Important Dates

Wednesday 3rd September
- Kinder Father’s Day Stall.
- P&C Meeting

Thursday 4th September
- Kinder Zoo Excursion
- Father’s Day Stall
- Friday 5th September
- Kinder Father’s Day Lunch
- K-6 Assembly. Items by: KR and 3L

Monday 8th September
- Boys Touch Football Semi Finals

Fathers Day Stall

Father’s Day stall is almost here! You have 2 more days to bring in donations up to the value of $5. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. Stall prices are $1, $2 and $5.

Kindy will be visiting the stall tomorrow afternoon and the rest of the school on Thursday 4th September. Volunteers to help man the stall are still needed and can meet at the hall on Thursday morning so please send money with your children.

P&C Meeting

This month at the P&C meeting a light meal will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more about what the P&C is doing for our school. Come along at 6.30pm this Wed to The Shed.

Shoe Boxes

It’s time for us to contribute to Operation Christmas Child again. Come and grab a shoe box from the front office and fill it with things relevant to a particular age for a child in a developing country. Instructions and suggestions of what can and can’t be put in the boxes are also available. Once you’ve filled your box, you can return it to the office for collection.

If you would like to contribute but don’t think you’d be able to complete a full box, you can send in some items with your child to give to Mrs Prince to put into a box that she is compiling.

From Sharon’s Desk

A huge congratulations to Justin and Beth Blanch who participated at the recent Finals of the Multicultural Speaking Competition. They both came away winning their age divisions! What a magnificent effort. They will now compete at the State Finals in November. We were proud of you both!

Congratulations also goes to our strong Western team representing us at State very soon. All students performed very well on Friday and again it was great to see their efforts and positive sportsmanship congratulating and supporting each other. Well done to Mr DeLyall as Team Manager. Congratulations to Jayden Blake, Will Pollard, Will Cuthill, Blake Merritt, Cameron Mulligan, Amelia Raidaveta, Kimberly Trappett and Jonathon Gleeson for advancing to State.

Another working bee was held on Saturday in our OLGA (Outdoor Learning Garden Area) on Dalton St. A number of parents and staff turned up putting in the last of the vegie beds, planting, moving dirt and installing the new watering system for the garden areas. As you drive or walk by, stop and have a look. It makes a great entrance to the back of our school. There is still time to help, contact Libby McIntyre or Serena Rice to get involved.

Planning 2015

Under the new Local School, Local Decisions model of operation in schools, a lot more collaborative and collegial way of planning is needed. For our school to move forward into 2015, it is important that we get input from all sources of the school - a very close look into school data is available to us for example NAPLAN, school assessments, EAFS (Early Action for Success), Best Start, attendance and more. In addition to this we need thoughts from staff, students and parents. After analysing all of this data, the school will be driven by 3 strategic directions to seek improvement and growth over the next 3 years. It is crucial I receive feedback to ensure our directions are on track and targeted for the success of our students. Please answer the survey attached and return to school by the end of the term. There will boxes located around the school for you to complete the surveys and deposit them in as well as whiteboards to write down any ideas that you may have.

Have a great week and a happy Father’s Day Dad’s,

Sharon Murray

Western/Riverina Multicultural Speaking Competition Champions

SASS Appreciation Week

Well done to our fabulous SASS team at our school! This week is SASS recognition week. We say thank you for all of your hard work. Our SASS team is made up of Administration staff (front office), AEO’s (Aboriginal Education Officers), GA (General Assistant), SLSO’s (School Learning Support Officers) and the cleaners.

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Premiers Spelling Bee

Our school will be participating in the Premier’s Spelling Bee again this year. Stage 3 have conducted three rounds of spelling challenges to find our two representatives. After many difficult words and some excellent spelling by all participants our successful spelling champs are Mary Van Zyl and Ellie Taylor. They will now head to Dubbo West to compete against representatives from other schools in our local area. We wish them all the best.

