Important Dates
Tuesday 14th October
   Kinder Concert
Thursday 16th October
   Hearing Bus
Friday 17th October
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   Class Captain Induction Assembly
Monday 20th October
   Dream Festival Lantern Workshop
Tuesday 21st October
   Stage 1 Concert
Thursday 23rd October
   3K and 3M to Red Hill FSC

Shoe Boxes
This is your LAST WEEK to complete your boxes and return them to the office!
If you would like to contribute but don’t think you’d be able to complete a full box, you can send in some items with your child to give to Mrs Prince to put into boxes that she is compiling.

Active After School Care
Active After School Care will recommence today and will be operating on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons until 4.30pm. Students wanting to participate need to collect an enrolment form from the office and return it to Mrs Lisa Lunn. All students that have previously enrolled for 2014 do not need to re-enrol. This is the last term that this program will be running due to Government funding cuts. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Selective High Schools Applications
Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14th October to 17th November 2014. Application information booklets are available from Miss Pengilly or can be downloaded from the High Performing Students Unit’s website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

All Year 5 students will receive an intention to apply form to be returned to Miss Pengilly by next Friday 24th October.

STAMP out Bullying
Please note the change of date for the STAMP out Bullying performance.
Using comedy magic and puppets, STAMP out bullying has the audience in fits of laughter and hanging on every word as the five important STAMP principles are demonstrated. Stay away, Tell someone, Always help, Make friends and Play nice.

When: Monday 27th October
Who: Kinder to Year 6
Cost: $4.50 per child

From Sharon’s Desk
Outstanding effort from three of our ICAS students who received High Distinctions: Olivia Mazzer for Science, India DeSousa-Shaw in Writing and Stephanie Wong in English. These students finished in the 99th percentile in Australia—well deserved!
PSSA kicked off for the term last Friday. I supervised touch football and I was very impressed with the behaviour and involvement of our students on the day. All staff had very positive comments regarding our students. Well done! All students need to remember to bring a drink bottle and wear a hat!
I was involved in training today regarding a new DEC program “Business Intelligence”. The program provides schools with the latest data on a variety of areas including attendance, staffing, students and makeup of communities etc. This will give me and the school, data to make substantiated decisions on the future directions of our school. Much of this data has been available to the Department but not directly to Principals from a central source. All information is confidential and protected. An exciting opportunity.
‘Hear our Heart Bus’ will be here at school again on Thursday and Friday. This is a wonderful program that we are lucky enough to tap into and be launched at Dubbo South. Royal Far West and Hear our Heart Bus Project have joined forces to screen students and improve learning for our children. No hear, no learn! A huge thank you to Royal Far West, Hear our Heart Project team and the services of Dr Rutter!
Congratulations to our boys cricket team. They played against Narromine and had a decisive win!
Thank you to Mr Robinson who supervised the team and parents who drove the students to the match. They will next be playing Condobolin.
Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 are currently being processed. If you haven’t enrolled yet please do so now. Get in before we are full!! If you know of anyone of school age turning 5 by 31st July 2015, advise them to visit the ladies in the front office for an enrolment pack ASAP.
OLGA - More work has been carried out in our Outdoor Learning Garden Area on Dalton Street. Parents, staff and community were busy again on the weekend planting, weeding and organising the next stages of the project - a stone style amphitheatre for outside learning.
If anyone is interested in contributing or helping out, please contact Libby McIntyre on 0429 019 309 or leave your email address at the front office. Students are very excited to see the changes and growth.
Kindergarten Concert will be held tonight. Students are very excited and staff have been busily practising. Hope to see you there tonight to view their hard work. A concert with the theme of “Australian Animals”. Looking forward to it!
Stage 1 perform next Tuesday 21st October and Stage 3 students will perform on Tuesday 28th October. A big thank you to all our students and staff for the amount of work and commitment they have shown getting these shows up and ready to showcase to our school community.
Have a great week, Sharon Murray
**Library News**

HELP! The warmer weather means drinks bottles and ice bricks in schoolbags alongside library books. Eek! Please use plastic bags inside material library bags to help protect our books. Thank you.

