Dubbo South Public School
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility
Term 3 Week 3, 29th July 2014

Important Dates
Wednesday 30th July
ICAS - English
Yr 6-7 Parent Information Night
6pm @ Senior Campus Cafeteria
Thursday 31st July
Assembly 10am
Open Classrooms 11.45am - 12.45am
Tuesday 5th til Thursday 7th August
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion (5/6H, 5/6B & 5/6L)

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
The first group of Stage 3 students head to Canberra next Tuesday. Please remember to check the gear list to ensure you do not forget to pack anything!
The meal on the journey home will be at McDonalds in Cowra. All meals are to be pre-ordered and prepaid. Please return your child’s order and money to their class teacher by THIS FRIDAY. Failure to do so will mean that your child will miss out! Please return CORRECT money in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name on the outside.
All meals include either a lemonade or water and are as follows:
6 Nuggets $8.25
Large Big Mac $9.55
Large McChicken Burger $9.50
Large Cheese Burger $6.00

Stage 2 Excursion
Students in Stage 2 are heading on an overnight excursion to Red Hill in Term 4.
Payments should now all be made. If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Vision Screening
A parental permission slip is being sent home with Kindergarten students 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 when they complain of itchiness. If you find eggs or lice, please treat your child with treatment available from your chemist or supermarket. A repeat treatment will most probably be required a week later.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Keep watch on the newsletter as these times may be changing again soon.
Tuesdays 8.30am-9.30am and Thursdays 8.45am-9.45am.
Please ensure you write your child’s name on ALL articles of uniform so that any lost items can be returned to your child as soon as possible.

From Sharon’s Desk
Education Week has arrived. “Lighting the way to a better world”. It is always a great week where the school can showcase and celebrate educational programs, learning pathways and acknowledge the dedicated staff and support people who work with your children everyday. The school celebrated with our Athletics Carnival today which was well attended and there were some wonderful results by individuals. Results will be published in the Newsletter next week. The weeks activities will continue tomorrow with a BBQ and disco for those who have 100% attendance rates for Terms 1 and 2 then an assembly and open classrooms on Thursday. Please drop in and experience your child’s learning and classrooms. A detailed summary can be found over the page.

Stage 2 Excursion
Jayden Blake and Mr James DeLyall on the South Coast for Western Area Touch Football

Congratulations to Jayden Blake who represented Western Area in Boys Touch Football last week on the South Coast. Mr James DeLyall was the team coach and manager. Great effort.
Three way conferences were conducted yesterday for Early Stage 1 and Stage 3 parents. Next Monday Stages 1 and 2 will be held from 3.30pm. Get in and book an interview time if you haven’t already. Teachers will be talking about your child’s progress over the last semester and goals for the remainder of this year.
A Parent Information evening will be held tomorrow night for those parents with children heading into Year 7 in 2015. This will be held at 6pm at Dubbo College Senior Campus. Parents need to attend to gain information on what your child will be doing across the South and Delroy campuses of Dubbo College in Year 7.
Kindergarten enrolments are being taken for 2015. Please, if you have, or know of, any children who will turn 5 by 31st July 2015, drop into the school office and pick up an enrolment pack for yourself or to pass onto their parents. The school runs a transition program in Term 4 to introduce your child to Dubbo South Public School and school procedures. They will also meet their teachers and see their classroom.
School Uniform - Please remember there are no Canterbury shorts or tracksuit pants as part of our school uniform. All uniform items are available from our uniform shop at a very reasonable price. There is no point purchasing expensive items that are not part of the uniform because your child would like to wear them!! Uniforms are worn so that the school can look proud, students feel a belonging to the school and feel equal with their peers and so that they are all ready for their day. This should be done without competitive labels. Please support the school and get your child in the required uniform.

Have a great week, Sharon Murray

Head Lice
Please ensure that you check your child’s hair for head lice regularly, not just when they complain of itchiness. If you find eggs or lice, please treat your child with treatment available from your chemist or supermarket. A repeat treatment will most probably be required a week later.
Library News

Book Club Issue 5: Orders were sent away on Friday courtesy of our amazing Book Club mums – Jacqueline Gravitis and Emma Marchant. Thank you ladies. Your order will be sent home with your child when it is ready (usually the end of the week).

Premier’s Reading Challenge: The countdown is on! Only 26 days until the end of the challenge! That’s less than 4 weeks away. Please see Mrs Smith if you need help to finish! Congratulations to these fantastic readers who recently completed the challenge bringing our school total to 87: Millie Jackson KR, Kate Pankhurst KR, George Kidd 1/2T, Timothy Wetzel 3M, Sophie Goodall 4T, Levii Williams K6B and Holly Faulds 5/6T.

‘Wild! Rhino’ Competition

Hannah Wetzel wrote a long and adventurous story titled ‘Crime Buster Woody’ to win our ‘Wild Rhino’ Story writing competition. Hannah won a family pass to Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

Cooper Giddings wrote a fantastic story about Woody visiting his Uncle Kev in Sydney. Cooper won a pass to see the Moscow Circus in the holidays.

“We went on a trip to Sydney to see Uncle Kev. Woody went for his first surf but he fell off. He went under the water but he popped up and Uncle Kev took him back to shore.” By Cooper Giddings – KP

ICAS Results

A number of students from Years 3 to 6 participated in the ICAS Computer Skills testing. Thank you to all who participated, you did a great job! The following certificates were awarded:

- Distinction: Erin Gaydon
- Credit: Darcie Gravitis, Alannah Ridley, Timothy Wetzel, Sasha Morrison-Zhou, Donald Vance, Hamish Wood, Katelyn Tink and Natalino De Sousa-Shaw
- Merit: Gregory Cook, Charles Tink, Hannah Wetzel

Body Confident Children & Teens Workshop

Information and tips for parents

The Butterfly Foundation are pleased to offer parents a presentation that aims to equip you with knowledge, information and tips to help you better understand and promote positive body image at home!

This presentation is designed to help you feel empowered to support your child and their body confidence as they move through puberty and adolescence.

This workshop will be held in Bathurst Monday 27th October from 7.00pm till 9.30pm. The cost is $25 and to register go to www.thebutterflyfoundation.org.au or call Helen Bird on 02 8456 3908

Education Week

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress. The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: "Lighting the way to a better world".

The NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) have adopted that slogan for this anniversary celebration and the artwork from the 1954 poster has been adapted for use in their 2014 promotions.

To celebrate Education Week, we have a number of activities planned here at Dubbo South Public School.

Today we have Stages 2 and 3 competing in our school’s annual Athletics Carnival along with students in Year 2 who are turning 8 and have nominated themselves to compete. We hope that all students had an enjoyable time and competed with great sportsmanship.

Wednesday 30th July:

Tomorrow there will be a BBQ and disco held for all students who had 100% attendance for semester one. Invitations were sent home to these students.

Good attendance is extremely valuable for your child to enable them to achieve their learning outcomes without disruption. Well done to all those students who were able to be here every day!

Thursday 31st July:

10.00am: There will be an assembly in the school hall for all stages. Parents, family and community members are invited to attend this awards assembly.

Following the assembly, you may stay and enjoy recess with your child. Please bring along a healthy snack and sit in the playground with your child and allow them to tell you the things they enjoy about being at school.

11.45am to 12.45am: Open classrooms. Parents, family and community members are invited to attend your child’s classroom where you can experience first hand the things your child learns in class time. This is always a time of great excitement for the students when they can proudly show you their work.

Education Week is a wonderful way to foster a sense of pride in your child for their school, class, education and learning. Children love to be able to include their family in the things that they do. We hope to see you all on Thursday.