Dubbo South Public School
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility

Term 1 Week 6, 4th February 2014

Important Dates

Friday 7th March
K-6 Assembly. Items by 3M & 2F at 1.35pm
Western Area Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 11th March
Science & Engineering Challenge

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.

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 were sent home last week 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
Students that were offered and accepted a placement to participate in the annual Western Plains Science and Engineering Challenge will be heading off next Tuesday to the Dubbo Race Track. The day involves fun and competitive team-based activities involving principles of science, engineering and technology. Please return your child’s permission note and bus fare as soon as possible.

From Sharon’s Desk
Congratulations to our team heading off to the Western Area Swimming Carnival this Friday. Our district team performed very well. Good luck to all. We are very proud of you!
We will welcome Mr Michael Cronk on Thursday. Mr Cronk is the Macquarie Network Director for the DEC and will be looking over our School Management Plan and the direction for 2014 along with meeting new staff.

Holidays/Schooling - It has been raised through discussions recently that there are many parents taking their children on holidays whilst school is on. The reason being for cheaper accommodation etc. Please realise that your children will learn at school and should attend everyday we are open to achieve their outcomes. School holidays are for indeed breaks and time away. Exemptions are to be approved and generally no more than 12 days per year for family leave is to be taken. There are always extreme circumstances but please think about your reasoning before you apply for your child’s exemption. It is important to value education!

Learning Adjustments - Teachers have been making adjustments for their classes and your children’s learning every day of their schooling. This could be as little as moving a child to the front of the room due to vision, hearing, changing learning programs of any area that needs greater attention. Teachers will be talking about these adjustments for your child, if they are required, during your upcoming parent conference. Teachers will have worked on a Personalised Learning Plan for your child for which they will be seeking your input. Please make a booking time when the sheets come home to organise the time that suits you best. Interviews will be held Monday 17th March from 3.30pm.

Early Access for Success has been a strategy targeting literacy and numeracy in years K-2 across some schools in NSW. Dubbo South Public School has been included under this strategy and will be appointed an Instructional Leader. This leader will map where all K-2 students are across their learning, support and implement professional learning for teachers and work with our school community to improve results through providing better information to parents. I am very excited about this strategy and being involved along this journey. I will announce the new leader when the position has been filled.

Have a great week, Cheer Sharon.

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Deposits can now be paid to the office.

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Year 6 Shirts
The 2014 DSPS SRC and Year 6 students have selected their Year 6 shirt for 2014. The cost of the shirt is $35 which includes the school logo, a graphic and a 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.

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. Deposits can now be paid to the office.

Library News
NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge
WOW! We now have 230 students reading for the challenge this year. Spare notes are still available from the library if you would like to join them. More information about the PRC can be found on the school website, see Mrs Smith or from the PRC website https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html.

Thank you! We were inundated last week with plastic bags! A special mention to Ashleigh Jump (& her mum) for donating 1000 new plastic bags. Thank you so much.

Music News
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2F Assembly Item
This Friday 2F will be performing an item at the school assembly. Students are to bring in red, white, yellow or black clothes to wear to celebrate the National Chinese colours.

P&C News
The AGM for the P&C will be held on Wednesday 19th March at 6.30pm in the shed. All positions will be declared vacant and elected at the AGM. Following the AGM we will be holding our monthly meeting. We hope parents and guardians are able to attend and support their children’s school.

The Dubbo District Swimming carnival was held on Thursday 27th of February 2014 at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre. Dubbo South took a total of 39 students to the carnival. All students displayed exemplary behaviour and a high standard of sportsmanship by encouraging and looking after others. The students represented our school with pride and swam with great enthusiasm. The four relay teams swim very exciting races and South won all four relays. South also took out 4 of the 6 champion trophies with: Sophie Goodall - Junior Girls champion, Sean McCabe - Junior Boys champion, Jack Wallbridge - 11 Years Boys champion and Holly Keizer - 11 Years Girl champion. A big congratulations to Ella Murray who broke the 9 year girls 50 metre freestyle record and Sean McCabe who broke the Junior boys medley record. All round it was a very exciting night with Dubbo South being the overall winners on the night! Martel Farrell

Our team not only performed and behaved well, they had a great time too.