**Important Dates**

**Wednesday 6th May**
- Fete Meeting 6pm
- P&C Meeting 6.30pm

**Thursday 7th May**
- Mothers Day Stall
- Girls Cricket v Dubbo Public School
- Rugby 7’s at Orange

**Monday 11th May**
- Western Boys Touch Trials

**Tuesday 12th May**
- NAPLAN: Spelling, Grammar & Writing
- Wednesday 13th May
- NAPLAN Reading
- Thursday 14th May
- NAPLAN Numeracy
- Friday 15th May
- Kindergarten to Dubbo Show

Whole School Assembly items by 2M.

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**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN tests will be conducted next week for Years 3 and 5 commencing 12th May. It consists of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Please ensure that your child is well rested and has a healthy breakfast each day to ensure they achieve the best they can.

**Year 7 Expression of interest Forms** need to be returned to Miss Pengilly by Wednesday as all forms are required to be sent to the College Admin Centre by Friday.

**Dubbo Show**

Kindergarten students will be participating in an excursion to the Dubbo Show. Please ensure that permission notes and bus money is returned to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Thanks

**Show Entries:** All classes will be entering the Dubbo Show in a variety of sections. Please pay the entry fee of 60c per child to your class teacher by the end of the week.

**Tissues**

With the onset of cold weather the need for more tissues increase. If you can help out, a donation of a box of tissues to place in your child’s classroom would be greatly appreciated!

** Mothers Day Stall**

Thursday 7th May from 9.30am. We are still looking for donations of presents between the value of $1 to $5 which can be left at the school office. Volunteers are required for selling presents to the children. Please meet Amy at the blue wall from 9.15am if you can assist.

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**From Sharon’s Desk**

**School Strategic Plan** has been developed over the last 3 terms. The plan providing 3 strategic directions will steer our school on our educational journey over the next 3 years can be found on the school website. The directions are Quality Teaching and Leadership; Student Learning Engagement and Community Connections. These have been developed with input from many different areas by staff, students and parents.

The **Annual School Report** for 2014 has also been loaded onto our school website. This provides a summary of highlights, achievements of students and the school along with new directions and improvements for 2015.

Thank you to those people who attended the Working Bee in the OLGA on Saturday. It was a very productive day—planting, weeding beds, transferred worms around their farms, composting, mulching and spraying. Drop in and have a look. Get involved in this community and school project. The ICAN group helped our Brospeak boys and Mr Robinson develop a dry creek bed with the planting of over 70 Indigenous plants. Our next major task is to find a brick layer who can help us lay bricks for the seating in our Amphitheatre. If there is anyone out there who can help to achieve this please contact the school. A big thankyou to the Local Lands Service for providing the funding for this project.

Recently we have been finding that at times students have had issues around sorting out their problems whilst at school. All children need to be safe when being at school. The school follows teaching philosophy and is developing further ideas around Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). Areas are targeted around the school where support is needed and lessons are developed to teach children the correct approach and behaviours. Another proactive strategy we are using is to work with the Police School Liaison Officer Snr Constable Skene. I invited him to address the girls in Stage 2 last week and this week he will speak to the Stage 2 and 3 boys. Please discuss any issues raised with you by your child.

Every student has a right to learn in a safe and happy environment. We will be looking at further proactive strategies to help students work through any of their issues at school.

**P&C Meeting** will be held this Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Shed. Come along for a chat and have input regarding your child’s school. See you there! A Fete meeting will be held from 6pm. **Claim the Date 22nd October**. It would be great to have lots of parents come along and help out for this wonderful fund raiser! Good luck to our boys playing in the Russell Richardson and Peachey Cups today. Mr Robinson and Mr Tierney will be there leading them. Rugby Boys 7’s will also be playing this Thursday at Orange.

Happy Mothers Day for this Sunday. I hope you all get spoilt!

Cheers Sharon
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
Book club orders are due no later than 9.20am this Friday the 8th of May. Student’s name and class on the envelope and exact money only please. All cheques made out to Dubbo South Public School please. Congratulations to this terms Library Monitors: Mitchell Andrews 5/6K, Shaykia Nolan 5/6K, Jazlyn Fernando 5/6H, Emily Cudmore 5/6T, Joshua Aubila 5/6K, Kyle Spencer 5/6K, Georgia Mawby-Smith 5/6K, Tayla Jermy 5/6H, Olivia Scott-Rees 5/6S and Emily Blackett 5/6S. Please ensure that your child has paid $4 for the badges they received last Friday.

Cross Country Trials
Cross Country Trials will be held on Tuesday 19th May for all Primary students. Students will catch the bus to and from Lady Cutler Ovals, cost of bus $3 (money to class teacher before the date)– Depart at 1.15pm Return approx 2.50pm. Any child in Year 2 who turns 8 this year is able to complete. A permission note is available from Miss Temesvary if you would like your child to participate.

