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**Important Dates**

**FEBRUARY**

**Thursday 11th**  
◊ SRC & Sports House Capt Induction  
10.00am in the hall followed by morning tea

**Friday 12th**  
◊ Class Captain Induction - 1.35pm in the hall.

**Monday 15th**  
◊ Kinder finish at 3.15pm from today  
◊ Kinder home reading begins 9-9.20

**Tuesday 16th**  
◊ DSPS Swimming Carnival  
◊ Kinder Sight Testing

**Wednesday 17th**  
◊ Visiting Show - Dino Science

**Friday 19th**  
◊ K-6 Assembly - Items by 3/4H & 3/4T

**Thursday 25th**  
◊ District Swimming Carnival

**Friday 26th**  
◊ Kinder sport begins 11.45-12.45

**MARCH**

**Wednesday 2nd**  
◊ P&C Meeting - The Shed 6.30pm

**Friday 4th**  
◊ Western Area Swimming Carnival  
◊ K-6 Assembly - items: 3/4H & 3/4T  
◊ Schools Clean Up Day

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A PBL Matrix has been sent home with today's newsletter outlining our school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations and how this relates to the classroom and in the afternoon at home time.

Please familiarise yourself with this as it is important for the safety of your children that they leave the school through the appropriate exits.

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From Sharon

School uniforms reflect who we are and what school we belong to. I am very proud to look at our school and see all in their uniforms—operating in a very professional manner. Please keep up this great look. The school expectation is that all children are in “full uniform” at all times. I would appreciate it if students could get into a school hat/cap rather than slogan driven hats! New school caps are being ordered and they should be in soon.

Students must have a hat to play outside—otherwise they will be playing quietly in the shade.

**Attendance** is important everyday of the year. Your child must be at school to improve in developing and achieving their school based outcomes. Class begins at 9.20am and being at school on time is very important to achieve the highest learning outcomes. The most important instructions are delivered at the beginning of the day.

If for whatever reason your child must be away, a letter must be supplied. You can also notify us through the school app which can be downloaded onto any smart phone for free. Alternatively, you can call the school and give verbal advice. If you don’t provide an explanation, the school will ring home or make a visit to discuss and encourage our students to be here everyday.

**Non-compulsory School Fees** are now being accepted. Please know these are $30 per child and include all stationary (books etc). Please pay these as soon as possible. Invoices will be sent home. These fees certainly contribute much to the resources and programs for our school children.

**Staffing**—Mrs Sue Rathbone will be released to work at District Office on Mondays and Tuesdays for Term 1. Mrs Rathbone will still be working in her role as Assistant Principal (AP) Wellbeing Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Renae Giddings has stepped up to be Relieving AP whilst Sue is away.

Miss Neva Pengilly will take on the Stage 3 Supervisors role whilst Ms Nicole Matheson will step into the Kindergarten Relieving AP position. I know they will both be very positive in these roles as they support teachers and students further.

I will be on leave Wednesday 10th February until February 24th. If you have any issues or concerns etc, please see Miss Neva Pengilly who will be sitting in my chair. Thank you.

Have a great week. Sharon
**Dino Science**

With lashings of humour, loads of audience participation and huge scale models, Dinosaur Science is designed to “wow” even the most cynical students. This show is an ideal way to get students thinking about science and it’s many fields. Our students have the privilege of experiencing this show this term. A fee of $5 is required for your child to attend which can be returned to their class teacher by **THIS FRIDAY** 12th February.

**When:** Wednesday 17th February  
**Where:** School Hall  
**Cost:** $5.00

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**School Newsletter**

Newsletters are available via the schools website, free School App, email or a hard copy. We are trying to minimise the paper usage to help our environment so it would be appreciated if you are able to do so to please access the newsletter electronically.

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you please email the school on dubbosouth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will copy your address onto a distribution list. Please note that a new distribution list is created each year so if you’ve previously received the newsletter by email you will need to resubmit an email request.

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**Investiture of School Leaders**

The School Captains, members of the SRC and Sports House Captains will be presented with their badges at an Assembly this Thursday 11th February at 10.00am in the School Hall. Parents are very welcome to come along and participate in the ceremony by pinning the badge on your child. Parents are invited for morning tea after the ceremony. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full summer school uniform on the day.

**School Captains:** Beth Blanch and Hamish Wood  
**SRC Members:** Ansune Gouws, Lilli Ross, Kimmy Trappett, Georgia Cudmore, Michael Ross, Will Cuthill, Jack Barber, Ella Murray, Ella Stewart, Joel Barker, Destyn Olsen and Chloe Clarke.


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**Class Captain Induction**

Class Captains will be presented with their badges at an assembly this Friday 12th February in the hall at 1.35pm. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly. It is requested that students pay $4 for their badge. If students already have a class captain badge, this can be reused. Please bring in your badge and give it to Miss P before Friday’s assembly if you would like to reuse it.

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**P&C News**

The P&C held it’s first meeting for the year last Wednesday. It was great to have new parents along. Construction of the Outdoor Learning and Garden Area (OLGA) is almost complete. Parents and others have contributed many hours of work to see this vision realised. The P&C anticipates it will be an excellent resource for the school, and hopes many students will benefit from it’s use.

Next months meeting will include the AGM and be held on Wednesday 2nd March. All positions will be open. Bring $2 for membership to be eligible to vote. We will also be discussing ideas for where to allocate P&C funds this year to improve the school. New people are always welcome at P&C meetings. Your input is valued!