She Sells Sea Shells from the Sea Shore

There are some special stories attached to the contributions we receive for our Making a Difference Project. One little girl last week brought in a donation of $19.40 which was the result of the sale of her own shell collection. She had visited the beach and gathered the shells herself to sell to her family and friends especially for our Making a Difference funds. What an innovative idea and one that will truly help others.

Senior Boys Touch Football

“Dubbo South Boys Touch team played the 4th round of the Senior Boys PSSA knockout. The boys played exceptionally well getting the first try of the game in the first set of play. Leading into the 2nd the boys were behind Dubbo West with a score of 7-6. Mr DeLyall gave an inspirational talk to the boys which lifted their game receiving 5 more try’s and with outstanding defence. We did not let West cross the line once in the second half. After the final whistle blew, there were big smiles all round from the boys with a win over West 12-7. The boys will now play Wellington Public School on Monday 8th September in the Semi-Finals.”

Written by Jayden Blake and Blake Merritt.

T20 Blast Cricket Competition

On Tuesday 9th September, the girls and boys cricket teams are playing in the T20 Milo Blast Competition against other school around Dubbo. We will be leaving from the front of Mr McBroom’s room at 9am catching the bus to Lady Cutler Ovals and returning at approximately 2.45pm. Parents are most welcome to spectate throughout the day. Full sports uniform is to be worn. No year 6 shirts please so we can all look the same in yellow. Recess, lunch, water bottle, hat and sunscreen are to be packed. There will be no canteen operating on the day. The children may bring their own bat, but no other equipment will be required.

Stage 2 Concert

Stage 2 concert will be held on Thursday 11th September. The BBQ will be starting at 5.30pm. Concert starts at 6:30pm. Tickets at the door $2 per person or $5 per family (Parents and siblings). A note with costume details has been sent home with students today. Could all children bring their costumes to school by Monday 8th Sept in a labelled plastic bag.

3L to bring costumes by Wednesday this week ready for their assembly performance.

Library News

Book Club Issue 6

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.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

The final total is in……..226 students completed the challenge this year. AMAZING! I was able to complete reading records for some students using their library borrowing record. Achievement awards will be given out to our Challengers over the next 2 weeks. Next week we will publish our final readers from Kindergarten.

Stage 2 Red Hill Excursion

Itineraries, gear lists, trip allocation and medical notes were sent home last week. Please complete the medical note and return to your child’s teacher ASAP.

Kinder News

Expressions of interest for Tea towels: Kindergarten are interested in designing their very own tea towel. If we go ahead with it each child will do their own drawing which will be printed on a Kindergarten tea towel and sold to interested parents for around $8 - $9. It makes a great keepsake of their first year of schooling or a fun present at Christmas time. Please register your interest with your child’s classroom teacher so we can see if we have the numbers to go ahead.

Father’s Day Lunch: Lunch order slips went home last week ready for our Father’s Day/ Male Mentor lunch. Look out for a letter which explains what will be happening. Lunch order slips need to be returned to your classroom teacher before tomorrow.

Kinder Zoo Excursion: The Kindergarten zoo excursion is this Thursday. Please make sure all money and permission notes have been returned so your child does not miss out.

Debating

On Wed 17th Sept the DSPS Stage 3 debating team will travel to Bletchington Public School Orange to contest the Premiers Debating Challenge regional finals. Our team consisting of Elle Taylor, Maeve Sparrow, Justin Blanch and Natalino De Sousa-Shaw make it through to these finals after being crowned champions of Western (zone one) Division at a Gala day held in Wagga earlier this term. On this day the DSPS team capably overcame very formidable competition from Cobar, Coonamble and Dubbo Public Schools. Should our team be successful in the regional finals, they will then compete against schools from all regions over three days at Stanwell Tops, Wollongong, in the Premiers Debating Challenge State finals.

By reaching and competing in their zones regional finals, each individual team member will also be automatically considered for selection in the year 5/6 Western NSW representative team, to contest State finals later in the year.

Each member of our team is to be congratulated on their outstanding achievements in the competition thus far. We also wish them the very best as a team and individually on their endeavours in Orange during week 10.

Kinder Tea Towel

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