Sporting Schools.
This term in place of Active After School Care Dubbo South Public School will be running a program called Sporting Schools.
At Dubbo South Public School, Sporting Schools will run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of weeks 4 – 8. Activities will start at 3.30pm and will finish at 4.15pm when parents would be asked to come and collect their children from the staff Car Park on Fitzroy Street. Sporting Schools is based on the “Playing for Life” philosophy which encourages children to have fun by focussing on skills not drills. As there are limited places in the program it will be a matter of first in best dressed. There is no charge to parents for this program. Enrolment forms will be available from the front office or from Mrs Lunn as of Wednesday the 6th of May. Your child will be given an acceptance letter obtaining more information once your enrolment form is completed. Please visit https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/ for more information.

Kindergarten Release Lesson Time Change
As of this Thursday and Friday release classes such as Library, PE and music times for KR & KP have changed to the following days: KR on Thursday and KP on Friday
We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken 25th and 26th May (Week 6) of this term. Parents are encouraged to order photos online. We will have limited paper order forms for those families who cannot access online ordering.

Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney
Due to the number of students on the waiting list for Sydney we have booked an additional 18 seater bus to go with the first trip on August 26th to 28th. It is recommended that parents take advantage of the instalments plan for this payment of this excursion. If you haven’t paid your deposit of $70 and your child is on the waiting list please do so as soon as possible.

Questacon Performance
When: Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th May
Cost $5 per child
Where: School Hall
Students K to Year 6
All money is requested to be paid to your child’s teacher.
Questacon is the National Science and Technology Centre and will be travelling from Canberra to present an inspiring and engaging hands on Science Show for all students Kindergarten to Year 6.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours Term 2
Tuesdays 8.30am-9.30am and Thursdays 8.30am-9.30am.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
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The PBL learning focus for this week is displaying Care, Cooperation, Respect and Responsibility when playing in the Fitzroy Street playground.
During the week all students will be learning and revising the positive behaviours for the Fitzroy Street playground. Teachers will be handing out tokens to students for positive behaviour.
The barometers are filling up fast!

Care
- Seeds are for sitting
- Use and return equipment safely
- Place rubbish in the bins
- Hats on
- Walk on the paths

Cooperation
- Listen to the teacher on duty
- Move to class lines immediately after the bell
- Play by the rules
- Leave others’ games alone

Respect
- Share the area with others
- Give way to parents and visitors

Responsibility
- Ball games at recess and lunch only
- Play on the play equipment safely
- Grass is for quiet play
- Report problems to the teacher on duty
Boys Soccer
The boys were great on the field together with lots of team work and effort. Well done to Brayden who scored the only goal. They showed lots of respect to Dubbo Public School players. The final score was 1 –1 and South just won on corners. Man of the match was Brayden Smith. Thank you Mr DeLyall for all his help with coaching. We now go to Mudgee for a gala day where we will play several matches. Thank you also for all the support from our parents for taking us to and from the game.

Girls Soccer: Firstly a big congratulations to the soccer girls for their efforts on Mondays game. The Central girls got a quick goal in the first 3 minutes of the game. Amy Moore scored our only goal of the game. Jade Widdison was named player of the match. Even though the girls were defeated 2-1 they showed excellent sportsmanship during and after the game. I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents and grandparents for taking students down to the fields. You make our job easier.

Regards Patrice Kent.

AFL Regional Finals
At the end of last term the girl’s and boy’s AFL teams travelled to Orange with St John’s Primary to compete in the regional finals. The competition from Bathurst and Orange schools was pretty tough, but our teams were not deterred by that and played as hard as they could. Whilst the girls made a great effort in all their games, they were unable to take away a win for the day. The boys played with such determination that they were able to win two of their matches. Whilst this was not enough to put them into the finals, they were successful at nudging out a strong Bathurst grandfinal contender. Jack Wallbridge continued to battle on even though injured a few times. He, Connor Ettell, Julian Morrison-Zhou, Seaun Stanley and Kimmy Trappett all contributed to the scores from their goal kicking efforts. Overall the teams are to be commended on the way they worked together sharing positions and sub time. Their sportsmanship, attitude and behaviour were second to none. Thank you to Mrs Brown for her assistance with supporting the boy’s team on the day.

Netball
On Thursday 23rd April, the girls netball team attended the Western Netball Divisional Day. The day consisted of 3 games. Game 1, we played Dubbo Public. At half time, the girls were down 7 - 2, but a whole team effort saw the girls bring it home in an exciting finish. South winning 14 - 13. Game 2, we came up against Cudgegong and prevailed 17 – 7. Game 3 was an extremely tight contest, but unfortunately the girls went down 11 – 15 against Condobolin. A huge thank you to our parent supporters. All girls showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Your efforts and positive attitude are something to be proud of. Congratulations to Alix Medley and Amelia Raidaveta who were selected to trial for the Western team later in May.

Tennis
Our tennis team played Orana Heights Public School today which resulted in a win of 6 sets to 2. Well done to Ted Murray, Charlie Tink, Katie Tink and Ella Murray. They now progress to the next round.