Important Dates
Thursday 27th February
DDPSSA Twilight Carnival
Friday 28th February
School Clean Up Day
Wednesday 5th March
P&C Meeting

Building & Material Costs
Material costs will remain at $35 per child. Student diary allocation will be made once the fee has been paid. A voluntary contribution of $30 towards our building fund can also be paid to the office. All students who have paid $65 by Friday 4th April will go in the running to win an iPod. The winner will be announced Friday 11th April.

From Sharon’s Desk
Good luck to all of our students representing our school at this weeks District Twilight Swimming Carnival kicking off Thursday 27th February at 4pm. We have a strong group of 39 students representing our school. Good luck team!

Parent meetings will be held Monday 17th March. Notes will go home next week for you to book your time. At this meeting your class teacher will be available to discuss your child’s progress and achievements. The interview will last about 10mins. If you have concerns or queries before that time, please contact your teacher before or after school.

School Clean Up Day will be held this Friday. Each stage will be designated an area to clean up to help keep our school neat and tidy. This helps students to take ownership and pride in their school and gives them an awareness of the importance of looking after the environment.

School uniform is looking very good—students are dressed in their uniform each day. Please remember that school hats and black shoes and plain joggers are to be worn, fluoro shoes are not to be worn at school. Remember it is important that the students look a part of their school and are dressed ready for their school day. The School Uniform shop is open Wednesdays from 3pm to 4pm and Thursdays from 8.45am to 9.45am.

Phones & iPods are not required or needed at school. At times they have been used inappropriately, and I would hate it if any were lost or stolen. If you feel your child needs a phone for travel reasons, please contact me to have a chat about it.

Have a great week,
Cheers Sharon.

International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS)
Dubbo South Public School is providing the opportunity for students in Years 2 to 6 to enter the ICAS competitions. Year 2 students are eligible to enter in English, Mathematics and Science Competitions. Students in Years 3 to 6 are also able to enter these Competitions as well as Computer Skills, Writing and Spelling. These are conducted by the University of NSW Educational Assessment Unit. Permission notes will be sent home today for you to register your child for the competitions you would like them to enter. Each competition has an associated cost which are noted on the permission slip. Please return your child’s permission slip and money by Friday 28th March for them to be able to participate.

Science & Engineering Challenge
32 placements for students have been offered to participate in the annual Western Plains Science and Engineering Challenge on Tuesday 11th March, which is being presented by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Dubbo. The day involves fun and competitive team-based activities involving principles of science, engineering and technology. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students and we wish them the best of luck!

***Today is the last day for paper newsletters***
If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send an email request to dubbosouth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Alternatively you can access it from our free school smartphone app or from our school website.
Stage 3 Excursion
Stage 3 are heading to Canberra for their excursion this year. The excursion will take place mid Term 3. Their time away will be jam packed full of great adventures and learning opportunities. Notes will be sent home this week with all dates, details and costs.

Kindergarten News
Kindergarten sport will commence this Friday morning at 9:30am (straight after home reading). Those parents who mentioned they are keen to assist, we look forward to seeing you on Friday 28th Feb just outside the hall.

Home reading commenced yesterday and students will bring a new book home each day. Please read with your child and send the book in the next day. If you can lend a hand in your child’s class to help listen to students read that would be much appreciated. This occurs between 9:00am - 9:20am each morning.

SRC Fundraiser - Hear Our Hearts 2014
Local man Josh Edwards is climbing Mount Everest to raise money for the Hear Our Hearts Ear Bus. The Ear Bus will be travelling to schools from Dubbo to Bourke helping children with hearing disabilities, so everyone donate your share to help the Ear Bus roll. Each class has a tin to put their money in and the tins will be weighed this Friday and the top two classes will win a prize. Find all your spare change for this fundraiser and get donating now. The heaviest tin of coins at the end of this week is a class party!!

Pancake Day
2F students would like to invite their parents along to share in a pancake on Tuesday 4th March. Please send $2 per student to help with the costs.

Library News
NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge
It’s not too late to join the 199 students who have already signed up to participate in this fantastic reading program. Spare notes are available from the library. For more information see the school website, contact Mrs Smith or go to the PRC website https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html.

Book Club Issue 1
Orders were handed out to students last Friday. Thank you to our P&C volunteer, Mrs Jacqueline Gravitis, for coordinating Book Club again this year.

Donations required : Clean Plastic Bags
Do you have a cupboard full? We’d love some to help protect our library books. Please drop them to Mrs Smith in the library. Thanks.

Music News
An exciting opportunity has come up for Stage 3 to see the well known musical “The Sound of Music” presented by the Dubbo Christian School. Stage 3 studied the musical at the end of last year and this excursion will help to expand the students knowledge of the musical, how it is written, directed, and presented on the stage instead of for the big screen. Notes were distributed last week and need to be returned with their $3.00 for bus transport to Mrs Prince by 6th March for your child to participate in this excursion.

Year 6 Shirts
The 2014 DSPS SRC and Year 6 students have selected their Year 6 shirt for 2014. The cost of the shirt will be $35 which includes the school logo and a graphic and list of all Year 6 names on the back. This shirt is an accepted part of the Dubbo South Public School daily school uniform for all 2014 Year 6 students. Please ensure you return your child’s order sheet and money to the office by Friday 7th March as no orders, or order alterations, will be accepted after this date.

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