Term 1 Week 2—3rd February 2015

Important Dates

Thursday 12th February
Captains and SRC Induction 10.30am

Friday 13th February
Class Captains Induction 1.35pm

Wednesday 18th February
DSPS Swimming Carnival

From Sharon’s Desk

Welcome back all parents, community and students. It has been a rather busy and hectic start, although positive!

We welcomed 2 new teachers this term. Mrs Felicity Nolan appointed at the end of last year to our MC unit and Mrs Lee-Ann Lowes who has joined us from Briar Road Public School and is teaching Kindergarten. We farewell Mrs Michelle Wilson who has taken up an Instructional Leaders position in Foster. We wish her well. Mrs Karen O’Leary will be filling the position until further notice. We also farewell Mrs Elizabeth Adelt who has retired. An outstanding teacher who will still be joining us in a casual capacity. I know that she thanks all the community for the support and good wishes over her last 10 years at South out of 28 years teaching.

Attendance: This year the drive for students attending school everyday will be increased. The expectation is that children will be at school every day. Data has clearly shown that for every day a child misses school they perform less in their NAPLAN and school assessments. TO LEARN AND ACHIEVE OUTCOMES STUDENTS MUST BE HERE. Exemptions are no longer be acceptable for holidays. Each time your child is away sick or for special family circumstances you must send in an absence note. These can be accessed through the free School App. It will be important to work together this year on improving and keeping up our attendance record.

School Zones are now being enforced as we return to school. It is important that as parents you model the best road safety behaviour and read and follow all school zone signs. Please see enclosed flyer. All students need to use the supervised crossings provided. The school carpark in Fitzroy Street is out of bounds for all but staff. All foot traffic must come through the front gates on Fitzroy St.

Welfare Policy is now being updated in draft form and will allow for teachers and parents to understand and follow policies to support children around behaviours in playground and classroom. The policy will contain PBL matrix and anti-bullying strategies. Parts of the policy will be sent home in further newsletters and the whole policy will be available on the website soon for parental comments.

From Sharon’s desk continued...

We welcomed 86 Kinder students yesterday. It was very exciting to see so many happy faces this week. Staff were more than ready for them after testing all the students last week in Best Start activities. It was fabulous to kick their schooling off with a visit from Guy Sebastian who attended our school assembly for Mad Hair Day—on his MADNESS tour.

School uniform looks fantastic across the school. It’s great to see so many school hats and black shoes. Please remember that fluoro shoes are for home - plain joggers (black) or black shoes are the recommended wear. This year Release lessons will be held in PD/H/PE with Mr DeLyall so students need to wear joggers to school on their release days. School hats will be a target this year. If you are going to buy a hat buy a school hat! Lets show that we are proud members of Dubbo South Public School everywhere we go! A reminder NO Hat No Play!

Congratulations again to our incoming School Captains and SRC members. The induction Ceremony will be held next Thursday 12th February at 10.30am. See the notice on the back for further details.

Suggestions and concerns - please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me if you have a query, suggestion or concern. I’d love to have a chat. A happy and positive school is about open and proactive communication. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s class please raise with your child’s teacher.

Zero Tolerance for unacceptable language will be a focus for the next two weeks. It is important that all children attend school in a safe and happy environment. All staff are following the process that if students swear they will be given one warning to change their language, and if not, they will be sent to the Shed to spend the next session of their learning to improve their attitude. If your child has been sent to this program you will be contacted by phone. Expectations are high and it is important that everyone is supporting this approach.

Have a great week, Cheers Sharon
Morning drop off
School supervision starts at 9am. We do, however, provide minimal supervision for students that are required to arrive prior to this time. All students arriving before 9am MUST sit at the blue wall near the canteen. Parents are asked to sit with their child while waiting for the 9.00am bell. Students will not be able to enter their classrooms until this time. Home reading for Kinder and Stage 1 commences at 9am. Classes begin at 9.20am. No child should be at school before 8.30am.

Allergies & Asthma
If any child has recently learnt of an allergy, or their plans have changed, or they have asthma, please alert the office and get a signed health plan from your doctor and return it to the school as soon as possible. We need to be aware of this important information.

General Sports Consent
Notes were sent home earlier this week for students in Stages 2 and 3 requesting permission for these students to attend general sports activities held outside of our school. Also on this page is a form for your child to attend the swimming carnival for 2015. Please return these consent forms to ensure your child’s participation in the Swimming Carnival to be held on Wednesday 18th February. The total cost for the Swimming Carnival is $3.50 for the bus and $3.50 for the pool being a total of $7. We apologise for the error in the note.

