District Swimming Carnival Champions
Junior Boy Champion: Sean McCabe
Senior Boy Champion: Jack Wallbridge
Junior Girl Champion: Ella Murray
11 yrs Girl Champion: Katie Tink
Senior Girl Champion: Sophie Goodall
Winning school: Dubbo South PS
Handicap has not yet been awarded.

The Western Swimming Carnival was held last Friday 6th March. Jack Wallbridge, Ella Murray, Sophie Goodall, Ted Murray, Charlie Tink, Katie Tink, Jonah Raidaveta, Amelia Raidaveta, Alix Medley and Sean McCabe were successful in their respective events and will be representing DSPS and Western Area at the State Carnival at Homebush on March 25th-26th. Both Junior Boys and Senior Girls Relay teams were also successful. Sean McCabe broke yet another record. Well done to all the swimmers and all the best to those going on to compete at Homebush.

Moorambilla Workshop
Students who are members of the school choir will be participating in a workshop with Michelle Leonard, a well known Australian choral conductor. Students will participate in fun singing and body percussion activities on Wednesday 18th March. The Moorambilla Concert will be held in Dubbo this year and children who show a talent for singing and moving will be selected and have the opportunity to participate.

From Sharon’s Desk
Dubbo South Bucks the Trend!
ACARA: Parent school information site has released the MySchool website providing details to all parents on all schools. Yesterday in the Liberal it was noted that results were in for NAPLAN on this site. The Director of Schools stated that Dubbo public schools were performing well. Results at our public primary schools were mostly on par with statistically similar schools however, Dubbo South had “bucked the trend in Year 5 by matching the national average in all five categories”. Congratulations and well done to teachers and students. Our students will continue to be targeted for improvement again for 2015 NAPLAN. The school has been working hard in both Literacy and Numeracy teaching and learning.

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What a fantastic effort from the team at the Western Area Swimming Carnival.

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Tell Them From Me surveys are beginning this week with classes Years 4-6 over the next 4 weeks. The online Department survey will gauge students thoughts on their learning and school programs. All surveys are highly confidential and responses will return to me as data only (no names) to allow the school to develop new directions, if appropriate, based on the engagement of our students. They will complete these in class computer time.

3 Way Conferences: It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at our meetings yesterday. We hoped you liked the new approach of meeting in the students classrooms—it appeared very positive and smoothly run. Please let me know if you have any input for improvement. Catch up with your child’s teacher if you didn’t get to a meeting. It is very important to have open communication.

Parents at Schools: It is always positive to see parents arrive at school at 2.45pm each afternoon when the gates open, however please remember that students are still busy in classes. If parents could gather under the COLA in Fitzroy St, the seated areas outside the Admin block, Kindergarten seated area, seated area at the back of the Library and the seated area under the tree at Dalton St at the back of the demountables—it would be appreciated. Children aren’t to be on equipment for safety reasons. Thank you for your support in this.

Have a great week, Sharon Murray
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. If you are willing to participate please let us know. Donations would be appreciated and can be made at the top office or online. When making donations online please make sure you choose ‘Dubbo South Public School Baldies’ or select the ‘team leader’. A big thank you to those students and teachers who are going for the big shave; Jason Tierney, Anette Smidt-Geering, Alasha Pusell, Nat Lindsay and Lachlan Gray. The “Big Shave” will be held on the last day of this term at an assembly. Our goal is $2000. A donation box for loose change is at the front counter. At this early stage we have already achieved donations of $605.

PSSA Term 2
During the next week Stage 2 and 3 students will be asked to make sport choices. Please discuss two sport choices with your child as first choice cannot always be given due to restricted team numbers.

TERM 2 PSSA SPORTS

GIRLS:
Netball, League Tag, Soccer and Hockey depending on numbers.
Lawn Bowls will be limited to Year 6 students only. Children need to bring their own equipment for their selected sport.
Soccer and Hockey: shin pads and mouthguard
Rugby League: Mouthguard and head gear
Appropriate footwear and a hat are to be worn by all students.
All jewellery needs to stay at home on Fridays.

Library News
Book Club Issue 2: Issue 2 was sent home last Friday. Spare leaflets are available from the Library. Orders must be returned to the Library no later than 9.20am Friday 13th March in an envelope/lunch bag with the student’s name & class clearly marked. EXACT money only please as there are NO CHANGE facilities. Cheques must be payable to DPS P & C. Online payment slips AND order forms should be returned to the library. NO late orders are accepted. This is a P&C initiative that allows the school to purchase hundreds of resources each year.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge: Online Reading Logs are now open or if you have a WINDOWS 8 device there is a NSW PRC app (not available on other devices yet). Please see the PRC website for details of both https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html Students must use their student portal log in to access the online reading logs. Ask your class teacher if you are unsure about this or see Mrs Rice in the library. Alternatively, you can use the paper reading logs already distributed. Remember to notify the library as soon as you are done! Spare notes are available from the library if you want to join. More information about the PRC can also be found on the school website, the PRC website or see Mrs Rice.

FREE WORLD BOOK online @ home! All Dubbo South students and their families have free access to World Book Online Student and Kids edition. Just visit www.worldbookonline.com

Username: south1 Password: library

ICAS Competitions
Letters are being issued today for all students in Years 2 to 6 for the International Competitions and Assessments for School competitions (ICAS). Please enclose the entry with money in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name. Payment can be given to your child’s teacher or direct to the ladies in the school office. All entries must be returned to school by Tuesday 31st March.

Science and Engineering Challenge—this Friday!
A reminder that all students attending the Science and Engineering Challenge are required to be at school before 9.00am. The bus departs promptly at 9.15am. Students are to wear sports uniform.

Head Lice
Please ensure that you check your child’s hair for head lice regularly, not just when they complain of itchiness. If you find eggs or lice, please treat your child with treatment available from your chemist or supermarket. A repeat treatment will most probably be required a week later.