Dubbo South Public School
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility

Term 1 Week 7, 11th February 2014

**Important Dates**

- **Thursday 13th March**
  - Stage 3 Sound of Music excursion
- **Monday 17th March**
  - Parent Conferences
- **Wednesday 19th March**
  - P&C AGM

**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**

Congratulations to our fabulous swimmers at the Western Area Swimming Carnival last Friday. Students not only achieved great results in individual events but also took out 1st place in Jnr Boys and Girls Relays and the Snr Boys Relay. We have a strong team heading off to State in Sydney Week 11 which includes Elia Murray, Sean McCabe, Ted Murray, Jayden Blake, Sophie Goodall, Jack Wallbridge, Sarah Hall, Alicia Fernando, Charles Tink, Jonah Raidaveta, Ned Manton and Travis Edwards. Well done to all our swimmers who competed!!

**Fantastic effort** to all of our students who contributed to the fund raising for the Ear Bus project. The SRC led by Captains Darcy Wood and Maeve Sparrow took on the task of encouraging students to clean out loose change at home and place it in tins provided to each class. They raised 52Kg of money!! I was very proud to take our captains to the Orana Mutual Credit Union on Monday to count the money - a total of $1,000. What a fantastic effort. Those involved in the project were ecstatic with our efforts. Great job done by all!!

**P&C AGM** is to be held Wednesday 19th March. Please come along to hear what great projects the P&C drive and support at our school. It is only through your support that students benefit from so many extra resources, equipment and projects around our school, for example the band and Kinder playground upgrade. The meeting will be held in the shed at 6.30pm. See you there, they need your support!

**Website hits** have certainly increased due to the end of paper copies of the school Newsletter. Remember you can access the Newsletter both on our website and via the school app. Alternatively send an email to dubbosouth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Staff have been updating the class pages recently on the website so get on and have a look.

Obviously most parents would be aware that school grounds are non-smoking areas. It has been brought to my attention that some parents wait at gates for their students socialising with other parents which is a very positive thing to be doing, however, there have been some parents in groups who are smoking. Although you are not technically on the premises, butts are being left behind. Perhaps for a more positive model at our entrance way to our school it would be appreciated if smoking could occur a little away from the gate! Thanks for your cooperation.

**Have a great week, Cheers Sharon.**

**Year 7 Expressions of Interest**

Documents and forms are being sent home today with all Year 6 students regarding moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2015. Any students enrolling in a NSW Government school needs to return this expression of interest to Miss Pengilly no later than Friday 21st March 2014.

**PSSA Sport Term 2**

Students in Stage 2 and 3 have selected sport choices for Term 2. Choices are: Rugby League, Netball, Soccer, Hockey, League-tag (girls) and Lawn Bowls. Please discuss your child’s choices with them to ensure they are ready with the correct equipment for Week 1 Term 2 as they won’t be able to play without it. Students need to wear full school uniform.

Cost: $3.00 for the bus. Students playing hockey need to pay an additional $3.50 to pay for the use of the fields.

Equipment required:
- Hockey and Soccer: shin pads and mouthguards.
- Rugby League: head gear and mouthguards, football boots are optional.
- NO jewellery is to be worn to sport e.g. Earrings, necklaces

**Parent Conferences**

Booking sheets were sent home last week for you to list your preference times to meet with your child’s teacher. If you haven’t returned your note yet, please do so as soon as possible. These meetings are an invaluable time for you to be involved in your child’s education.

**The uniform shop will be closed this**

**Thursday 13th March. It will be open as per usual**

**Wednesday 12th March from 3-4pm**
Easter Raffle
Donations of Easter eggs are now being taken at the office for the annual P&C Easter Raffle. Books of 10 tickets were sent home today for your child to sell at $1 per ticket. When selling tickets, please do not let your child go door to door alone.
The raffle will be drawn at the school assembly on Friday 4th April. Tickets must be returned to the office by start of school on the morning of the 4th April for their inclusion in the raffle.
1st Prize—Large Easter hamper
2nd Prize—Easter hamper
3rd prize—Easter decorated cake

School Choir
Our School Choir has been invited to perform at the Seniors Expo at the Dubbo Showgrounds on Thursday 20th March. Permission notes will be sent home this week and need to be returned to Mrs Blekemore by Tuesday 18th March.

Cricket News
Last Thursday 6th of March, the senior boys cricket team played against Wellington Primary School. We defeated them convincingly by overtaking their innings target of 91 runs half way through our innings and 7 wickets. The top scorers were Mitchell Lincoln who retired on 41 runs, and Julian Morrison-Zhou hitting the final exciting two runs for an innings of 20 (not out). Outstanding bowling by Mitchell Lincoln with three wickets and great wicket keeping and a fantastic catch from Will Magner-Pollard. But a big congratulations goes to the whole team who were great representatives of our school. We look forward to our next game against Orana Heights Public School. A great big thank you to Mr Robinson and Mr Tierney for helping sort out the team.
Yours in cricket Julian Morrison (Junior Sports Minister).

Stage 3 Excursion
Stage 3 are heading to Canberra for their excursion this year. The excursion will take place mid Term 3. Deposits of $80 can now be paid to the office.

Year 6 Shirts
Orders have now closed for the 2014 Year 6 shirts. The order will be placed this week and will be distributed upon their return.