Term 2 Week 2—28th April 2015

Important Dates

- Wednesday 29th April
  Western Girls/Boys Soccer in Cowra
- Thursday 30th April
  Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney deposit due
  Rugby League against Buninyong
- Friday 1st May
  Class Captain Induction
- Monday 4th May
  Boys and Girls Soccer v Dubbo Public School
- Tuesday 5th May
  Peachey and Richardson Shield Competition

From Sharon’s Desk

Thank you to all of our students who attended and marched on Saturday for ANZAC Day. It was extremely well attended with nearly 95 students in full uniform marching proudly behind our school banner. It is a wonderful way to pay tribute to all of the fallen soldiers.

Our students also commemorated 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli with a ANZAC service at school last Friday. This was a very moving event for all the staff and students involved. I attended the combined Schools ANZAC Ceremony with our School Captains Nat Lindsay and Sorelle Thomas on Friday afternoon at the Cenotaph. It is wonderful to see Australian servicemen and women honoured in such a way.

On Wednesday all schools have been asked to recognise Western Schools Sport with all students wearing their Western Sports paraphernalia if they have represented our school or area at Western Area level. If not support the cause by wearing a red and/or green item. The day is in support of DEC Sport Unit that helps all students achieve the best they can in representative sport.

Strategic School Plan

for the next 3 years providing the journey forward for Dubbo South Public School will be available on our website from this Friday. It is important to know that the three directions came about because of the input from parent, students and staff surveys carried out at the end of 2014. Key questions were around areas of improvement and areas where Dubbo South performs well. The school will have a document containing milestones to keep the school on track to meet the targets.

The Annual School Report for 2014 provides the targets and programs offered across this school. This report also acknowledges the highlights and achievements in 2014 by students. This will also be published on the school website this Friday.

Expression of Interest for High School will be sent home today for Year 6 students heading into Year 7 in 2016. A letter was sent home last term informing you of the newly followed policy around locality. If you are not happy with your child’s nominated local high school for 2016 you will need to apply and follow the guidelines for appeal. From now on all children will attend the high school in their local area. This means that instead of all our students moving as a cohort to South Campus each year some of our students will be heading to Delroy Campus based on your residential address. Please return your form ASAP. We apologise for the quick turn around.

Cheers Sharon

Class Captains Induction

This term’s Class Captains Induction will be held this Friday afternoon at the whole school assembly commencing at 1.50pm. Captains will need to pay $4 contribution towards the cost of the badge. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the assembly which will be held in the hall.

Moorambilla Festival

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate in the Moorambilla Voices Festival. Information packages were delivered to Bailey Auld, Ben Chrisp, Connor Etcell, Preston Kelly, Oliver Maroulis, Huntah Robinson, Hannah Barker, Jazmin Martin, Hannah Wetzel, Jade Widderson.

Opportunity Class Applications

Online applications for Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 students in 2016 opened yesterday. Parents are encouraged to apply online. All entries must be in by Friday 15th May and testing will take place on Wednesday 22nd July.

Please visit www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement for the application forms.

Wear Western Wednesday

Please wear an item of Green and Red clothing with your uniform this Wednesday, tomorrow for Wear Western Wednesday. Those children who have represented the Western Region for sporting activities are requested to wear their Western uniforms.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Tuesdays 8.30am-9.30am and
Thursdays 8.30am-9.30am.
All new and used clothing is available for sale.
Order forms are available from the school office or website.

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.
Flexi Schools
Don’t forget to use the flexi schools website to place canteen orders. Visit www.flexischools.com.au to view the menu and place orders to speed up your lunch ordering process.

Library News
Well done to those people who have returned overdue Library books. Thanks also to those parents who have paid for any lost books as these can no be replaced.

Book Club issue 3 will be sent home with students on Friday and orders will be due in Friday 8th May. Please remember that the correct money is required and that your child’s name and class is clearly marked on the envelope. No late orders can be accepted. Cheques need to be made out to Dubbo South PS P&C.

Premiers Reading Challenge: Well done to those students who have completed the reading challenge already—a mammoth effort considering the challenge has been going since the beginning of last term.

School Music Day
Members of our school band and string students will be attending a music workshop at Trangie Central School. Mr Justin Screen has organised the day which includes workshops for strings, band and guitar. The day will conclude with a combined concert at the conclusion of the day. Permission notes will be issued to students today. What a great opportunity for our students!

A big thank you to Mr Screen and Mrs Geering for making this day possible.

Mothers Day Stall
Donations are required for our Mothers Day Stall to be held on Thursday 8th May. Presents will be in the value of $1 to $5. All donations can be left at the school office. We are looking for helpers on Tuesday 5th May to assist with the wrapping of Mothers Day gifts. If you can help please meet us at the uniform shop. Volunteers are required on the day to assist with selling. If you can help please contact Amy on 0407906595.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
The PBL learning focus for this week is displaying Care, Cooperation, Respect and Responsibility when using the school toilets. During the week all students will be learning and revising the positive behaviours for the school toilets.

Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney
Places for Sydney are filling fast. There are less than 20 places left so please get those deposits in quickly! A waiting list will be compiled after the 130 allocations are filled. The total cost of the excursion has been set at $335. The balance owing after the $70 deposit of $265 is due by Friday 31st July. Parents are encouraged to pay by instalments and time will quickly disappear.

Stewart House
Envelopes for Stewart House collection were issued last week. To be eligible to be in the draw for a family holiday please return all envelopes by next Friday 8th May.

Brospeak
On the 22nd April 17 boys involved with Brospeak helped in the OLGA garden. We spread rocks to make a dry river bed and learnt about plants such as the Yellow Kangaroo Paw, Aussie Rambler, Westringa and large Tussock Grass. We learnt about caring for the plants and the environment. The man from ICAN helped us heaps. We mulched around the plants to keep the weeds away. We are going to take turns in watering the plants.

By Preston Kelly & Rome Toomey

Dubbo Show Entries
It’s that time again! Several classes will be entering artwork into the Dubbo Show in May. The entry fee will be 60c per child. A flyer will be sent home outlining classes that will be engaged in artwork for the Dubbo Show.

Family Court Orders
Sadly sometimes relationships breakdown and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children’s education. It is very important families notify the school immediately of any changes in family circumstances and provide the school with a copy of Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders where necessary.