**Important Dates**

**Wednesday 23rd July**
- 1G & 1W Wambangalang
- Thursday 24th July
- 1K, 1L & 1/2T (Yr1) Wambangalang
- Friday 25th July
- 2H, 2M & 1/2T (Yr2) Wambangalang

**Class Captain Induction**
Term 3 Class Captains will be inducted at the whole school assembly this Friday 25th July. Captains will need to pay $4 for their badge. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the assembly which will be held in the hall at 1.35pm. Students in 2M, 2H and 1/2T will receive their awards the following week at their stage assembly.

**Athletics Carnival**
The annual Dubbo South Public School athletics carnival will be held next Tuesday 29th July. This years carnival will be held at Bob Dowling Oval which is on the corner of Macleay and Brisbane Streets. If you have a Year 2 child who is turning 8 this year, and would like to participate in the carnival, permission notes are available from the front office. Payments of $3.50 for the bus needs is to be paid to class teachers.

If any parent is willing to help out on the day, please contact the school office.

A limited canteen will be run due to the lack of canteen facilities at the venue, an indication of food order will be required. Those students who have pre-ordered will get first preference. Payment is to be made on the day. Please return the order form to the office by this **Friday 25th July**.

**Athletics Carnival Canteen Order Form**

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**Education Week**

**When: 28th July to 1st August**

**Tuesday 29th July:** Athletics Carnival

**Wednesday 29th July:** BBQ and Disco to be held for those children who have had 100% attendance.

**Thursday 31st July:** Awards Assembly commencing at 10.00am. Come along and have recess with your child or children. Open Classrooms between recess 11.45am and lunch 12.45pm. It would be great to see as many parents and family members as possible come along and enjoy our school and students.

**From Sharon’s Desk**

I am now back in the school after being out for valuable training and professional development courses held last week. Congratulations to those students who participated in the CWA Botswana competition. You all represented our school proudly.

PBL training was carried out again this week. We are trialling the split evenings to provide a little more time for parents. Evaluations will be collected. Please attend these conferences prepared with any questions you may have.

Welcome to Ms Anne Fraser to our school and team. Anne is our new Assistant Principal in the MC, Special Education, Unit. Mrs Lisa Lunn has joined the unit for the remainder of the year on the newly established third class. Mrs Rena Ram has been appointed teacher of 3L for the remainder of the year.

All three teachers are excited in their new challenge and we look forward to the new programs made possible with these changes. An afternoon tea will be held soon to introduce new students to the MC unit and new staff to meet parents.

A reminder to parents: The STAFF car park is OUT OF BOUNDS to all! DO NOT WALK through this area in the morning to canteen etc—please use allocated gates on Fitzroy St. This is for you and your child’s safety as well as good role modelling for your children - let’s of vehicle activity happens in this area!!

Teacher meetings: If you wish to speak to your child’s teacher, arrange a suitable time with them, it is not always suitable for them to chat with you before or after school due to teaching commitments.

Student absences are often unavoidable due to illness. If your child is away sick for more than 2 days you MUST provide a doctors certificate. This is a state wide requirement set by the Department of Education. Doctors certificates are to be handed to your child’s teacher once they return to school.

Have a great week, Sharon Murray

At times parents have requested a letter from the school in support of a medical appointment. These reports can often be time consuming so it would be appreciated if two weeks notice can be given to ensure that we provide you with the most accurate information.
Girls Hockey
On Wednesday, 25th June the Girls Hockey team played Dubbo North PS in Round 3 of Western PSSA Knockout Competition. Great teamwork and follow up led to a 3-nil win over North in an exciting game. Tireless performances were displayed by Hollie Keizer, Katelyn Tink and Sarah Ryan.
The team advanced to the Western semi-final against Parkes Public School which was played last Friday, 18th July. Despite freezing conditions it was a very even game. Strong defence by Parkes resulted in a 3-nil win for them despite the many attempts our girls had at goals... All players represented our school with great sportsmanship and pride. It was a pleasure to have been involved with them. Thanks must go to parents for their support and in transporting players to and from games, particularly Darienne Keizer for organising and washing the girls’ uniforms for each game. Wendy Lee

CWA Botswana Projects
Students in ‘South Enrich’ writing classes and Mrs Geering’s Thursday afternoon group in 5/6R recently competed in the CWA Countries Competition. Students learnt about the African country of Botswana and attended a talk by a guest speaker who has travelled extensively throughout Africa. Several of our students won prizes in this competition. In the K-2 section, Finlay Croyston and Ricky Dawson, were placed first. In the 3-6 section, Sorelle Thomas, Sophie Stephens and Katie Roberts received ‘Highly Commended.’ A/ix Medley received an encouragement award. Congratulations to those children and to all our creative students who competed in this competition.

Vision Screening
A parental permission slip is being sent home with Kindergarten students next week for Vision Screening. This is a free program which looks at basic visual abilities but is not a full eye examination. A report will be given to the school and if further testing is required, this can be conducted by a qualified optometrist. Over 80% of what children learn is processed through their eyes. Untreated eye conditions may affect learning ability, self-esteem and athletic performance. This screening will be conducted in Term 4.

Library News
Book Club Issue 5: Issue 5 orders are due to the Library no later than 9.20am Friday 25th July. 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: With the challenge finishing on Friday of Week 6, please see Mrs Smith for help if the end is not in sight! Congratulations to these amazing readers who completed the challenge over the holidays: Matilda Medlin KR, Zakory Seymour KO, Sidney Jones KP, Addison Rufus KP, Hannah Segelov 1/2T, Bailey Auld 2H, Natasha Sim-Serov 2H, Destyn Olsen 4T, Ella Parry 5/6B and Amanda Aubila 5/6H.

Active After School Care
Due to circumstances beyond our control Active After School Care will not be operating this term. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Next term we will all be back to normal.

Stage 1 Wambangalang Excursion
To support the HSIE unit “Wet and Dry Environments”, Stage 1 students have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre. Following are the days that the various classes will be travelling to Wambangalang. Any outstanding money needs to be returned to your child’s teacher ASAP.
- 1G & 1W—Wednesday 23rd July
- 1K, 1L & 1/2T (Yr3)—Thursday 24th July
- 2H, 2M & 1/2T (Yr2)—Friday 25th July
Students are to wear casual clothing, joggers and a hat and will need to bring a packed recess, lunch and a water bottle in their school bags.

PSSA Cross Country
Kimberley Trappitt, Will Cuthill and Jayden Blake travelled to Sydney last Friday to compete in the PSSA Cross Country. All three ran very well and represented our school and the Western Region with great pride. Congratulations on making it to such a high level!

Touch Football
Last Thursday the girls and boys touch football teams competed in their first knockout game. Both teams played well with the boys winning 13-0 against Dubbo Public School and girls winning 5-1. By Grace Mudge & Alix Medley