Term 4 Week 6, 11th November 2014

**Important Dates**

**Wednesday 12th November**
- Kinder Transition
- Boys cricket vs Orange Public in Orange

**Thursday 13th November**
- Kinder Transition
- Stage 2 Gulgong (4T, 3L & MC)

**Friday 14th November**
- K-6 Assembly. Items by: 1K/1L & 5/6M

**Tuesday 18th November**
- Kinder Transition
- Year 2-3 Transition

**Wednesday 19th November**
- Year 6/7 Parent Information Night

- Kinder Transition

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**From Sharon’s Desk**

**Kindergarten Transition** has been occurring with the program in its last 2 weeks. Parents will be informed of what class and teacher their child will have for next year. Due to Best Start testing kicking off at the beginning of their school year in 2015, parents will be informed of dates on which your child will be tested. All Kinders will begin together on Monday 3rd February.

**PSSA program** occurs each Friday for Years 3-6. All students MUST have drink bottles of water as well as school hats on at all times. The weather is only getting hotter and students need to be prepared for the weather conditions. All students leave their bags at school whilst at sport.

**Gulgong Excursions for Stage 2** will see another 2 groups head off this week. I have the pleasure of heading over this afternoon for the evening program. It is a very worthwhile excursion and very engaging for all kids.

I escorted our School Captains to the town cenotaph 10.30am today for the Remembrance Service for combined schools. The school also had an Assembly at 11am to remember and honour all those lost in wars.

**P&C Meeting** was held last week, the last official one for the year. We discussed the program of transition Yrs 6/7, technology as well as new Literacy program “Reading Eggs”. This is a fabulous program levelled at each child’s needs— an engaging computer based literacy program that will engage students K-6. The P&C and school will subsidise this program and the balance to be allocated from school fees. Students will receive a password to access at home for homework.

**School Fees**: voluntary contributions will be set for 2015 at $30 flat rate. This rate will provide all stationary and resources for your children for the year. Life Education Van next year will be an additional cost on top of the fees. There will be no Building Fund at this time.

We wish all the best to a wonderful team of students Natalino De Sousa-Shaw, Justin Blanch, India De Sousa Shaw and Ellie Taylor who are away at Stanwell Tops this week participating in the NSW Premiers Challenge State Debating Finals. Good Luck!

**Congratulations** to Georgia Cudmore and Ella Stewart who represented Northwest Region in a team who participated at the State Gymnastics championship and came 1st in the State. Well done girls!

Have a great week! Sharon Murray

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**Year 7 Parent Information Night**

An information night for parents of children going into Year 7 in 2015 will be held **Wednesday 19th November** at Dubbo Colleges South and Delroy Campus’. The night will begin at 6.30pm and will give you valuable information about school procedures and opportunities for your child.

**Hot Weather and School**

The predicted temperatures for this week are very high. We at Dubbo South Public School are very conscious of making sure all students are safe and healthy. **PLEASE** make sure that your child has a full drink bottle with them every day to keep them hydrated whilst at school and travelling to and from school. If the temperatures do reach the predicted levels, we will make sure that suitable indoor activities are provided for all students to escape the heat.

Our school has a strict no hat no play policy. All students must wear a hat to play in the sun otherwise students must stay under shelter. School bucket hats and caps can be purchased from the uniform shop of the office for $12.00. Check daily to make sure your child is taking a hat to school.
**Canteen Roster**

Wed 12th November | Sally Matthews  
Thursday 13th November | Kathryn Bruce  
Friday 14th November | Jacqui Gravitis  
Monday 17th November | Nicole Mulligan  
Tuesday 18th November | Michelle Kent  

Canteen 6882 2957.

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**Library News**

**Lost Library Books:** With the year sneaking away, it’s time to start thinking about those library books that have been “missing” for a while. Each week students with an overdue book are given a reminder slip. If that book has been MIA for some time the slip may also ask “is this book lost?”. Sometimes accidents happen and books disappear to that place where odd socks live. We would appreciate it if you could pay the replacement cost, so we can buy another copy. Alternatively, please contact the Mrs Smith in the library so we can sort it out before the end of the year.

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**Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program**

Swimming assessment was completed last Thursday. The program will commence on Monday 24th November and will run for two weeks. The amount of $55 is required to be paid before Friday 21st November. If your child has a pool pass please send it in to your child’s teacher to be copied.

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**Kinder News**

During Week 7 (next week) current kinder students are spending an afternoon in a Stage 1 class as part of their transition to Year 1.

**Home reading bags:** We are looking for volunteers to sew home reader bags. Please see one of the Kindergarten teachers for a pattern if you would like to contribute.

Donations of material can be given to any of the Kinder teachers.

**Tea towels:** The final day for ordering the commemorative tea towel is THIS FRIDAY 14th November. Please fill out the form and place in an envelope labelled with your child’s name and class with full payment. If you are not a Kinder parent but would like to order a tea towel you can pick up an order form from the top office.

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**Year 6 Farewell**

Parent Volunteers required: We are still seeking volunteers from parents of Year 5 students to help organise the Year 6 Farewell. If you can help out in any way please contact Nicole Matheson or return the orange note issued late last week.

Our initial meeting was held today however we need the assistance of parents on the night to help out with serving, setting up decorations and cleaning up. Whatever time parents may have whether it is an hour on the night, or each week for planning. Anytime will be greatly appreciated.

**Year 5 Hosts:** Each year our Year 5 students host the Farewell to Year 6. To help with the cost of this event Year 5 students are requested to pay $5 to their class teachers.

**Boxes:** Donations of cardboard boxes to create decorations can be left with Miss Matheson.

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**Beach to Bush**

“Today we went to a presentation by NSW Surf Life Saving to give us safety tips when you are near water and especially the beach. Some of the main tips were how to spot currents and rips, dangerous creatures in the water, and how to tell what the different flags at the beach mean. We really liked the scenario that showed us what a life saver might do if they got caught in a rip or current, and we also liked when they explained what the creatures might do to you and why you should stay away from them.” Hamish Wood and Sarah Hall 4T

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**Student Departures**

If your child is not returning to Dubbo South Public School in 2015, other than students heading into Year 7, can you please notify the school at your earliest convenience to help us with our class allocations.

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**Leadership Literacy Program**

This morning 8 Dubbo South students walked to Orana Gardens Preschool to take part in a Leadership in Literacy program. The students spent some time interacting with the pre-schoolers in the outdoor learning area, and then they went inside and read stories to small groups of children. The preschool then provided the students with morning tea and our students talked to the preschoolers about ‘big school’. Tomorrow a different group of students will attend the preschool. This leadership program will continue over the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Michelle Wilson

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**Active After School Care Excursion**

Students enrolled in Active After School Care have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Club Dubbo to play lawn bowls. Students must return their permission slip to be able to attend and take a hat, water bottle and wear joggers. Parents are required to pick their children up from Club Dubbo on Whylandra Street in West Dubbo at the completion of the excursion. There will be no supervision at school, so if your child is not attending the excursion, other care arrangements must be arranged for your child after school.

**When:** Wednesday 26th November  
**Time:** 3.30pm - 4.45pm  
**Where:** Club Dubbo, Whylandra Street

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**Summer Reading Club - Macquarie Regional Library**

Join the free Summer Reading Club for children of all ages at the Dubbo Branch Library. Bookings open for the launch sessions Monday 24th November on 6801 4510. Launch sessions are 2nd, 3rd or 4th December from 4.00pm - 4.45pm.