Dubbo South Public School
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility

Term 1 Week 9, 25th March 2014

Important Dates
Tuesday 1st April
Yarn Up Community BBQ - 4pm
Wednesday 2nd April
P&C Meeting - Shed - 6.30pm
Friday 4th April
K-6 Assembly: Item by 5/6B & 3M
Friday 11th April
Easter Hat Parade & K-2 Olympics Sports Day
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

From Sharon’s Desk
A positive P&C AGM was held last Wednesday where the incoming committee was elected. Congratulations to the incoming team which consists of President - Mr Jason Blake, Vice President - Mrs Darienne Keizer, and Treasurer - Mrs Tina Wood. The position of secretary is still to be filled. Thank you to all parents for your attendance. A huge thank you to Mrs Toni Fernando for all of your wonderful work with the P&C Secretary role over the last four years.

Security/Gates:
Due to a misunderstanding with a parent late last week, the school was placed into lockdown for a short period. All students were at no time in danger but this action was taken more as a precautionary measure. I have decided that all gates around the school will be closed each day at 9.45am and reopened at 3pm. Entrance, and exit, into the school between these times is to be made through the front office in Fitzroy St ONLY! Apologies to those parents attending assemblies but the same processes will apply. If you are coming into the school to help in a classroom, assist with sport etc you must sign in at the office. It is important that you know your children are safe at school every day. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause any parent.

NAPLAN tests will be held again this year from 13th May until 15th May. These tests are completed nationally by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. Students will sit the tests over 3 days in Writing, Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy. All students are expected to sit these tests. If you have any issues surrounding NAPLAN please contact your child’s teacher. There is a sheet included with the newsletter with further information.

The Community BBQ previously advertised for this afternoon has been postponed until next Tuesday 1st April due to the forecast of thunderstorms. It is important to engage all parts of our school community and the school Aboriginal Education Team decided to be creative and hold a community event for our Aboriginal families at the park to enable parents/staff to make new friendships and connections. I’m looking forward to seeing you there to meet staff and your children on 1st April. Personal invites were sent home last week. Reminders will go out on Monday.

Have a great week, Cheers Sharon.

Easter Raffle
A reminder that donations of Easter eggs are now being taken at the office. When selling tickets, please do not let your child go door to door alone. Return tickets to the office on the morning of the 4th April for their inclusion in the raffle which will be drawn that day.
1st Prize—Large Easter hamper
2nd Prize—Easter hamper
3rd prize—Easter decorated cake

Year 7 Expressions of Interest
Documents and forms were sent home last week with all Year 6 students regarding moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2015. Any student enrolling in a NSW Government School needs to return their form to Miss Pengilly tomorrow as they are now overdue.

PSSA Sport Term 2
Please ensure your child is ready with the correct equipment for Week 1, Term 2 as they unfortunately will be unable to play without it. Students need to wear full school sports uniform.
Cost: $3.00 for the bus.
Equipment required:
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.

Saver Plus Workshop
Flyers were issued to each family last week regarding a free workshop tomorrow on how to help build the financial capacity of families in the Dubbo region to afford school costs. The workshop will be held from 9.30am to 11.30am in the community room. Contact CentaCare for more information on 6883 4600.

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.

WEB: www.dubbosouth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Email: dubbosouth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 6882 2529 Fax: 6882 4196
**Olympic Sports Day  Sausage Sizzle Order Form**

Name: .................................................. Class: .................

Number of Sausages: .............

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**Girls Cricket**

Last Wednesday, the girls’ cricket team defeated Dubbo West. Both teams displayed excellent sportsmanship and were friendly towards each other on and off the field. South lost the toss, but were very happy to be sent in to field first! Jorja Fuller (newcomer to the team) took the most wickets 5-13! Other wicket takers included Kimberly Trappett (who also took a catch), Holly Keizer, Gabby Wood and Skye Crawford. Thank you to Gabby Wood and Katelyn Tink (opening batsmen) who played the first twelve overs and decided to retire to give other girls a bat. South only lost one wicket and that was on the last ball bowled in the match. The girls comfortably overtook West’s innings of 96. Overall the girls had a wonderful day and are keen to play their next match. Many thanks to all the parents who provided transport to and from the game and for your support on the sidelines. Well done and thank you to Belinda Winch for scoring the game for her first time. A big thank you to the P&C who have outfitted the team with new shirts and hats, the girls looked absolutely wonderful in them.

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**Western Basketball Selections**

The following students have been successful in being selected for the Western Basketball squad.

There were a further 8 students from other Dubbo schools selected. Well done!!


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**Earth Hour family event**

Turn the lights off and bring the kids to this free, family friendly Earth Hour event at the Western Plains Cultural Centre!

Enjoy a screening of a new documentary about the Great Barrier Reef and the wonderful children’s movie The Lorax on Saturday night from 7pm - 9pm.

We encourage everyone to turn off their lights and appliances before attending. Please bring your own snacks and soft drinks. Seating is provided.

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**Moorambilla Singing Workshop**

There is a free singing workshop being held tomorrow from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Macquarie Conservatorium, Dubbo. It is open to students in Years 3-6. The workshop will be held by Michelle Leonard of Moorambilla Voices. Registration forms, which need to be completed and taken with you to the workshop, are available from the conservatorium’s website http://www.macqcon.org.au/

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

The PBL learning goal for week 9 is Care. This week we are all learning to put rubbish in the bin. Teachers will be looking for students who are putting their rubbish in the bin in the playground.

In the classroom, we are learning to enter the room quietly. Students will be discussing the importance of caring for others. Teachers will be handing out PBL tokens to the students demonstrating this skill.
In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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<td>Reading</td>
<td>Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)</td>
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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).