Dubbo South Public School

Term 2 Week 6, 3rd June 2014

**Important Dates**

**Wednesday 4th June**  
Infants Verse Speaking  
Primary Improvisation  
Primary Telephone Conversation  
ICAS Science  
P&C Meeting 6.30pm

**Thursday 5th June**  
Senior Primary Verse Speaking  
Friday 6th June  
Assembly Items by 3/4K and 4R

**Sydney Symphony Orchestra**

Sixty students from our school band and choir attended a concert last Wednesday at the Theatre by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Students were introduced to the different instruments of the orchestra as well as being entertained by a performance. Will Magnier-Pollard was selected from the audience to conduct. What a great experience!

**Positive Partnerships Autism Workshop**

FREE two day workshop for Parents/Carers of school age students on the Autism Spectrum.  
Venue: Dubbo RSL Club  
When: Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June 2014  
Registrations are now open at:  
www.positivepartnerships.com.au

**Dubbo City Eisteddfod**

Last week our school choirs and infants signing choir performed. The children did extremely well with the following results.  
Primary Choir: 2nd Place  
Combined Choir of Dubbo South, Geurie and Ballimore: Highly commended.  
1/2T, 2R and 2F choir: 2nd place  
KP and KR definitely had the cute factor in place.  
KB and KO awarded 2nd place for the Signing Choir.  
All sections were well supported with at least 6 choirs in each section so we achieved a very credible result.  
Congratulations to all the students and teachers who have been busily preparing for this event all term.  
The schedule this week is as follows

**Wednesday 4th June**  
2H and 2M Infants Verse Speaking  
5/6H Primary Improvisations  
5/6T Primary Telephone conversation

**Thursday 5th June**  
5/6M Senior Primary Verse Speaking

**Tuesday 10th June**  
Stage 3 Boys Dance  
Stage 3 Lyrical Dance  
Stage 3 Girls Dance  
Kinder Dance group (KY and KG)  
Aboriginal Dance Group  
Years 1/2 Dance (1W and 1G)  
Stage 2 Dance

**From Sharon’s Desk**

Congratulations to our students who performed well at the **District Cross Country** last Wednesday. Our team of talented runners will now compete in the Western Area Cross Country to be held on 11th June.

I attended as part of a school team with Sue Rathbone, Helen McCubbin and Nicole Janetzki in Tier 2 training PBL. We were joined by our school external coach Mr Wayne Garroway from Orana Heights Public School. We learnt about behaviours of students and organising criteria’s across the school to support around 15% (Tier 2) of the school in addressing repetitive behaviour issues. The PBL team will train all staff on the next School Development Day and information will be relayed to parents.

The **school website** is looking great. Access the website for up to date class photos, newsletters and information of our school and the Department.

Our newsletter went to an electronic version earlier this year. I realise that not all are accessing the newsletter, so consequently there is important information you could be missing. I am happy to print out hard copies of the newsletter if I know who requires them. I will be surveying students this Thursday to see how parents are accessing the newsletter. Please refer to the website and school app to access the newsletter each Tuesday.

All of our community need to receive all communication from the school if we are to keep growing and moving forward.

The **Canteen Managers** position is being interviewed this week. Hopefully an announcement will be made in next week’s newsletter. Until then Mrs Jodie Bruce is filling in. Thanks to all our helpful voluntary parents who continue to support our canteen.

There was a great article in the Sunday Telegraph called “**Book-rich families best for Kindy starters study**”.  
Growing up in a home with lots of books and being read to as a toddler have a bigger impact on the performance of a child starting school than their temperament or socio-economic background, new research shows. The researchers found the quality of a child’s learning environment when they were toddlers was the most significant indicator of their ability to manage themselves at school.

**Being read to often increases a child’s vocabulary and enjoyment and requires them to pay attention and remain engaged.**

Professor Walker said any kind of engagement with a children when they were young would benefit their development, including involving them in music and playing games that focused on memory skills.

Something to think about!
Library News

Book Club Issue 4

Issue 4 will be sent home this Friday 6th June to be returned to the Library no later than 9.20am Friday 13th June. Spare leaflets are available. Orders must be in an envelope/lunch bag with the student’s name & class clearly marked. EXACT money only please - NO CHANGE facilities. Cheques are payable to DSPS P & C. Online payment slips AND order forms should be returned to the library. NO late orders are accepted.

