Term 3 Week 9—8th September 2015

Important Dates
Wednesday 9th September
Yr 6/7 Information Evening
Kinder Zoo Excursion
Thursday 10th September
Kids Teaching Kids Expo
Friday 18th September
Last Day of Term 3
Tuesday 6th October
First Day of Term 4 for students and staff

Lost Property
Miss Pengilly took home a very large bag of lost property to wash. Please get your children’s items labelled. They are expensive items and as they all look the same, children leave them behind and they end up in the lost property. If the clothing is not claimed clothing is then donated to the uniform shop. Please label jumpers, bottles, hats etc to save your money!

Troy Grant Visit
Yesterday Deputy Premier of NSW, Troy Grant, came to our school for a very interesting talk and to answer some of our questions. We all asked great questions and received awesome answers in return! It was fun listening to Troy’s previous jobs and favourite sporting teams, animals and hobbies. After the small interview, he presented a NSW Parliament book for our school library. It was a pleasure and a privilege having him at our school and meeting him!! — Sorelle Thomas

Tell Them From Me Survey
The attached note provides information and the direct link to the parent survey and also a password to access this link. You have until the 16th October to complete the survey which is totally confidential. Individual passwords are provided for online access. I appreciate your time and honest contribution to the questions. Students, staff and parents will all be involved in the survey. The data is returned in graph format. The information will provide us with areas of further directions for our school.

P&C Fete News
Passports were issued to all families last week. A reminder that once the passport is completed and each square signed off by a teacher then your child’s name will go into the drawer for an iPad. Get those donations rolling in!

Year 6 to 7 Information Night
When: Wednesday 9th September
Where: Senior Campus Cafeteria
Yarrandale Rd
Time: 6pm to 7pm
For students going to both Delroy and South Campus in 2016.

Our School Captains and Troy Grant

From Sharon’s Desk
Kids Teaching Kids will be hosted by our school this Thursday in our OLGA. A total of 140 students will be travelling from eight different schools to present workshops around Environmental issues and topics. The day will be opened by the Mayor Mathew Dickerson and followed by a welcome and smoking ceremony by Di McNaboe and Ralph Naden. Parents are more than welcome to drop in and have a look. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lincoln McBroom and all of the Stage 3 teachers for supporting and encouraging their students. A huge thank you to Mrs Libby McIntyre whose vision of the OLGA as it is has driven the project encouraging many staff and community members to contribute to this event.

Congratulations to students who came together from eleven schools across the region to participate in the Western Region Choral Workshop. They were fortunate to be working with Paul Jarman, an outstanding musician and composer, to work on 4 songs which they performed at a concert at the conclusion of the three days. Fifteen students from Dubbo South attended. What a fantastic opportunity. Thank you to Mrs Lindy Blekemore for your direction and support.

Recently the school has been working on looking proactively at addressing areas of Anti-bullying and Behaviour across the school. At the moment staff have been discussing the processes across the school. It is important to know that bullying as a definition is the repetitive negative behaviour of a person who has power over another! Please take the time to talk to your children about being proactive—walking away, reporting issues to teachers and parents as soon as a problem occurs. It is important that each child needs to attend school and feel safe and happy. Yes issues can occur however, if informed the school can act upon and solve the concern. The school is looking at a range of social skills programs for students looking at building resilience, being confident and working with each other to engage themselves more in school. The Department of Education states clearly that if there are issues of violence, immediate suspension will occur. All parts of our school community need to work together proactively to make our students the best they can be and Dubbo South the best it can be. If you have anything to raise please drop in for a meeting—please make an interview with your class teacher or myself to follow up.

Mr Troy Grant, Deputy Premier, attended a Stage 3 assembly on Monday morning to discuss his role and parliamentary duties as on their recent trips to Sydney. Unfortunately the were unable to attend Parliament House during their trip. Great job Sorelle Thomas, Nat Lindsay, Will Pollard, Connor Ectell for their leadership of the assembly.

