Term 1 Week 4 - 17th February 2015

Important Dates

Wednesday 18th February
DSPS Swimming Carnival

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

Thursday 26th February
Dubbo District Twilight Swimming Carnival

Friday 27th February
Schools Clean up Day

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.

Tell Them For Me Student Survey
I am delighted that our school will participate in a Departmental initiative: Tell Them From Me survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. More information is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are and different ways that teachers interact with them. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete.

Included with this newsletter is a consent form and FAQ’s about this survey. If you do not want your child to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27th February.

From Sharon’s Desk
Congratulations to all of our incoming SRC members, House Captains and Class Captains. The assemblies held last week saw a group of new students elected to the positions for this year and in the case of Class Captain for the term. I look forward to working with such an outgoing and vibrant group of leaders. The first test will be this weeks swimming carnival. Lots of colour, war cries and participation. See you there!

Uniform: As mentioned previously it is important that students arrive for school prepared by being dressed in full uniform with all requested equipment. The summer uniform is looking very good at the moment. Fluro shoes are creeping into our daily wear again. Please remember they are NOT part of the uniform. When purchasing school shoes—black for every day wear and white joggers for sports and PD/H/PE release. On Sports Day there is NO wearing of Canterbury black shorts or black skirts. All shorts are to be royal blue. Lets keep appearance of the school and expectations high please.

Caring for Children: It is important as parents that your children are supplied with lunch and recess—healthy foods each day. I understand things can happen in homes and for many reasons a child may not have brought food to school for the day. Students will be fed—fruit at recess and a sandwich for lunch. This is for emergencies only and not to be used on a regular basis. If you have any concerns or issues please ring me to discuss. Parents are responsible!!!

I will be attending the Principals Macquarie Network Meeting this Friday at Wongarbon. This meeting provides us with information on a range of issues bringing us up to date. We will certainly be looking at the new changes to the attendance policy.

I will keep you informed of areas you need to know.

Thanks for your support and a great start to the year.

Cheers Sharon
HOT DOGS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE!

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

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge: Permission notes were sent home last week to participate in this fantastic reading program. Please return your note to the library ASAP (We also have spares!) Further information can be found online https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html or contact Mrs Rice.

Borrowing: Please ensure that your child has a library bag (preferably plastic) on their Library day.

Book Club Issue 1: Orders were processed yesterday. Students will be notified when they are ready to pick up (usually after a week or 2). Orders will be sent home with your child.

Library monitors: We have been inundated with nominations for Library Monitors again this year. We have decided to appoint 10 monitors each term to enable a wider group to participate in this responsible role in our school. Congratulations to our monitors for Term One: Caitlin White, Jayden Beggs, Annabeth Keen, Ben Chrisp, Erin Gayden, Hannah Wetzel, Olivia Pearn, Max Naden, Emily Wonderley and Lylah Wright. Congratulations!

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

Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow 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.

The total cost of $7 per child is required for bus and pool entry. Students who are successful at our carnival will be required to participate in the Dubbo District Swimming Carnival which will be held on Thursday 26th February commencing at 4.00pm.

News from the Music Room—thank you!

Thank you to Georgia Adams and her dad Greg for their donations of an electric guitar and amplifier, an acoustic guitar and a set of conga drums to the music room. I am sure there are lots of children that will have a ball playing these new instruments.

4H and 3/4T item this Friday

Students will need to be in their full sports uniform. Girls need to have their hair in a high ponytail or high piggy tails, with blue or yellow ribbons – teachers have spares available. Look forward to seeing you there!

Lunchbox Snack Foods

Children need to eat a range of different foods to provide nutrients to meet growth and energy needs. Snacks need to be everyday foods rather than sometimes foods eg. Cheese and crackers, fruit, vegetable sticks, yoghurt, fruit loaf and popcorn.

Cooperation

Positive Behaviour for Learning

* Keep school grounds clean and tidy
* Attempt all tasks
* Return to class promptly
* Use equipment safely
* Think before you act
* Take care of your belongings
* Follow instructions when asked
* Work willingly with others
* Keep hands and feet to yourself
* Be helpful

Make sure you take a look at the stage barometers filling up with tokens. They are located outside the shed. Well done to all of those students who have already received tickets for upholding our PBL values.