**Important Dates**

**Thursday 28th February**  
District Swimming Carnival

**Wednesday 6th March**  
P&C Meeting  
Friday 8th March  
Western Swimming Carnival

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**From Sharon’s Desk**

*Good luck to all students representing our school at the District Swimming Carnival on Thursday evening. We are sending a strong team of 39 students. Enjoy & do your best!*  

**Schools Education Day (SEG) meeting will be held this Friday.** Principals from all local schools in our area will meet to discuss the new curriculum and the latest draft model regarding the support network for Principals across our vast Western Area. Under the realignment of DET NSW Public Schools some services that provide support to our schools have been changed, amalgamated or cut back.

**Car Park** The staff car park in Fitzroy St is “FOR STAFF ONLY”. Parents have been parking in the carpark to drop off or collect children or go to the canteen. This is a high traffic area with trucks and cars coming and going all day. Little people are not expected to be walking there and at times can’t be seen. To keep all children safe please don’t use this area.

**School Expectations** are high at Dubbo South and we continually reinforce the school expectations of care, cooperation, respect and responsibility. “Olly the Owl” is our school mascot & represents the lessons behind the expectations. As a part of these lessons teachers are now targeting the classroom for class rules and expectations to be consistent across K-6. The new rules will be sent home in the next 2 weeks. As a part of respecting each other, all students need to look after their equipment & gear whilst at school. I would certainly expect that no one goes to anybody else’s bags whilst at school. If you have any concerns at all, please see the class teacher.

**P&C AGM** will be held Wednesday 6th March at 6.30pm. It would be great to see lots of new faces on the night. The school relies upon the hard work of the P&C and the Canteen who contribute to our school in many projects for your children. Come along meet some new parents & get involved!

**Lunches:** Please ensure that when preparing your child for school it is your responsibility to ensure they have a healthy packed lunch and enough food for growing and active little bodies for the day. In an emergency only, children are able to make their own sandwich. This is not to be used as a regular occurrence. For any reason you are unable to provide your child with lunch please contact the school and speak to Dina, Deb or myself.

**Cheers Sharon.**

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**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* 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 gold with a royal blue 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)
**Library Newsletter for week 5**

**NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge** Thanks to all who have returned their permission note. We have more than 130 students registered so far. Reading records are being distributed and all who registered should have them by this Friday. If you haven’t returned your note, it’s not too late! Spare notes are available from the library.

**Book Club** The first issue has been completed and orders handed out to students. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Smith in the Library.

**Library Monitors** Congratulations to our first 10 library monitors for Term 1: Will Mackander, Ruby Piper, Jorja Fuller, Ellie Taylor, Katie Alston, Ellouise Priest-Bayley, Jaycinta Newman, Vi Filipi, Hayley Rumbel and Sadhir Shiraz. There were so many applications again this year that we have decided to have 10 monitors each term. It’s fantastic to see so many students wanting to take on the responsibility of a leadership role.

**APP for our School** Great News! Our school now has a mobile phone APP. What’s that you may ask? It is an application that sits on your smart phone and gives you instant access to our school information when you click on it, 24/7. The APP is going to give parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, or to send in a sick note while you stand outside the school because you forgot to write a paper note! We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but for now download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Google Play Market and search for Dubbo South Public School. Once you have found it press install or download.

**ICAS Competitions** A reminder that all notes for the ICAS competitions, and money, need to be returned to the School office by 22nd March.

**Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney** Parents are encouraged to pay by regular instalments. A deposit of $50 and permission note is required by the end of this term to ensure your child’s place on this excursion.

**Easter Raffle** donations are being collected at the school office.

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**Donations of Tissues required for each classroom.**

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

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**Girls Cricket Team** Congratulations to the Girls Cricket team who defeated Dubbo North 97-83 yesterday in Dubbo. For their first time together they worked well as a team, despite two players leaving the team and two other girls who left the field unwell. The weather was very hot and muggy, but they hung in there to eventually break free from the neck and neck score. Dubbo North were kind enough to field two of their players to replace ours with one taking a catch!! (Very sportsmanlike indeed!!) In the bowling arena, Meg Hogan scored 3-10 and bowled a maiden over; Maddi Fernando showed great improvement from last year and newcomer Ava Medley bowled 2-15. Rebecca McMahon was tremendous support to the wicket keepers, who did a pretty good job containing the ball. Well done girls, you were great ambassadors for South and a pleasure to take. A huge thankyou to the parents and grandparents who spectated and provided transport.

**District Swimming Carnival** Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the District Swimming Carnival which will be held this Thursday: Maddison Fernandez, Kelsey Rowe, Sophie Goodall, Amelia Raidaveta, Ella Murray, Jessica Hall, Sarah Hall, Alicia Fernado, Alix Medley, Katelyn Tink, Ava Medley, Bonnie Vance, Martha Munn, Eliza Vail, Liana Campbell, Felicity Hedger, Lindsay Noke, Eva Laird, Holly Keizer, Paris Wall, Jayden Blake, Angus Wood, Jack Wallbridge, Hamish Wood, Liam Duncan, Liam Farrell, Sean McCabe, Jonah Raidaveta, Ted Murray, Thomas Shields, Travis Edwards, Ben Duncan, Jacob Clark, Ethan Willetts, Oscar Eckford, Zac Setterfield, Ben Wheeler, Callum Pomroy. Notes were sent home with event details but please check the sports noticeboard to confirm the events you are competing in.

**Clothing Pool** Donations are requested of second-hand gold sports polos and the royal blue/gold general uniform polos for the clothing pool. Please drop any donations into the uniform shop during opening hours or the top office.

**Healthy Hearing** is still underway. Parents are encouraged to come along to the sessions. Ask your child’s teacher for times.

**Schoolkids Bonus** Many of you would have already received an instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus in January. This is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. If you receive a family or income support payment, you could be eligible for this payment. To receive this payment, you need to make sure you notify Centrelink of any changes to your child’s schooling arrangements, i.e. if they have started Primary School or have moved from Primary School to High School.

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The Canteen AGM was held yesterday, 25th February. Gretchen Stewart was re-elected as president and Shona Alexander continuing as Secretary. Sue Tink has been elected as Treasurer.

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**Canteen Roster**

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Kim can be contacted at the canteen on 6882 2957.