Term 1 Week 3—10th 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

Friday 20th February
Whole School Assembly Items by 3/4T & 4H

Safety Concerns
It has been noted that several parents have been using the staff carpark as a drop off point.
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE PARENTS TO USE THE STAFF CARPARK AT ANY TIME—ESPECIALLY WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING STUDENTS.
The carpark is a very busy place with cars coming and going as well as trucks making deliveries. This rule is in place to protect your children! This is not a supervised area.

Investiture of School Leaders
The School Captains, members of the SRC and Sports House Captains will be presented with their badges at an Assembly this Thursday 12th February at 10.30am in the School Hall. Parents are very welcome to come along and participate in the ceremony by pinning the badge on your child. Parents are invited for morning tea after the ceremony. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full summer school uniform on the day.

School Captains: Sorelle Thomas and Nat Lindsay.
SRC Members: Jade Widdison, Thomas Gray, Rosa Buchanan, Chloe Farrell, India De Sousa-Shaw, Will Magner-Pollard, Beth Blanch, Georgia Cudmore, Connor Ectell, Joel Barker, Jonathon Gleeson, Hamish Wood, Madeline Connor, Jack Barber, Brodie Pearson, Amelia Raideveta.

Class Captains Induction
Class Captains inductions for Term 1 will be held Friday 13th February commencing at 1.35. Parents are most welcome to attend. $4 is requested for the class captain badges.

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 which will be used in every classroom. These contributions make a difference to our school.

Emergency Procedures
Due to the new bell system being installed lockdown and emergency systems have been reviewed. All classes will be learning procedures and practising drills over the next two weeks.

From Sharon’s Desk
Kinders have settled in very well over the last 2 weeks. They completed Best Start testing to provide us with a clear picture of where they are with their learning and where we can move them to. Ongoing information and reports will go home regularly to explain where your children sit on the learning continuum in both literacy and numeracy.

Attendance: Please remember exemptions will be cut back this year and your child needs to be at school every day they are physically able. If your child must be away due to sickness you need to provide an explanation on the first day they return to school. Holidays will no longer be approved under exemptions. You will send in an explanation as usual however all absences will be noted on your child’s record. This policy has been changed by the DEC. Please ask the question “Does my child need to be away?”

Swimming Carnival is coming up next Wednesday 18th February. This is a normal school day. Students from Years 3 to 6 will be expected to be at the pool in house colours. Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years old this year and are competent swimmers can compete. Permission notes are available from Mrs Fistr for these Year 2 students. Even if your child is not the strongest swimmer, activities will be held for all. Please make sure your child has a hat, swimsuit and sunscreen applied. Drop in and support your children! See you there.

The Community Room is situated in the old staff room behind the Shed. Please drop in for a cuppa early in the morning and then take your child and read a story! Talk to the ladies—Deb Morrow and Kylie Crawford our AEO’s (Aboriginal Education Officers) Sally Gesler and Brenda Lake who are both working supporting students. Let them know how the school can support you!

P&C Meeting was held last week. It was great to see so many attend. We hold our meeting the first Wednesday of the month. It is a very friendly and open forum where I talk about major school initiatives as well as invite other teachers to provide information about educational programs that they are running.
The next meeting will be held on 4th March commencing at 6.30pm. Discussion will be held on fundraising events to be held. The school needs your help—please get involved and support your child at South. Have a great week.

Cheers Sharon
Volunteers Needed for the canteen
The Canteen is in need of new volunteers for the coming year. If you have a few extra hours that may be filled by volunteering at our canteen please drop in and see Jodie. We would love any contribution that you can make.

Library News
Borrowing: All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 may borrow from now on! Don’t forget that each student MUST have a library bag with their name on it in order to borrow. Plastic bags are preferable as they protect books from leaking drink bottles.
Overdue books from 2014 MUST be returned before your child will be able to borrow this year. A reminder slip will be sent home if your child has a book outstanding.
Book Club flyers were issued last Friday and are due to be returned to the Library this Friday no later than 9.20am. Orders must be in an envelope with the students name and class clearly marked. Payment can be made by cheque payable to the P&C or exact cash please. Online payments slips AND order forms should be returned to the library. NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted.
Premiers Reading Challenge consent is being issued today. If you would like your child to participate in this worthwhile reading activity please complete the permission slip and return to Mrs Connelly or Mrs Rice as soon as possible.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
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

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. We will continue with hard copies to all families until next week—so if you need a hard copy from then on please complete the slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

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

Swimming Carnival
Our Swimming Carnival will be held next Wednesday 18th February commencing at 8.45am for those children competing in Medley events. Buses will depart from the school at 9.00am ready for a 9.20am start for all other events.
The children are encouraged to wear house colours however no coloured zinc, no coloured hair spray, face paint and no crepe paper is to be worn or taken into the Aquatic Centre.
Students need to bring plenty of water with them and wear hats and sunscreen throughout the day.
The day will conclude at 2.45pm. If you intend to collect your child from the pool and have not done so by 2.45pm, they will be transported back to school by bus. No child is able to stay at the pool at the conclusion of the Carnival unless accompanied by a parent. Please advise your child’s teacher in writing.
Please send in a total of $7 for the cost of bus and pool entry of $3.50 each. Please ensure that the General Sports Consent has been signed and returned to your child’s teacher.
If you have a child in Year 2 who is turning 8 this year and is a competent swimmer they will be able to compete in the Swimming Carnival. Permission notes are available from Mrs Fistr.

Kindergarten News
This is the final week for Kinder students finishing at 3.00pm. As of next week (Week 4) Kinder students will be finishing at 3.15pm to align with the rest of the school.
Scripture is starting over the next couple of weeks. If you do not wish your child to participate, please discuss it with your child’s teacher and provide a written request for exclusion. Scripture classes are non-denominational.
Sport will be starting in a few weeks. If you wish to assist us from 11.45 to 12.45 for sporting rotations just see your child’s teacher to let them know of your availability.
Our lovely Year 5 buddies are coming to visit Kindergarten this Friday at 2:40pm to enjoy an ice block together and talk about how they are enjoying school.