Dubbo District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our team of 39 students who performed exceptionally well at the District Swimming Carnival last Thursday evening going home with the overall points trophy. Some highlights included Maddison Fernando winning the Senior Girl Champion, Sean McCabe broke the Byrs boys freestyle record and all relay teams will be going on to compete at Western Region level. The following children will be representing the Dubbo District in the Western Area Swimming Carnival:

Ella Murray, Sarah Hall, Amelia Raidaveta, Sophie Goodall, Eva Laird, Alix Medley, Alicia Fernando, Ava Medley, Paris Wall, Martha Munn, Felicity Hedger, Lindsay Noke, Maddison Fernando, Bonnie Vance, Kelsey Rowe, Sean McCabe, Ted Murray, Jonah Raidaveta, Darcy Wood, Jack Wallbridge, Jayden Blake, Ben Duncan, Liam Duncan, Angus Wood, Ethan Willets and Hamish Wood. Well done!

Material Costs and Building Fund

A reminder that $35 Material Costs and $30 Building Fund is now due. The Material Costs levy covers the cost of diaries, scripture fees and Life Education Van which will commence on 15th March.

From Sharon’s Desk

Congratulations to our dynamite team going to the Western Swimming Carnival on Friday. All of our students did us proud with the relay team and individual events being outstanding. A huge thank you to Mr Colin Hare, Mrs Wendy Lee and all staff who were at the pool during the overcast and rainy evening organising the events. Thank you to our parents for their support. I would like to make a special mention of Ethan Willets and Angus Wood, who after gaining permission, took it upon themselves to help out a child who was in trouble in the pool. Absolutely outstanding role models from our school. Well done! Good luck to our Western Area representatives who compete this Friday.

After our SEG meeting held last Friday with local district Principals—we were introduced to the new division between school management areas. The old Western Region now known as Team 4 contains 44 towns including Dubbo, Orange, Cobar, South Coast and Wollongong. We are still unsure of what the model means for delivering of quality programs out west? Certainly programs and support can’t be in the same form as it was before. Please get onto the DEC website and look at key stories about the new model of realignment.

Traffic Conditions:

Please be aware of the “No Stopping” and “No Parking” signs located in Fitzroy and Dalton Streets. These signs have been posted for the protection and well being of all our students. We have included the fines associated with not obeying these traffic signs.

- No Parking: 8.30 to 9.00am, 3.00 to 3.30pm. Fine: $155
- No Stopping: 8.30pm to 9.00am, 3.00 to 3.30pm. Fine: $243

Children’s Crossing: Stop on or near. Fine: $324

Police have been patrolling the area and will continue to do so. See the adjacent mud map an parking zones.

Science and Engineering Challenge

is being held today at the Dubbo Turf Club. I am accompanying a very talented group of 12 students. I look forward to seeing the talent we have in our school. Photos next week. I am sure I’ll be shown a thing or two in this area!

AECG Meeting

will be held at Dubbo Central School this Thursday 1.30pm. I hope to see all of our Aboriginal parents there.

School App:

Download our school App FREE! We have had a lot of positive feedback from parents so download our fantastic App to give you access to newsletters, canteen and the latest news. You can send in absentee letters from home at the touch of a button. Have a great week!

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Library Newsletter for week 5

No bag, No Library book: Due to the large number of books that have been damaged over the past few weeks (mainly due to leaking drink bottles or fruit), we will be enforcing the NO bag NO Library Book policy. This will begin next week. Remember: A plastic shopping bag will do! Donations of plastic shopping bags would be greatly appreciated.

Book Club: Issue 2 was sent home today. It is due no later than 9.20am THIS Friday 8th March! Orders must be returned to the Library in an envelope with the student’s name and class clearly marked. EXACT money only please as there are NO CHANGE facilities. Cheques must be payable to DPS P & C.

NO late orders are accepted. This is a P&C initiative that allows the school to purchase hundreds of resources each year.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge: We have more than 190 students registered so far!! Reading records have now been distributed to all who have returned their permission note. It’s not too late to enter!! Spare notes are available from the library.

South Enrich

Our South Enrich program has commenced in Stage 3 with workshops in Writing, Art and Technology and Science. Mrs Mestrom delighted students with the Jelly Bean Challenge. Students had to develop a marketing campaign to sell a new jelly bean flavour aimed at 10 to 12 year olds. In Art, local artist Ms Catherine Stein showed students how to make natural wool felt and how to create designs using felting needles and dry wool. Students enjoyed the feel of the sheep wool but the most fun was sloshing around water and soap to make the fibres join together. In Writing with Mrs Geering, students began a unit of Media Studies – Newspapers. They wrote an original masthead, slogan, headline and subheading for the front page of a newspaper they are developing. Students are working on creating a humorous front page story!

Rebecca McMahon, Henry Smidt-Geering and Oscar Eckford enjoying felt making.

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 1 - Community Involvement

Stage 1 would like to invite any interested parents to our Stage Assembly to give a short talk about a community group or organisation you are involved with. Your talk would explain the organisation, its practices, equipment, clothing etc. Please contact your child’s teacher if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to give our students a greater understanding of our diverse community and the services it offers.

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.

Singing Workshop

We are very fortunate to have Michelle Leonard, an award winning singer, conductor and inspirational artistic director of the Moorambilla Festival to conduct a singing workshop for those students involved in the school choir and drumming group at our school next Wednesday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am for boys and 10.00am top 11.00am for girls. From this workshop a small number of students with interest and potential may be offered a place in Moorambilla Voices Regional Children’s Choir performing at the Moorambilla Festival in Coonamble. This workshop is an educational and cultural activity that will get every student energised, thinking and singing. If offered a place in Moorambilla fees will apply.

For more information please visit www.moorambilla.com

Clothing Pool: Thank you for those parents who have donated second-hand gold sports polos and the royal blue/gold general uniform polos for the clothing pool. We are still in need of second hand clothing so if you can clean out wardrobes it would be much appreciated by our school parents.

Long sleeved polos will be available for sale from Tuesday 12th March. The cost of shirts are sizes 4 to 16 $25 and S, M and L $28.

Congratulations

Well done to Kevin Mackay who was awarded a Principals Award for his wonderful story writing.

P&C News

The AGM for the P&C will be held this Wednesday at 6.30pm in The Shed. All positions will be declared vacant and elected at the AFM. Following the AGM we will be holding our monthly meeting where reports will be provided by the treasurer, canteen, fundraising and uniform coordinators. Our Principal will also provide us with a report of what is happening at school. This month Anette Geering will be attending the meeting to give us a talk about the i.xtend, South Enrich and other extension programs she is coordinating. See you there.

Help us Save Paper!!

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dubbosouth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au stating your name and your children’s names. You can also access the newsletter from our website www.dubbosouth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or alternatively download out new App.

Assembly Item by 1M is POSTPONED until the end of this term.