Dubbo South Public School
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility

Term 3 Week 5—11th August 2015

Important Dates
Wednesday 12th August
P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Boys Touch Football v Orana Heights

Thursday 13th August
Basketball match staff v students
Band Workshop at Tullamore

Friday 14th August
Dubbo District Athletics Carnival

Monday 17th August
Tell Them From Me Survey begins

Wednesday 19th August
Moorambilla Sausage Sizzle

From Sharon's Desk
NAIDOC celebrations kicked off yesterday at a whole school assembly with guest speaker Charlie Maher speaking about his experience as a marathon runner from Alice Springs. Charlie is currently working across the Colleges under the Clontarf program. The theme “We all Stand on Sacred Land” Celebrate, Learn and Respect was discussed by senior students, our school choir sang “One People, One Land” and other performances by Sistaspeak as well as 3K with “Move it South Style” all contributed to the celebrations. We have another fabulous day today with a range of rotational activities. More photos next week. An excellent effort by the Aboriginal Education team and community. Well done to all involved.

Tell Them From Me Survey: This term our school will be participating in a Department of Education initiative Tell Them From Me. This is the second time that we have participated. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. It is conducted online and will take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be conducted during school hours between 24th August and 16th October. Participation is entirely voluntary. A consent form is attached.

Partners in Learning: Our school will also be participating in Partners in Learning parent survey, another component of Tell Them From Me survey on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are know to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents and carers perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home. If you have not got a computer you will be able to access one at school. These typically take 15 minutes to complete and is strictly confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 24th August and 16th October. The survey is voluntary however your responses are very much appreciated.

More information is available on both these surveys from: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Have a great week!
Cheers Sharon
Canteen

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Jodie at the Canteen 6882 2957.

Special Menu Items:
Homemade breakfast egg & bacon quiches will be available as a healthy alternative from the canteen of a morning for $1.50
Lunch specials will be available every week:

**Tuesday’s** - Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise and small drink $6.
**Wednesday’s** - Beef Nachos and small drink $6

Don’t forget that Flexischools is up and running. If you have not got access to a computer/app please contact Jodie to make other arrangements.

Library News

**Premier’s Reading Challenge:** Only 10 days until the end of the challenge!! The completion date is NEXT FRIDAY 21st August! Please see Mrs Rice NOW if you need help to finish!

**Book Week** commences 24th August in Week 7. Last week the wrong date was published for the Dress Up day – my apologies. Dress Up day for Book Week is on Tuesday the 25th of August.

Athletics Carnival

Last Tuesday all students from Years 3 to 6 as well as some 8 yr olds from Year 2 participated in the annual Athletics Carnival. We had a fantastic day at the renovated Barden Park.

The overall winning house on the day was Sturt. The age champions are as follows:

- **Junior Girls:** Georgia Cudmore
- **Junior Boys:** Will Cuthill
- **11 yrs Girls:** Kimmy Trappett
- **11 yrs Boys:** Brayden Smith
- **Senior girls:** Sorelle Thomas
- **Senior boys:** Will Magnier-Pollard

This week a team of 53 students accompanied by Mrs Fistr will compete in the District Athletics Carnival at Barden Park this Friday. We wish them all the best.

**Congratulations** to Amelia Raidaveta who smashed the senior girls discus record (held since 2001) and shot put (held since 1972) Jonah Raidaveta also broke the junior shotput record held since 2006.

Touch Football

Last Wednesday our senior Boys Touch Football team played Dunedoo Central School and won 10-7. The boys played a great game and showed excellent sportsmanship during the day. We now progress to the next round and play Orana Heights tomorrow.

**Tullamore Band Day**

Our band students will be travelling to Tullamore this Thursday for a workshop and performance with other students from Trangie, Tullamore and Tottenham. Workshops are held in wind instruments, strings and guitar. Please ensure that all permission notes are returned as soon as possible. A reminder that we will be leaving at 8.00am from Fitzroy Street.

Dubbo South will be hosting a workshop in Term 4.

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

The PBL learning focus for this week is **Respect.**

Respect in the playground - Listening to others.

Respect in the classroom - Respecting other people’s property.

Teachers are always looking for students to give Ollie tokens to in the playground and the classroom who are following the PBL expectations.

Well done to all students who follow our PBL values.