Premier’s Reading Challenge.

There is a steady flow of completed forms coming in to the library. Students can also log their reading online using their portal password. Congratulations to these amazing readers: Theane Gouws KB, Kobi Auld KG, Sophie Stockdale KG, Lachlan Hawke 1K, Denim Auld 1/2T, Summer Spencer 2H, Darius Ferres 2H, Charlie Faulds 2M, Caleb Waghorn 2R & Olivia Baker 3/4F.

District Cross Country Team

The following students competed in the District Cross Country competition last Wednesday at Wellington. They all performed well and their behaviour was exemplary. Well done kids!

8/9 Year Girls: Taylah Wilcox, Georgie Cudmore, Molly Brown, Sasha Morrison-Zhou, Millie Wright
8/9 Year Boys: Will Cuthill, Ted Murray, Michael Ross, Ricky Streeting, Sean McCabe
10 Year Girls: Chloe Sykes, Kimberly Trappett, Janaya Rose, Chloe Farrell, Emily Muirhead
10 Year Boys: Jake Cuthill, Nate Markcrow, Kurt Barrett, Jarred Martin, Oliver Brown
11 Year Girls: Jessica Ferraro, Katelyn Tink, Sorelle Thomas, Kate Drash, Alix Medley
11 Year Boys: Blake Merritt, Johnny Gleeson, Julian Morrison-Zhou, Macauley Ryan, Connor Ectell
12/13 Years Girls: Martha Munn, Holly Faulds, Rachael Forrest, Jordan Ross, Lisa Laxon
12/13 Years Boys: Jayden Blake, Jayden Hyde, Justin Blanch, Cooper Johnson, and Ryan Bird.

Western Cross Country Team.

Congratulations to the following students who will be participating in the Western Area Cross Country competition to be held on 11th June. Dubbo South won the overall points trophy on the day.

8/9 Boys - Will Cuthill, Edward Murray
8/9 Girls - Georgie Cudmore
10 yr Girls - Chloe Sykes, Janaya Rose, Kimberly Trappett
11 yr Boys - Blake Merritt, Johnny Gleeson, Julian Morrison-Zhou
11 yr Girls - Jessica Ferraro
12/13 Boys - Jayden Hyde, Jayden Blake

Girls Hockey

Last Tuesday our senior girls played Wellington PS in Round 2 of the PSSA competition. Resplendent in new uniforms all players took to the field and played a fast and skilful game to defeat Wellington 7-Nil. All players gave their very best and displayed great teamwork and cooperation moving the ball around to the best advantage. Goal scorers were Holly Keizer (2), Katie Coddington (2), Katelyn Tink, Kimberly Trappett and Gabby Wood 1 each. The team now advances to Round 3 and plays Dubbo North.

Thank you to parents who helped transport players on the day.

Our Boys Hockey Team played Orana Heights Public School last Friday. Even though the boys played well they were outmatched on the day by 4-nil. The boys also were proudly representing our school in their brand new uniforms.

Thank you to Jason Blake and the P&C for organising these.

New Uniform Shop Hours
Tuesday morning 8.00am-9.30am
Thursday morning 8.45am-9.45am

Cooperation

PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning

The PBL learning goal for week 6 is CARE. In the playground we are focusing on walking on the concrete.

Teachers will be looking for students who are walking safely on the concrete areas and will be handing out “Olly” stickers and tokens for those children doing the right thing.

In the classroom the focus this week is “speaking nicely to others”.

Canteen 6882 2957.
Last Monday 26th May was our annual Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week Assembly. The whole school community came together to learn about the significance of both events and to share our thoughts about positive recognition of others. We enjoyed listening to Michael Donovan tell us about his life experiences and encourage us to work together. A highlight was when the representatives from each year read out their class’s recognition awards. Through these awards the students were able to express their thanks to a member of our local or school community and verbally praise their efforts. We were truly impressed with the courage of many students to stand up on stage and speak but also for the variety of people that were recognised. We then presented 4 special recognition awards to 2 past students and 2 present staff members. Awards were presented to Maddison Fernando, Kyjuan Crawford for receiving Indigenous Scholarships for their leadership potential, to Nathan Riley for being selected for the Indigenous Marathon Project, to Dina Moore for 20 years service at Dubbo South Public School.