Have a great week—I hope all the Dad’s enjoyed their day!
Canteen

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Library News

Book Club Issue 6: Orders were sent away on Friday courtesy of our amazing Book Club mums – Jacqueline Gravitis and Emma Marchant. Thank you ladies. Your order will be sent home with your child when it is ready.

School holiday program! Visit the Macquarie Regional Library these holidays and participate in their school holiday program “Dive into Reading!” Numbers are limited so bookings are essential. Please call 68014510 ASAP or see their website for more details.

http://macquarieregionallibrary.boswebsystems.com/KidsandTeens/school-hols-dubbo

Stage 3 Excursion

I travelled to Sydney on Trip 1 and we left very early in the morning. The highlight for me was Luna Park and Scenic World on the Blue Mountains. I had a great time! We stayed at the Collaroy Centre which is situated in the bush outside Sydney and close to the beach. It was a great place to stay with lots of birdlife.

Maggie Collins

The first day was fun as we went to The Scenic Railway, Echo Point and then travelled to ANZ Stadium. It was fascinating and HUGE! The highlight for me was our visit to Luna Park. I went on my first roller coaster ride—it was very scary, I felt like I was going to fall off!!! Jack Wallbridge

Kindergarten - Fathers Day Lunch

Our Fathers Day luncheon was a great success with lots of visitors enjoying their lunch, made by our Kindergarten students. The children were so excited being able to cater for their loved ones and spend time with them.

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritans Purse is a Christian organisation providing emergency relief and assistance to suffering people around the world. We have empty boxes to be filled with something to wear, something to love, something for school, something special, something to play with and something for personal hygiene. If you can help out please come to the office and collect a box.

Cricket Congratulations

Congratulations to Kimmy Trappett who successfully gained a position in the Western Girls Cricket team last Thursday. What an amazing achievement!

Sporting School afternoon activities has finished!

3K will be enjoying a end of term class party on Friday 18th September after their successful performance of “Moving it South Style”.

Please bring along a plate to share.

Cricket Visit

Last Thursday our school was fortunate enough to have a visit from Peter Nevill (current Australian player, NSW & ex Sydney Sixes Player) and Ben Dwarshuis (Current NSW & Sydney Sixes Player). We were the only school they could squeeze in with their visit to Dubbo, with 5/6H, Kinder Red and 1B lucky enough to participate in a skills based clinic run by these players. Peter has just returned from playing as wicket keeper in the Ashes series, where he played 4 out of the 5 games. Ben is a fast bowler. Mrs Heaslip & Mr De Lyall were all smiles being able to rub shoulders with an infamous player and felt privileged to work alongside such talented sportspeople. The students involved also thoroughly enjoyed the session.

OLGA

A big thank you to our helpers last weekend. Mulch was shovelled, another path laid out, watering, weeding and lots more. The OLGA is finished and ready for the Kids Teaching Kids Conference at the School this Thursday. Thanks to Jason Blake and his experience and skill - he has been instrumental in ensuring the OLGA was built and finished to the best standard and to all those who volunteered their time.

Now the majority of the construction work is done (there are a few ideas for other great things!!) we will have a break. Some of the students have done a wonderful job with moving mulch, gravel, weeding, planting etc and it is now for our school community to use this great outdoor learning space.

Any parents or grandparents wanting to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the OLGA during school hours, please contact the school.

Choral Workshop

Paul Jarman was a really great choral teacher. His music was really fun to sing and I loved the opportunity to sing with children from other schools. My favourite song was “Wildlife Warrior” which was a song about Steve Irwin. Maggy Collins

I had an exciting time with Paul and kids from other schools. I loved the song “Take to the Sky” written by Paul. The song was about the history of flight in Australia. I like Paul’s songs because they are all about Australians and Australia. Ben Chrisp
Stage 3 to Sydney