**Book Club Issue 7** orders are due to the Library no later than **9.20am Friday 17th October**. Spare leaflets are available from the library. Orders must be in an envelope/lunch bag with the student’s name & class clearly marked. **EXACT** money only please - NO CHANGE facilities. Cheques are payable to DSPS P & C. Online payment slips AND order forms should be returned to the library. NO late orders are accepted. Thank you for supporting Book Club.

**NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to our final Year Three and Year Four Premier’s Reading Champions. Some of these students were able to complete the challenge by using their Library borrowing record. Thanks for being fantastic readers!


**Wheelchair Sports NSW Roadshow**

On Thursday 30th October, Dubbo South Public School will be treated to an information session on Wheelchair sports and an interactive display. All students will be able to see this free presentation.

**Calling all Parents! Community Connections Get-together**

We would like to invite parents to our first Community Connections get-together on Wednesday, October 22nd commencing at 1.35pm in The Shed. Community Connections is a new initiative where parents and community members can meet informally to chat and work on school based projects.

Our first project is to create a mural which will be presented to our Japanese visitors in the Dubbo City Council’s Minokamo Sister City Exchange next year. Dubbo South are creating two murals which reflect our community’s traditional and current use of the Macquarie River. Whilst working on the project, Mr Will Robinson will be talking about aspects of the Aboriginal culture followed by needle wool felting activities with local textile artist, Catherine Stein. It would be great to have our parents create a square for our mural. Our Community Connections get-togethers will be very informal. Talent is NOT compulsory! Just chatting over cups of tea and snacks while we work. You can drop in for five minutes or stay for the hour. Hope to see you there. (If you intend on attending, please return slip below to office)

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**Special of the Week**

This weeks special is: Buy a salad bowl and receive a free frozen orange or apple cup.

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**Kindergarten Concert - Aussie Bush Animals**

Family and friends are invited to attend the Kindergarten Concert this evening in the school hall. A BBQ with sausage sandwiches will begin at 5.30pm. All Kindergarten students need to be at the school by 6pm with the concert beginning at 6.30pm. Cost is $2 per person or $5 per family. Come along and be thoroughly entertained.

**ICAS Results**

Some students from Year 2 through to Year 6 participated in ICAS competitions last term. The following awards were achieved in the areas of Science, English, Spelling and Writing. Well done to all! A particular mention needs to go to three of our students for receiving High Distinctions finishing in the 99th percentile in Australia! What an achievement!!!

**High Distinction**: Olivia Mazzer - Science, India De Sousa-Shaw - Writing and Stephanie Wong - English

**Merit**: English: Darius Ferres, Beth Blanch, Justin Blanch

**Credit**: English: Mali Hopkins Davies, Caleb Wagborn, Donald Vance, Hamish Wood, India De Sousa-Shaw, Jessica Ferraro, Thomas Gray, Nat Lindsay, Julian Morrison-Zhou, Tina Vo, Natalino De Sousa-Shaw

**NSP & P**: Tina Vo, Darcy Wood

Science: Laura Connor, Rebecca Mazzer, Caleb Wagborn, Alannah Ridley, Beth Blanch, Donald Vance, Missaka Henakaralalage, Sasha Morrison-Zhou, Damsarani Wijeysinghe, Madeline Connor, Tina Vo, Justin Blanch

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**Cooperation**

**PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning**

The PBL learning goal for Week 2 is **RESPECT**. This week we are all learning to keep our hands to ourselves in the playground.

Teachers will be looking for students who are respecting others personal space and playing appropriate games.

In the classroom, we are learning to use appropriate language. Students will be discussing the importance of speaking respectfully to others at all times.

Teachers will be handing out tokens to the students who are doing their best to uphold our PBL values.