Dubbo South Public School
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility

Term 1 Week 9, 26th March 2013

Important Dates
Thursday 28th March
K-2 Easter Hat Parade & Sports Carnival

Friday 29th March
Easter Break

Monday 1st April
Easter Break

Wednesday 3rd April
AFL Paul Kelly Cup

From Sharon’s Desk
“South Enrich” is delivering some fantastic programs at our school. It is wonderful to see our students so well engaged. Mrs Anette Geering has been running a quality program for targeted students where they explore areas of interest and in their talents. Yesterday Ana Tovey from ABC Sydney took a group of students who participated in a photography appreciation workshop. Students loved it. Further workshops using specialists from our local community will continue.

School development days will be held the first 2 days of next term. The second day has been allocated to all Public Schools providing additional training for the new English Syllabus to be introduced in 2014. I will inform you next week of the final sessions being held for staff. All children will return on Wednesday 1st May.

Evaluations regarding our 3 way Conference process held last week are due. Please send in your response to see how we can improve our contact/communications. Thanks to all who have already responded. Please follow up with your child’s teacher if you didn’t get to attend one of these meetings.

Easter Hat Parade is coming up, it would be great to see lots of parents at the school this Thursday. We kick off at 9.30am. The Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students have done a marvellous job in the preparation of their Easter hats.

P.B.L. Overall many of our students do the right thing everyday and certainly apply themselves to all parts of their learning. Keep it going!! For some though, I would like to remind that our expectations are important. Please remind and reinforce with your children the need to follow all of our four expectations at school—Cooperation, Respect, Responsibility and Care. All students need to be ready for class with appropriate equipment and positive attitudes. Good learning will only take place if students are able to give their best in an environment that is encouraging and engaging.

School Tidiness: It is important that when parents and community members come into our school they see how well it is cared for and looked after. It says much about a school! On Dalton St it has been noticed that there are many cigarette butts and papers left of an afternoon. On bell time, could parents and carers waiting for students be mindful of this please, locals living around notice! Thanks for your cooperation in keeping our school clean.

Have a wonderful Easter, I hope the Bunny is good to all.

Cheers Sharon

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District trials
Congratulations to Ben Wheeler and Ethan Willetts on their selection in the 2013 Western Area Boys cricket team to play in the state carnival later this year.

Dubbo District PSSA Boys Soccer
Seven boys attended district trials last week and all seven were chosen as members of the Dubbo District team to attend Western area trials for possible selection in the Western team to play at state level. Congratulations to Ethan Willetts, Kobi Etcell, Jayden Blake, Kieran Moore, Liam Duncan, Ben Duncan and Connor Dwarte.

Volunteers Needed
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During Music Stage 3 have been looking at the meaning of song lyrics and how artists use them to convey strong messages about the world we live in.

Uniform Shop
End of Term Opening Hours:

| Week 10 | Tuesday 2nd April = 8.45am to 9.30am
|         | Thursday 4th April = 2.45pm to 3.45pm
| Week 11 | Tuesday 9th April = 8.45am to 9.30am
|         | Thursday 11/4 = Closed

SRC
Last Wednesday 20th March, all of the SRC Students from all the schools around Dubbo went to the Bangamalanna Centre to learn about Harmony Day. We were placed into groups and did lots of fun activities such as cooking, painting, games, being filmed and many more. Harmony Day, to the SRC, means that we should all work together no matter who you are, what religion you are or what colour you are. It’s also about respect for each other. It was lots of fun, we learnt a lot and we would like to go back again. We would like to thank Miss Pengilly and Dina for taking us down

Active After School Care
A reminder to all parents that this week is the last week of Active After School. This Thursday we are going to a hockey clinic and that will be the last activity delivered. Please remember that next Tuesday after Easter Monday is not an Active After School day.

Library Newsletter
The NO bag, NO Library Book policy is now in full force. Remember, a plastic shopping bag will do. A huge thank you to those who donated bags. Further donations of plastic shopping bags would be greatly appreciated.

Book Club: The orders for the SALE issue have been completed. Books usually return within a week or two and will be sent home with your child. Just a few reminders; late orders are not accepted & please do NOT fax your order. They are very difficult to read and do not always get to the library promptly. All orders are completed and finalised on the Friday morning they are due. Thank you for your cooperation.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge: Don’t forget to keep a record of the books you have read. You can go to the website to find books included in the challenge or look for the PRC shelves in the library. If you are reading a favourite author or series, remember that only 2 books count toward the PRC total. You can include more in your own choice list. Happy reading!

Easter Raffle
Congratulations to all who won and are taking home an Easter Egg prize from the P&C Raffle. A very big thanks to Amy Pychtin who put all the prizes together along with Shona Alexander all of our suppliers; Darrell Lea, Crutchers IGA, Indulge on Macquarie, Bright & Bubbly Cakes and parents.

Winners were: 1st Katie Tink, 2nd Zac Howarth, 3rd Ella Stewart.

Runners Up were: Robyn Lambe, Joan Eddington, Maureen Blackshaw, Geraldine Andrew, Alex Caley, Chase Cubby, Gloria McKay, Dina Moore, Zoe Manton, Lindsay Noke, Simone Julius, Dianne Whiteman, George Kidd, Caroline Mahoney, Sarah Shields, Jack Wallbridge, Jayden Blake, Darci Powyer, Eric Steward, Olivia Pearn, Gabby O’Neill, Max Steward, Anne Vail, Mia-Lee Rathbone, Kristy Lewis, Mick Strawns, Meg Tozer, Deborah Homes, Sean Jonny Lucy Gleeson, Ben Wheeler, Olivia Pearn, Margaret Nicolson, Susan Blackett, Hamish Wood, Annika Samarasinghe, K Bargmann, Elisha Draper, Darren Smith, Dave Stein, Mitchell Maynard, Braith, Bec, Toby Pay. All prize winners will be contacted today.

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Mrs Strong (a former librarian of our school) came in to talk about her amazing trip to Cambodia for Habitat for Humanity where she volunteered with others to build a house for a family. She handed out 10 cents and a sequin to each one of us, the sequin was to remind us of a lady that lives in Cambodia who sews sequins onto T-shirts, she receives 10 cents for every T-shirt she completes. The 10 cents was ours to make a decision with. We had to decide whether we would keep the 10 cents for ourselves or donate it to the “Making a Difference Jar” that Mrs Prince collects which will go towards purchasing necessities for people in 3rd world countries. Mrs Strong’s talk was educational, entertaining and inspiring. It was also wonderful to see her again.

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