2015 Boys Soccer Representative Trials
If you are a 10 year old boy and interested in playing representative soccer, there are trials held Sunday 8th, 15th & 22nd of February at Lady Cutler East. If you have any questions please call Gary Jones on 0412187366.

Early Action For Success Program
The Early Action For Success program is up and running for another year. This term we are having a big focus on developing writing skills with Support Teachers coming into the Stage 1 classrooms to work with targeted children. Reading skills will also be addressed at this time and some children will be withdrawn to further develop their reading. Letters will be sent home shortly informing you of your child’s involvement in this program. Children benefit from participating in a variety of different reading and writing experiences. Encouraging your children to do home reading every night and writing, such as keeping a journal, will go a long way to ensuring that they become confident readers and writers. This year we say goodbye to our Instructional Leader Michelle Wilson, who has moved to the coast. I will be replacing Mrs Wilson until the position is permanently filled and look forward to continuing my work with your children. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to know more about this program or discuss your child’s progress.

School Fees
School contributions fees have been set at $30 per child. There will be no Material Costs this year or Building Fund. This school contribution includes the Reading Eggs program. These contributions make a difference to our school.
Guy Sebastian Visits Dubbo South Public School

Dubbo South Public School had a VERY special visitor on Monday – Guy Sebastian.

Guy’s visit has been a 2 year project from when Mrs Alexandra Prince initially contacted him. Mrs Prince teaches music as part of the release program and during her lessons the children had studied Guy’s song lyrics and video clips to songs like “Get Along” and “Don’t Worry Be Happy”. We had been encouraged by his example to make a positive impact in our world.

As part of our weekly program Mrs Prince collects small change that isn’t very valuable on its own, but by working together and combining our efforts we can all play our part in making our world a better place. Just last year Dubbo South purchased a stable full of animals worth $1200 for a 3rd world village in need.

Yesterday students came to school with “Mad Hair” in support of Guy's Madness tour. They also brought in a gold coin to go towards our Making a Difference Project. We raised just over $600. Guy spoke about the importance of making a difference, his song making process and sang us the first song he ever wrote called “Don’t Go”. It was a very special visit that will be remembered for a long time to come for all the students at Dubbo South.

**School band**

Our school Band recommences this Wednesday. Private lessons and group lessons are available. The cost is dependant on the number of students participating.

Any students in Years 3-6 who wish to join the school band are most welcome and need to see Mrs Geering.

**No Hat No Play**

Parents are reminded that this school has a “no hat no play” policy. Those children who come to school without a hat will be requested to sit in a shaded area over recess and lunch.

We prefer if nuts or peanut butter were not brought to school. This is for the health and safety of people with anaphylaxis reactions to nuts.

**Equipment list for 2014**

Please ensure that your children have the following items when they return to school in 2015.

**Early Stage 1**

- Box of tissues
- Paint shirt
- School Hat

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- Box of tissues
- Library bag
- Home Reader bag
- Paint shirt
- School Hat

**Stage 2 and Stage 3**

- Pencil case
- Lead pencils
- Blue and red pens
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Coloured pencils and textas
- Pencil sharpener
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Library Bag
- School Hat

Books are provided by the school.

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

A reminder that our entire uniform is only available from the school uniform shop. The uniform shop is open each Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.30pm during the school term. Order forms and pricing can be downloaded from our website: www.dubbosouth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and can be emailed to uniformdsps@gmail.com

A big thank you to Jodie and her team of helpers who manned the Uniform Shop over the school holidays. Kathryn Blanch, Narelle Howison, Natalie Waghorn, Darienne Keizer, Renee Giddings, Amanda Powyer and Emma Marchant.

**School Newsletter**

is available via the schools website, free School App, email or a hard copy. We are trying to minimise the paper usage to help our environment so it would be appreciated if you are able to do so please access the newsletter electronically.

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you please email the school on dubbosouth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will copy your address onto a distribution list. Please note that a new distribution list is created each year.

If you required a hard copy of the newsletter please complete the slip below.

Name: 
Eldest Child’s Name: ............................................ Class:..................
Yes I required a hard copy of the newsletter.

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**PBL**

*(Positive Behaviour for Learning)*

Welcome back to everyone. A reminder to support the schools behavioural expectations of care, cooperation, respect and responsibility.

All teachers are currently revising all of our expectations as well as classroom and playground rules.

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**Cooperation**

**Care**

**Responsibility**
Thank you Mrs Prince

Crazy Hair Day
Welcome Guy