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**Library News**

**NSW Premiers Reading Challenge:** The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure as well as enabling them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely. Permission notes are being sent home today. To participate in this fantastic reading program, please return your note to the library ASAP (we have spare copies!). Further information can be found online - https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html or contact Mrs Rice.

**Book Club Issue 1:** Issue 1 was sent home last Thursday. Spare leaflets are available from the library. All orders must be returned to the LIBRARY (or processed online) by **no later than 9.20am Friday 12th February** in an envelope/lunch bag with the student’s name and class clearly marked. **EXACT** money only please as there are NO CHANGE facilities available. Cheques must be payable to DSPS P&C. NO late orders are accepted. This is a P&C initiative that allows the school to purchase hundreds of resources each year. Thank you for supporting Book Club.

**Borrowing:** Please ensure that your child has a library bag (preferably plastic or, if fabric, with a plastic bag inside) on their library day.
ICAS
Dubbo South Public school is providing the opportunity for students in Years 2 to 6 to enter the ICAS competitions again this year. Year 2 students are eligible to enter in English, Mathematics and Science Competitions. Students in Years 3 to 6 are also able to enter these competitions as well as Computer Skills, Writing and Spelling. These are conducted by the University of NSW Educational Assessment Unit. Permission notes will be sent home in due course to register your child. Listed below are the course dates and costs.

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Swimming Carnival
Dubbo South’s Swimming Carnival is on next Tuesday the 16th of February at Dubbo Aquatic and Leisure Centre. The cost of the bus is $3.50 and entry into the pool is $3.50. Please give all your money to your class teacher. Just a reminder that if you are dropping your child/children off for the medley events you must be there by 8.45am. If you are collecting your child, they must be picked up by 2.30pm otherwise they will return to school on the bus. NO STUDENT WILL BE LEFT AT THE POOL WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION. There will be a canteen operating throughout the day. No crepe paper, glass bottles, face paint or coloured hair spray is permitted. Children are permitted to wear their house colours which are: Sturt - Yellow Oxley - Blue, Mitchell - Red Blaxland - Green.

School Band
Band got underway last Wednesday. Students were asked to attend if interested for this year. Names were taken of students and instruments to play. Notes will be sent home this week. Fees will be invoiced for the term and are payable upfront. Private lessons are also available upon request. Could the students who have done band before please bring their instruments each Wednesday. The school does have a limited number of instruments available for the students to hire.

Band costs per term are:
- Band sessions - $120
- Paired lesson - $170
- Individual lesson - $350
- Ensemble lesson/Group of 6 - $80 per term
- Ensemble lesson/Group of 4 - $100 per term
- Instrument hire - $50

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Martel Farrell.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week we will be learning and revising the following PBL expectations across all settings

**RESPECT**
- Wearing school uniform
- Using manners
- Speaking nicely to and listening to each other

**CARE**
- Helping visitors/new students in our school
- Taking care of our environment
- Looking out for one another

Remember to put your Olly awards into your stage barometer. Each stage is working towards their first celebration.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Canteen 6882 2957.

The canteen are always keen for volunteers. If you can help your child’s school in this way, please contact Jody Bruce on the above number and give her an indication of your availability.

Payment for all food purchases and orders need to be made at the time of ordering. Unfortunately credit cannot be given.
Stage 3 News
Year 6 Shirts: The cut-off date for ordering is THIS FRIDAY 12th February. There is a 6 week manufacturing timeframe after final numbers and payments have been made. We CANNOT alter the order after this cut-off date. Full payment of $35 per shirt is required at the time of ordering. Shirts can be tried on at the school office.

Circus Skills: As part of Sport and PE Stage 3 will be participating in circus skills this year.
Maths groups: Maths groups have begun this week.

Kindergarten News
- Kindergarten have settled in so well that they will finish at 3.15pm with all other students in the school from Week 4, Monday 15th February.
- A reminder to label ALL belongings with your child’s name.
- Homework has been sent home this week. Please complete all activities and practice sight words with your child. Homework is due back to class teachers each Friday.
- Home reading begins Week 5 Monday 22nd February. All students will be provided with a home reader bag.
- Kinder sport will begin Week 5 Friday 26th February at 11.45am-12.45pm. Parent helpers welcome.
- A HUGE thank you to the fabulous Mrs Sharon Sim for making our beautiful home reader bags. We love them!

URGENT
We are missing 100’s of home readers. Please take the time to look through bookshelves, under beds, behind lounges and in bags to make sure that you don’t have any hiding. Any books found can be returned to your child’s teacher.
These books are a valuable resource to our school and to your child’s learning. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Equipment List for 2016
Please ensure that your children have the following items:

Early Stage 1 (Kinder)
- Box of tissues
- Paint shirt
- Library bag
- School Hat
- Home reader bag to be supplied

Stage 1
- Box of tissues
- Library bag
- Home reader bag
- Paint shirt
- School hat

Stage 2 and Stage 3
- Pencil case
- Lead pencils
- Blue and red pens
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Coloured pencils and textas
- Pencil sharpener
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Library bag
- School hat
Books are provided by the school.

Road Safety
Please ensure that you teach your children how to arrive at school safely. The staff car park is for STAFF ONLY. Please do not use it to drop your children off or as a thoroughfare.
If dropping your children off, please make sure they use the crossings provided.
All 40Km school zones are in place, take note of these times.
It is very important that all drivers pay attention to parking restrictions around the school, again for the safety of your children but also out of respect for our neighbours.

Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility