**Term 1 Week 6 - 3rd March 2015 Important Dates**

**Wednesday 4th**
P & C AGM & General Meeting 6.30pm

**Friday 6th March**
WA Swimming Carnival
K-6 Assembly Items by 3F and 3K

**Monday 9th March**
Three way conferences in classrooms

**Tuesday 10th March**
AFL Boys & Girls

**Thursday 12th March**
Selective High School Testing

**Friday 13th March**
Science & Engineering Challenge

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**Congratulations** to Madeline Connor who recently attended the Western Area Band Camp and was consequently nominated for the State Wind Band Program—what a great achievement!

**Be Brave and Shave**

This year Dubbo South Public School will be supporting the Leukaemia Foundation by registering a school team in the ‘Be Brave and Shave’ fundraiser. We have families in our school who have been affected by Leukaemia. To date, there are five people in our team who are willing to shave their heads. We would like to have more people in our team so if there are any willing participants out there let us know. Donations would be appreciated and can be made at the top office or online. When making donations please make sure you choose ‘Dubbo South Public School Baldies’ or select the ‘team leader’, Mrs Anette Smidt-Geering. We will have a Crazy Hair Day and a ‘public shave’ towards the end of term.

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**From Sharon’s Desk**

**District Swimming**: A fabulous effort to all of our school team that attended. Congratulations to all students who participated and performed their personal bests! Special mention and congratulations to Sean McCabe who broke records in Individual Medley, 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke. What an amazing effort!!!!

Good luck to Sophie Goodall, Katie Tink, Jack Wallbridge, Sean McCabe, Ella Murray, Ted Murray, Joshua Bebbington, Charlie Tink, Eva Laird, Alicia Fernando, Hamish Wood, Mackenzie Powyer, Zara Wallbridge, Jessica Hall, Jonah Raideveta, Amelia Raideveta, Alix Medley and Travis Medley who were selected to represent the Dubbo District at the Western Area Swimming Carnival this Friday.

**Welfare Policy** was redrafted and updated to include the flow charts for all major/minor behaviours as directed by the PBL process as well as Anti-Bullying strategies. It will be available on the school website. If you have any concerns or issues with behaviour please follow up with your class teachers. If you think a follow up interview is required with Miss Pengilly or myself please book a time so that we can discuss the issue.

**3 Way Conferences** will be held next Monday 9th March from 3.30pm in class teachers rooms. It has been decided to change to a more personal venue to ensure that parents are provided with a more informative approach to your child’s learning. Please take the time to look at your child’s classroom, learning goals and chat with teachers about their program. Evaluations will be available for your feedback on the evening. A register will also be available to list your skills and if you would be willing to contribute to the school in anyway. It will help of course if we can stick to the time schedule. This is a great way for us to get to know our school community. See you there!

**Nathan Riley** was a member of staff last year working in our MC unit as well as working with boys across the school. Nathan was selected to join the Indigenous Marathon program with Rob de Castella which resulted in him competing in the New York Marathon last year. He is now working with us through the Clontarf College Program. Nathan will be having a fun run on Wednesday at the back of the West Dubbo Bowling Club from 4.00pm. A 3 km walk / run will be followed by a BBQ. Go along and support both Nathan’s commitment for life long change and have fun!

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**Students of 3F are required to bring in their costumes before Thursday ready for their item on Friday.**

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Library News

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge: WOW! We now have over 260 students reading for the challenge this year. Spare notes are still available from the library if you would like to join them. More information about the Premiers Reading Challenge can be found on the school website, Mrs Rice or on the PRC website https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html. Thank you to the families and students who have donated plastic and fabric bags to the library. Very much appreciated!

Labelling hats, water bottles and library bags

Due to the release rotation now involving PE could you please make sure your child’s hat and drink bottle are clearly labelled. It is very easy for them to become mixed up with the amount of children we have moving through the PE room, Music Room and the Library each week.

Mr De Lyall, Mrs Prince, Mrs Rice

Indoor Cricket Milo T20 Blast

Last Tuesday the girls’ and boys’ cricket teams played in the Indoor Milo T20 Blast Schools Cup at Dubbo Sportsworld. They were able to field two teams each. Their efforts were outstanding throughout the day. For some it was the first time they had played indoor cricket. Each team won at least 2 games which put both ‘A’ teams in the grand final, unfortunately both being beaten by Orana Heights. The boys’ team only lost by one point! Highlights include catches taken by Sarah Howarth & Max Naden, a double wicket by Tom Shields, wickets taken by Jack Wallbridge and terrific batting partnerships between: Max Naden & Hamish Wood, Julian Morrison-Zhou, Sarah Howarth & Tayla Jermyn, Ava Lang & Sophie Goodall, Kimmy Trappett & Eva Laird as well as Katie Tink & Amelia Raidaveta. These players received ‘player of the match’ notoriety: Nat Lindsay, Will Magner-Pollard, Tom Shields, Katie Tink & Ava Lang twice! Whilst not all players received a mention, everyone is to be commended on their great behaviour, sportsmanship, team work and willingness to do their best. At the day’s end, the students were treated to a cup of milo, stickers, posters, tattoos and a bucket hat each.

It was a pleasure for Mrs Heaslip to accompany these great ambassadors of our school.

Science and Engineering Challenge

Forty children in Stage 3 will be attending the Science and Engineering Challenge on Friday 13th at the Dubbo Turf Club. If your child is unable to attend please indicate on the permission slip so that another child is given the opportunity.

Dubbo District Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 26th of February 39 DSPS students competed at Dubbo District Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to 18 of these students will now progress to the Western Carnival this Friday, including our 4 relay teams. An extra congratulations to Sean McCabe who broke another three records. I would like to say a huge thank you to families and staff who attended to support our team and to Mrs Farrell for being our team manager.

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A big thank you to everyone who assisted at the working bee last weekend. We had a very successful day with vegie beds prepared for new plantings, plants trimmed, fruit harvested and seed collected. Our compost bins were cleaned out and compost put on the beds, bins are ready again for the coming year. Each classroom has a bucket for students to place their scraps into. A big thank you to Sandra Wetzel who has donated more worms for the worm farms. Zucchini, cucumber, spinach and carrots are all doing well as well as basil and rocket.

It really is a wonderful program so next time you are down at the Dalton Street end of the school drop by and have a look at the progress made over the past 12 months.

A big thank you to Libby McIntyre who is the major force behind the organisation of this worthwhile program.

P&C News

Easter Raffle: It’s that time of year again! We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs and other Easter related items for our Easter raffle. Please bring your donations into the school office. The raffle will be drawn on 1st April after the Scripture Assembly.

P&C Meeting: Wednesday 4th March 6.30pm in the Shed

This week will be the AGM followed by a regular meeting. Grab a friend and come along to support your child’s school.