6th February
P&C Meeting

Thursday 14th February
SRC and House Captains Induction Service

Friday 15th February
Class Captains induction

Sharon’s Desk continued.

Extension programs 2013: Anette Geering has been released to facilitate both South Enrich and I.xtend programs this year. Students across Stage 3 were nominated for programs in Writing, Science and Technology as well as Art at the end of 2012 by their teachers. Students will be attending alternative classes throughout the week in these specialist areas. Both staff and outside specialists in these areas will be used to deliver the program. The I.xtend program should kick off Term 2 and will be supported by Mrs Geering—this is an external program for the Gifted & Talented. Letters will be sent home by the end of the week to nominated students across the stage for South Enrich. This program has been established to extend and further challenge our students. Please call and talk to Sharon Murray or Mrs Geering for further information.

Suggestions or Concerns: If you have a suggestion or concern, please make an appointment and have a discussion with me. The only way to improve our school is by working together and keeping communication open.

Have a great week!
Cheers Sharon.

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Volunteers Needed for the canteen

The Canteen is in need of new volunteers for the coming year. If you have a few extra hours that may be filled by volunteering at our canteen please drop in and see Kim. We would love any contribution that you can make.

Meet Our New Teachers

Patrice Kent
I am originally from Dubbo but have spent the last 3 years in Newcastle where I was teaching with severe behavioural and disabled students ranging from K-12 students. I have been teaching for three years and have a huge passion and interest with behavioural students. I am extremely excited to be with South Dubbo Public School and having the role of L.A.S.T teacher and getting to know the students of South Primary and their families.

Kimberley Hosking
I am proud to now be part of the Dubbo South Public School team. I have had a few days now to settle into my new role as teacher of 5/6G along with Rowena Gay and we are both excited about having a terrific year. My daughter attends Dubbo South and I know that there is a great staff and wider school community here that I am looking forward to getting to know.

Rowena Gay
My husband & I have lived in Dubbo for the past 5 years in which I’ve enjoyed being Mum to my 9 month old daughter. I’m looking forward to a fun and productive year here at Dubbo South Public School.

Fruito
A reminder that all children are encouraged to bring a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable to eat while they continue working in their classrooms.

Save the Date
The swimming carnival will be held on Monday 18th February. More details to come next week.

Kindergarten News
Kindergarten students commenced full time school yesterday. They are settling into their classes and learning routines. Finishing time for all kindergarten students will be 3.00pm for the next four weeks until parent teacher interviews take place. Kinder Sport will be commencing in Week 4 i.e. Friday 22nd February. If any parents would like to assist please let your child’s teacher know that you will be there. We do sport from 9:30-10:20 each Friday.

AFL After School Program
An AFL after school program will run from 21st Feb to 28th March from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on top terrace for our students only.

Allergies
If any child has recently learnt of an allergy, or they have asthma, please alert the office and get a health plan from your doctor.

Library News
All students are required to bring a library bag for book borrowing. It is preferable that they be made from plastic material to protect the books from getting wet. All students with overdue books from last year will be issued with a letter.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
A reminder that our uniform with embroidered logo and dresses are only available from the school clothing pool. The clothing pool is open each Tuesday morning from 8.45 to 9.30am and Thursday afternoons from 2.45pm to 3.45pm.

Active After School Care
begins Tuesday 12th February. Every student needs a NEW registration form filled in at the beginning of the year. If you would like your child involved in this term, please obtain a registration form from either Mrs Lunn or the top office. These need to be filled in and returned before your child can participate. Due to supervision restrictions we are only allowed a certain amount of students, so first in best dressed.

No Hat No Play
Parents are reminded that this school has a “no hat no play” policy. Those children who come to school without a hat will be requested to play in a shaded area over recess and lunch.

Circus West
offers a Circus Arts Class to all Dubbo School Students in years 5-12 at Delroy Campus of Dubbo College on Thursday afternoons. Please see the office for more information.