**Dubbo South Public School**  
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility

**Term 1 Week 4, 19th February 2013**

**Important Dates**
- Friday 22nd February
  - K-6 Assembly—Item by 5/6H
- Monday 25th February
  - Kindergarten finishing time 3.15pm
- Thursday 28th February
  - District Swimming Carnival

Kindergarten Finishing Time will be 3.15 from next Monday 25th February.

### Material Costs and Building Fund

The Material Costs and Building Fund has been set for the year. **Material costs @ $35 per child** covers the cost of diaries for students in Stages 1-3, scripture fees, Life Education Van and computer education consumables. **The Building Fund @ $30 per child** is tax deductible and assists with Capital Building projects within the school. Your contributions over the past couple of years will assist with the refurbishment of the old toilet block.

### Help us Save Paper!!

Would you like the newsletter emailed to you each week? If so please email:

[dubbosouth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dubbosouth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

stating your name and your children’s names. You can also access the newsletter from our webpage which is regularly updated with news items, photos and events. Please note that a new email list is compiled at the beginning of each year. Those parents receiving the email last year will need to re-register. We hope to have all electronic newsletters by the end of Term 2. Access to the newsletter is available from our website:

www.dubbosouth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Please email the school if you don’t need to receive a paper copy. **Let’s save some paper!**

### Year 6 shirts

This year the Year 6 shirts are being supplied by Crocodile Creek. The shirts will be royal blue with a gold panel down each side, school crest on the pocket panel and the names of all Year 6 on the back. The sizing is the same as the sports shirt and we have a size 12 and 16 for fitting. The cost of the shirt is $35. Please return the slip below with your payment by Friday 8th March.

Name: ................................................................. Class.............
Number of shirts required ............... Size: .........................
Total enclosed: .........................
Signed: ............................................................... (Parent)

### From Sharon’s Desk

Thank you to all of our parents who came to support their children or as volunteers for jobs at our Swimming Carnival. What a great day weather wise and congratulations to all students on their behaviour. Everyone looked like they enjoyed themselves! It was wonderful to see some P.B.’s but also students participating in all races and events. Congratulations to Sturt, the victorious house! Great effort to staff for the smooth running of the day.

**School Development Days:** There will be 2 development days in Term 2 held on Monday 29th April & Tuesday 30th April. The 2nd (extra) day has been granted to all schools based upon the introduction of the new English syllabus in 2014. I will inform you of the program as we get closer to the end of term. All students will return to school for Term 2 on 1st May.

**School Contributions** have been slightly increased by $5 to $35 for the year. This contribution provides supplies for your child’s learning, diary, scripture books and classroom resources as well as entry to Life Education Van which is part of your child’s PD/H/PE curriculum for the year. Your payment of this amount would be appreciated. The building fund remains at $30.

**Get Smart Operation** is a joint attendance initiative between the Department of Education and Training and the NSW Police that targets students whose school attendance is poor. It is compulsory that students between the ages of 6 and 17 attend school each day the school is open. An explanation for any absence is required by law and must be received by the school within 7 days of the absence. Next week teams of school personnel and police will visit families of children with attendance concerns and conducting streetbeats where they will be interviewing compulsory school aged students to establish why they are absent from school.

**Dogs in Playground:** It has been noticed that whilst collecting children from school some families are bringing their dogs. Some of our students are very scared of dogs so it would be appreciated if when bringing children to school or collecting them in the afternoon that people leave dogs at home.

**School Music Program:** I have been in contact with the Macquarie Conservatorium and they will be arranging a puff and blow for interested students in the near future. If you require further information please contact Mrs Blekemore in the top office.

**Shoes:** Another reminder that shoes should be black as per school policy—no fluro colours please!! If shoes have already been purchased, please make sure that any shoes you purchase in the future are black runners.

As a school it is important that our students dress ready for their school day complete with full school uniform. Have a great week, Cheers Sharon.

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Archer Study is a longitudinal study into the health & wellbeing of adolescents in the Dubbo & Orange areas. It is currently into its second year of data collection with over 280 students participating. Recruitment into this study is still open to new students. The staff at ARCHER encourage families with students in Years 5, 6 & 7 to participate. For more information please call 6882 0288, email archer@med.usyd.edu.au or visit www.archerstudy.org.au.

School Attendance
IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY...NOR TO BE LATE TO SCHOOL
When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day and gets there on time.

As parents you need to make a commitment that your kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that you need to send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Maths Skills in Action in the Environment
On Friday 8th 6H maths class worked with Dubbo City Council’s Parks and Landcare Education Officer, Karen Hagan, to apply maths skills in the environment. A new playground at the South Dubbo Oval is about to commence construction. Our students were given an explanation of workplace safety procedures, how to visually assess the health of, and measure, trees, what things the Council take into account when building near trees and factors influencing the design of a playground. It was great being a part of a new project that the children will eventually be able to access themselves.

Thanks to Karen for her organisation and expertise and to the students who fully participated and took great interest in the activities.

Callum Pomroy and Kobi Etcell

ICAS Competitions
A note has been sent home today with students in Years 3-6 for involvement in the ICAS competitions. All notes and money are to be returned to the top office by Friday 22nd March.

Healthy Hearing
Just a reminder that the Healthy Hearing program started today and will run for the next 2 weeks. Parents are encouraged to come along to the sessions. Please ask your child’s teacher for session times.

SRC & Class Captain Induction
It was great to see all our SRC students and class captains being presented with their badges last week. Well done everyone!

Swimming Carnival was held yesterday, Monday 18th February, with an early start for long distance medley event swimmers. The numbers of competitors in each event were greater than last year, especially in junior age groups. The winning house was Sturt, clear by more than 100 points! Congratulations to STURT house swimmers and cheer squad. A new record was set in the 13yrs Girls 50m Freestyle by Felicity Hedger breaking a longstanding record set by Elizabeth Burrell in 1994. WELL DONE!

Age Champions:
Senior Boys: Angus Wood  r/up Liam Duncan
Senior Girls: Maddison Fernando  r/up Kelsey Rowe
11years Boys: Jayden Blake  r/up Ben Duncan
11 years Girls: Ava Medley  r/up Martha Munn
Junior Boys: Darcy Wood  r/up Jack Wallbridge
Junior Girls: Sophie Goodall  r/up Amelia Raidaveta

Congratulations to all Champions and runners up and to all competitors. Entrants for each event, including relays, in Dubbo District Carnival will be notified on the sports board this week. Thanks to all parent helpers and supporters. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and experienced band of helpers and such loyal supporters of all our sporting events. It really makes the carnivals run smoothly and sets a great atmosphere for competitors.

Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney
Stage 3 students have the opportunity to participate in a 2 night excursion to Sydney. Permission notes are being issued with today newsletter. Parents are encouraged to pay by regular instalments. A deposit of $50 is required by the end of this term to ensure your child’s place on this excursion.

Kindergarten News
Next week homework, homereading and 3:15pm finishing time commences for Kinder students.

Students arriving before 9am need to wait at the blue wall until the 9 o’clock bell has rung. Once this bell has rung, they can proceed to their classroom to commence homereading.

Best Start result letters will be coming home soon. Please read the letter and talk to your child’s teacher if you require any further explanation.

Easter Raffle
The Easter Raffle will be happening again this year. The date for drawing the winner is yet to be set, but you can now start bringing your donations to the office.

Donations of Tissues required for each classroom.

The savings made are used to resource your child’s classroom.
DSPS SRC Induction

Congratulations!