**Important Dates**

- **Friday 12th April**
  - Last day Term 1
  - DSPS ANZAC Ceremony
- **Thursday 25th April**
  - ANZAC Day Parade
- **Monday 29th April**
  - Staff Development Day
- **Tuesday 30th April**
  - Staff Development Day
- **Wednesday 1st May**
  - Students Return
  - P&C Meeting

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**Car park**

It is *extremely important* that you do not use the staff car park to drop off or pick up your children. This includes both parking in and walking through the car park. This is a high traffic area with both cars and trucks doing deliveries and your child may not be able to be seen by these drivers. It would be a shame for a child to be hurt before some parents adhere to this request.

**Respect our Neighbours**

We have had several phone calls and letters from our neighbours regarding parents of this school parking across driveways. Please respect the right of our neighbours by obeying all the parking signs and legal requirements which include not parking across any driveway.

**Uniform Shop**

End of Term Opening Hours:

**Week 11:** The uniform shop is now closed for the rest of the term.

**Term 2 Week 1:**
- Tuesday 30/4: 9.00 - 11am
- Wednesday 1/5: 8.45 - 9.30am
- Thursday 2/5: 2.45 - 3.45pm

**From Week 2 hours as normal:**
- Tuesdays: 8.45 - 9.30am
- Thursdays: 2.45 - 3.45pm

Winter uniform pieces are now available. Order forms and price lists are included in this week's newsletter.

**Mothers Day Stall**

The P&C will be running a Mothers Day stall second week back in Term 2. Gift donations for the stall for gifts with a value of no more than $5, can be given to the office.

**From Sharon’s Desk**

We are near the end of term and I would like to say thank you to all parents and carers for your support throughout the busy term, whether here at school or at home with. I would like to wish everyone a great holiday and I will see you all back for another busy term on 1st May.

**Staff Development Day** will be held for two days next term (a one off) to help support teachers in introducing the new English Syllabus that will be implemented in 2014. Staff will be working through a number of workshops connected to the new curriculum. Other areas of development that staff will be involved with include Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and participating in a CPR refresher.

All students return Wednesday 1st May. It would be great to see all students return in full winter uniform.

**Staffing:** Farewell to Mrs Sue Mestrom and Mrs Gaylene Barker who are heading to promotional positions at Orana Heights. We wish them luck. I will inform parents of the two replacements as soon as they are confirmed.

**ANZAC Day March** is held on ANZAC Day (25th April) during the school holidays. It would be great to see lots of students on the day. Students are to meet at 10.00am outside the Centrelink offices in Wingewarra St in FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM including a school hat. Please make sure your child has a drink bottle. In previous years we have had a large contingent of teachers and students marching in the Dubbo ANZAC Day March. This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to our Active and Returned Service Men and Women. The march will proceed down Wingewarra St, along Macquarie and Talbragar Streets to arrive at the Cenotaph for the ceremony which commences at 11am.

**Annual School Report** for 2012 has been completed. The report will be available on the School website by the end of the week if you wish to read about programs, results for 2012 and where to for 2013. Please have a read.

Have a great week, Cheers Sharon
Library News

**NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge:** We have more students who have completed the 2013 challenge! Amazing!! Congratulations to Annabelle Stephens in Year 1, Beth Blanch in Year 3 and Tamika Brunner, Xavier Gordon, Naliesha Su’a and Zaland Yousafzai in Year 4. It is not too late to enter as the challenge does not end until August. Notes are available from the library. The PRC website [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html) allows you to keep your reading log online & lists all PRC books. The username and password are the ones you use at school to go on the internet.

**Holidays:** With 2 weeks of holidays, it is the perfect time to wash those library and school bags! Washing library bags or choosing a new plastic bag helps to keep our books in great condition. The local library, Macquarie Regional Library have some great Prehistoric activities planned for the holidays. Contact the Library for more details. Well worth a visit! Relax and enjoy your holidays. If you can’t get away, remember...a book can take you anywhere!

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This Community Program enables schools to earn educational resources. The program commenced yesterday. Please don’t forget to collect your vouchers and either put them in the Dubbo South Primary School box at Woolworths or bring them up to the school office.

**Project Water Rat - 5/6L Excursion**

On Thursday the 4th of April, 25 students from 5/6L went with Mrs Lunn to Western Plains Zoo to begin their work on Project Water Rat. Project Water Rat is about raising the profile of the Water Rat in our local environment. This project is designed to empower students to become advocates for this local species not just by raising awareness, but through helping their families and communities change their attitudes and behaviours towards their local environment. On our first day we were lucky enough to learn all about water rats in our local Macquarie River, and were introduced to some slimy, and spiky creatures. It was a fantastic day and the students really enjoyed themselves. A big thankyou to the Sally Webster, Kristy Priest, Tammy Shields, Kylie Crawford Michelle Bateup and Justin Farrell for helping out with transport.

**Show Entries**

Students in the following classes need to give 50c to their class teacher for their artwork show entry: All Kinder, 1L, 1K, 1/2G, 2R, 2F, 3A, 3/4N, 3F, 5/6G and K6D.

**Sports News**

**Tennis:** Dubbo South Public School’s Tennis Team, consisting of Katie Alston, Skye Crawford, Conor Dwarte and Liam Duncan, travelled to Molong yesterday to compete in the 2nd round of the PSSA knockout. The boys were strong in the singles and doubles, being victorious in both matches however the girls both went down against their opponents. This meant there was a lot riding on the mixed doubles. We won both mixed games 6/4 and 7/5. Overall DSPS won 38 games against Molong’s 32 winning 5 sets to 3. We now play Bourke early next term.

**AFL Paul Kelly Cup:** Congratulations to the Girls and Boys AFL teams who both won their competitions of the Paul Kelly Cup. They now move on to play at the Regional Finals to be held in Bathurst in Term 2. Their sportsmanship and determination to learn and play the game was outstanding. The teams were an absolute pleasure to take. They both won 3 out of their 4 games.

**Girls Cricket:** Congratulations to the Girls Cricket team who defeated Dubbo West 111-108 yesterday in Dubbo. They have progressed to the fourth round of the State Knockout competition. It was a closely fought contest with Maddison Fernando shining in the bowling taking two wickets. She was backed up by Meg Hogan and Ava Medley who also took 2 wickets each. Rebecca McMahon provided good back up for our wicketkeepers Lily Drash and Kate Roberts. Many thanks to Lindsay Wood for scoring and a huge thankyou to the parents and grandparents who spectated and provided transport.

**Kindergarten News**

**Show Excursion** permission slips and money need to be returned this term ready for the excursion the first Friday of Term 2. **Orana Mutual Colouring Competition:** All Kindergarten students have been given an entry form to be completed in class, for the Orana Mutual Colouring Competition. The completed entries will be entered in the show.

**State Swimming**

Last Tuesday and Wednesday a team of 16 Dubbo South Primary School students competed at the State Swimming Carnival held at Homebush Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. The Junior Boys & Girls Relay Teams beat last years time with the Girls Team finishing 8th overall. Kelsey Rowe came 5th in the 13 years girls freestyle and Ella Murray achieved 14th out of the state for 8 years girls freestyle. The team had a great time representing Western Region at this level. Darcy Wood said he was a bit nervous in the marshalling area waiting for the race but still had heaps of fun.