Building & Material Costs
Material costs have been set at $35 and Building Fund at $30 per child. Student diary allocation and inclusion in Life Education Van will not be permitted until Material Costs have been paid.

Investiture of School Leaders
A reminder that 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
SRC Members: Ava Medley, Henry Smidt-Geering, Lucy Gleeson, Ethan Willetts, Maddi Fernando, Conor Dwarte, Kelsey Rowe, Kye Mawson, Aliyah Ngatuakana, Kyjuan Crawford, India DeSousa-Shaw, Nat Lindsay, Maeve Sparrow, Darcy Wood, Maia Ngatuakana, Justin Blanch.

Apologies to those SRC members who were not mentioned in last weeks Newsletter.

House Captains and Vice Captains:
Mitchell: Captains - Bonnie Vance, Kobe Etcell
Vice Captains - Paige Alexander, Blake Merritt
Sturt: Captains - Liana Campbell, Layton Wilkin
Vice Captains - Holly Keizer, Nicholas Shields
Oxley: Captains - Eliza Vail, Liam Farrell
Vice Captains - Paris Wall, Jayden Blake
Blaxland: Jorja Hudson, Liam Duncan
Vice Captains - Casey Williams, Ben Duncan

Band Meeting
There will be a band meeting in Miss Roger’s room tomorrow straight after eating time for all those who were in the band last year as well as any students interested in joining the band this year.

Attachments: AFL Clinic registration form
Premiers Reading Challenge

From Sharon’s Desk
Congratulations to our students who have been voted in as our House Captains for 2013! Their first event is, of course, the swimming carnival. This is a normal school day and we need to see all students there.

Our Environmental Team has organised an audit by the staff from Wambangalang Field Studies Centre on Wednesday and Thursday this week. The staff will work with SRC staff, and some parents, to look at the schools usage of water and electricity. The Environmental Team will then look at results and make recommendations or actions to save the school money as well as making the whole school community more aware of our usage and wastage.

Parent Meet & Greet BBQ will be held Wednesday 20th February. Come along to meet staff and your child’s class teacher. Students took home an invitation as well as an information sheet last week on their stage programs. Bring along any questions you may have. Teacher/parent interviews will be held in Week 8.

School Material Costs have been increased this year to $35.00. This fee covers the provision of your child’s diary, payment for Life Education and Scripture books. This fee has not been increased for quite a few years. A $5 increase is an acceptable amount based upon increased costs of products. A Building Fund is also requested of $30 which goes towards new building projects across the school—the money that has been saved over the last 4 years will contribute towards the new teachers staff room being built from the old unused toilet block. All contributions are voluntary but do make a huge difference to the school and your child’s education.

School Band organisation is underway. A meeting will be held this week to see who is interested in being a part of the band in 2013. The school will work with the Macquarie Conservatorium to support the program if viable. New costing etc for tuition will come home to parents soon. It has been a successful program over the years which I would like to keep going in some form. The Boys drum group will be seeking players very soon.

Staffing: All schools submit numbers for classes this Wednesday. Although we have dropped a little in numbers due to families leaving the district, I believe there should be limited changes, if any needed. Classes will be finalised this week. Students do seem settled and working well.

Uniform Please remember to purchase your children black shoes or plain runners—no fluro colours are acceptable for school.

Have a great week, Cheers Sharon

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**Library News**

Premier’s Reading Challenge is kicking off again. Permission notes for inclusion in this program are being sent home with the newsletter today. All students have the opportunity to participate in this challenge to encourage a love of reading and to enable students to experience quality literature. Participation is voluntary.

**Borrowing** has commenced for all classes except Kindergarten. They will visit the library for the first time this week and will commence borrowing next week. Just a reminder to please bring a library bag on your library day!! The beautiful material bags are fantastic protection from everything except spills. If you use these, could you please place a plastic bag INSIDE it to ensure a leaking drink bottle doesn’t cause any heartache. Also if you received an overdue letter, could you please make contact ASAP so we can get all students reading.

**Book Club: Issue 1 was sent home TODAY!!**

Spare leaflets are available from the Library. All Orders must be returned to the Library no later than 9.20am on Friday of the same week and must be in an enclosed envelope with the student’s name and class clearly marked. Please send EXACT money only. There are NO CHANGE facilities and cheques must be payable to DSPS P & C. Please note that NO late orders are accepted. This is a P&C initiative that allows the school to purchase hundreds of resources each year.

**AFL Auskick**

A 6 week AFL after school program is beginning on Thursday 21st February running till 28th March from 3.30-4.30pm. It will be held at Dubbo South Primary on top terrace for DSPS students only. Peter Yandle, the AFL Development officer, is talking to interested children today and will hand out registration forms. Any other enquiries can be directed to Mrs Heaslip.

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

**Swimming Carnival**

The annual swimming carnival will be held Monday 18th February from 8.45 am with Open (all age) medley and 100 metre freestyle events.

**Costs**- Pool entry is $3.00 and bus fares $3.50 per student. (Total $6.50) which is payable to class teachers only. Season ticket holders are admitted free but must produce the season ticket to class teachers for recording.

**Transport**: Students can be dropped at the pool by parents at 9 a.m. and picked up before 3 p.m. If students are not collected before buses return to school, they will be placed on buses and returned to school. Buses will leave school at 9.10 a.m. and return at approximately 3.05 p.m. Buses will be booked on a needs basis so please discuss transport options with your child. **No student is to walk, ride or travel to or from the pool by any other means, unsupervised.**

**After the carnival**: Children remaining at the pool must have written consent from parents and be must be supervised by a parent. They are to leave the pool in the company of the school and will then be readmitted at no additional cost.

**Parent spectators**: Entry at $3.50 which allows for unlimited pass outs OR a payment of $2 for a once only entry.

- **A school team will be selected, on performance, to compete at the Dubbo District PSSA Twilight carnival on Thursday evening 28th February 2013.**
- **Students in Year 2, who turn 8 years this year, have been invited to attend. Permission notes are available from the school office.**

**How to keep my ears healthy…**

Students from Kinder to Year 3 will be involved over the next two weeks in a Hearing Health Program commencing next Tuesday 19th February. The Hearing Support Team will be visiting to teach the children ways to keep their ears healthy which will involve a puppet show as well as learning about correct nose blowing technique. Parents are encouraged to join in next Tuesday at 9.40.

**Lost Property** is outside 5/6H classroom near the shed. Please label all clothing, drink bottles, lunch bottles and hats.

**P&C News**

A big thank you to all the parents who attended last week’s meeting! The P & C executive really appreciates everyone’s input and support.

Discussions were had regarding the school band and what was happening with this program this year. Sharon will report back at the next meeting.

The next P & C meeting will be our AGM. It will be on the 6th March at 6.30pm.