**Important Dates**

**Wednesday 14th March**
- Selective High School Testing
- Choral workshop with Michelle Leonard

**Monday 18th March**
- Parent Conferences

**Thursday 21st March**
- Harmony Day

**Playground Supervision**

*No supervision is provided before 9am*

When children arrive at school prior to 9am, they are required to sit in the area between the office and the shed. Home reading commences at 9am. Children and volunteer parents are required to move to classrooms when the 9am bell rings. If a teacher is not supervising in the classroom, students are to remain in the supervised playground area.

**Life Education Van**

Life education van is an important part of PD/H/PE curriculum. The van will be here from Monday 18th March to Wednesday 3rd April. The entry fee for the van is included in the material costs contribution of $35 per child. The timetable is provided for your information. To ensure your child has access to this program, payment of $35 material costs is required before your child attends.

- Mon 18/3: KR & 4H
- Tues 19/3: 5/6B, KG & 4T
- Wed 20/3: 2W, KRY & 5/6R
- Thur 21/3: 2R, 2F, 1L & 5/6L
- Mon 25/3: KP & 5/6M
- Tues 26/3: KB & 3F
- Wed 27/3: 3M, 1/2G & 5/6G
- Thur 28/3: 3/4N, 1K, 5/6H
- Tues 2/4: 1M & 4J
- Wed 3/4: 1W & 3A

**Western Region Swimming**

On Friday 8th March, our school was represented by 26 students. They all did a great job! Congratulations to the following students that have qualified for the State Carnival held at Homebush on Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd April: Ella Murray, Sean McCabe, Jonah Raidaveta, Sophie Goodall, Kelsey Rowe, Felicity Hedger, Lindsay Noke, Darcy Wood, Jayden Blake, Amelia Raidaveta, Alix Medley, Katelyn Tink, Jack Wallbridge, Ethan Willetts, Liam Duncan & Angus Wood.

**Sorry Day Pledge Book**

A Sorry Book has been provided to our school to provide the opportunity for non Indigenous Australians to write a message of support, recognition or understanding of the healing journey for reconciliation between all Australian people. The book will be available for our school community in the school office.

**Car Park**

Just a reminder that there is to be NO student drop offs or pick ups in the Fitzroy St Staff Car Park. Please keep our children safe!

**From Sharon's Desk**

Well done to all of our students who participated in the Western Region swimming carnival! It’s great to see top results. Congratulations to those relay teams and individual students who are off to the State Swimming competition. I will attending the **Regional Principals Conference** in Dubbo over the next 2 days. Neva Pengilly will be acting Principal in my absence. I look forward to hearing the guest speaker, Professor Geoff Masters, who is a very well know educator, speak on the development of the new document entitled “National School Improvement Tool”. Schools from around the area will be showing interesting programs from their schools—good food for thought!

**Every School, Every Student** policy has been developed to provide the opportunity and directives to ensure that modifications are made to students learning programs where required eg, those children who have a disability, or area of need in behaviour, learning, speech, hearing etc. Over the next term, teachers will need your input, as parents, into your child’s Personalised Education Learning Plan (PELP). A team approach is required to ensure your child’s needs are being met. If you have any further enquiries please discuss them with your class teacher at your 3 way conference coming up in Week 8 or speak to Sue Rathbone or Patrice Kent.

**Science & Engineering Challenge** was held last week at the Dubbo Turf Club. I was very privileged to accompany 12 students from here to work in teams with other schools. The students had a fabulous time working with a series of challenges—building planes, catapults, buildings; all out of few resources, and set up descriptive instructions all the while accruing points for the their teams. Hopefully next year we will take many more students. Our school came overall 5th out of the 13 teams.

**3 Way Conferences** will be held on Monday 18th March. It would be wonderful to have as much parent and student participation as possible. If you haven’t already arranged an interview time, please do so as soon as possible. This is a valuable communication tool between school and home.

**P&C AGM** was held last week. Congratulations to the new officers. If there is anything you would like particularly addressed at a P&C meeting in regards to programs operating at school, please let me know so I can include them.

Have a great week, Cheers Sharon.

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**Library Newsletter for week 5**

Just a reminder that **No bag, no Library Book** has begun. Donations of plastic bags would be greatly appreciated.

**Book Club** orders have been sent away and will be distributed to the children when they are delivered.

**NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge**: 200 children have registered. 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.

**ICAS Competitions** A reminder that all notes for the ICAS competitions, and money, need to be returned 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.

**Uniform Shop:**

From Tuesday 2nd April there will be an increase in prices of the following items (new price listed):

- Sports Jacket Sizes 4-16 = $35
- Adult sizes = $40
- Polar Fleece Adult Sizes = $35

**Head Lice** It’s important that all parents are vigilant with checking your children’s hair for head lice and treating them immediately and continue treatment until they are all gone. Sometimes once isn’t enough! There are also ways in which you can prevent your child from getting head lice available from pharmacies.

**K-2 Sports Carnival & Easter Hat Parade**

The Easter Hat Parade and Sports Carnival will be held Thursday 28th March (Week 9). The day will start at 9:30 on top terrace for the parade then students will move into novelty races and Easter based rotations. Everyone is welcome to come and watch the sports rotations and Easter Hat Parade and join your children for a BBQ sausage sizzle which will be available for lunch.

**Year 6 Shirts—Closing date tomorrow!**

We will be closing the order for Year 6 shirts tomorrow. No late orders will be accepted. If you haven’t ordered as yet please complete the order slip and send it in with $35 tomorrow.

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**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 tomorrow morning from 9.30am to 10.15am for girls and 10.15am top 11.00am for boys. 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

**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 website www.dubbosouth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or alternatively download our new App.

**P&C News**

The P & C held their AGM on the 6 March 2013. The P & C executives for 2013 are:

- Co-presidents: Jason Blake & Darienne Keizer
- Secretary: Toni Fernando
- Treasurer: This position is vacant.

The P & C are looking for someone to fill this position. If anyone has any financial experience and is interested in filling this position please contact the school. This position is a very important part of the P & C. The monthly meeting was held after the AGM. Anette Geering attended the meeting and provided information about l.xtend and the South Enrich program. It was great to see the new parents who attended the meeting. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 April 2013.

**Easter Raffle**

The Easter Raffle is to be drawn Monday 25th March. Tickets will be distributed today and need to be returned to the top office by Friday 21st March. Extra tickets are available for those conscientious students that sell all their tickets and would like to sell more. More donations of Easter Eggs or gifts are required!! Please drop your donations off at the office no later than Friday 21st March.

**SRE**: Children of the Catholic Faith Tradition have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. A Welcome to Sacrament evening for parents will be held Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm in St Brigid’s Church. Please contact Katrina Isbester on 6882 4233 for further information.

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**We are a NUT FREE ZONE.** It is extremely important that you do not pack anything for your child containing nuts or peanut butter including muesli bars and nutella.