Term 1 Week 4 — 16th February 2016

"Excellence through quality teaching and parental involvement in a caring environment"

Dubbo South Public School
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility

From Neva

Induction of School Leaders: SRC and House Captain Induction was held on Thursday and was attended by parents and extended family. It was a wonderful opportunity to give credit to elected positions for 2016. Congratulations to all badge holders and I look forward to working collaboratively with them to achieve positive outcomes for themselves personally, and the school community overall.

Emergency Drills: The beginning of every year sees us practising and refining our evacuation and lockdown drills. Last Thursday, when St Laurence’s had to evacuate due to a hoax bomb scare, was a timely reminder as to why we establish routines, revise procedures and practise regularly with students. Please discuss what children have been doing so you can be reassured they "know the drill". We will be having whole school drills in the next couple of weeks.

Swimming Carnival: The Swimming Carnival was held today with students from Years 3-6 competing in various age races. We also had some brave 8 year olds from year 2 compete with enthusiasm. Well done to all students with many PB’s achieved. It was wonderful to see such great sportsmanship from everyone.

Visiting Show: Dinosaur Science is our one booked performance for the year. This extra curricula activity relates to our Science curriculum and the importance of scientific research. If you have not done so, please send your child’s $5 to their class teacher tomorrow morning.

Band: Band has begun again for 2016. Great to see our new beginners keen and enthusiastic to learn an instrument. Permission notes with payment contracts are being sent home this week as well as instrument contracts for those hiring an instrument for the year. A deposit of $50 is requested towards this terms fees by next Wednesday for students to be able to participate.

Bus travel: A vast number of DSPS students travel by bus daily. To ensure students are safe, bus companies expect students to remain seated at all times. If students fail to follow these rules, the bus company sends the school and parents notice of unsafe behaviour. As I have received several letters in the first couple of weeks of term I would ask all parents to discuss safety on the bus with your child as a priority.

Parent meetings: Please ensure that any issues you wish to discuss with teachers are done at a prearranged time. We aim to keep disruption to classroom routines to a minimum and if parents/carers “drop in” it can leave students unsupervised. If there is vital information your class teacher needs to know, please ring and the office ladies will ensure the message is relayed, alternatively email the school and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate people.

Paediatric letters: Just a reminder that if you require a letter from the school for a paediatrician, we require 2 weeks notice to be able to compile adequate information.

Have a great week. Neva
Dino Science
Our students have the privilege of experiencing this show this term. If you haven’t already paid the fee of $5 you will need to return it to their class teacher ASAP.

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

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.

A big thank you to Tristan and Camden Waters who donated an Aboriginal rain stick to the music room. Lots of children will now get to use this wonderful instrument!

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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Library News
Borrowing:
Please ensure that your child has a library bag (preferably plastic) on their library day.

Book Club Issue 1:
Orders were processed last Friday. Students will be notified when they are ready to pick up (usually after a week or two). Orders will be sent home with your child. Thank you for supporting our school through Book Club.

Kindergarten News
- Kindergarten will finish at 3.15pm with all other students in the school as of yesterday Monday 15th February.
- A reminder to label ALL belongings with your child’s name.
- Kinder sport will begin next Friday 26th February at 11.45am-12.45pm. Parent helpers welcome. Parents wishing to help out need to complete an Appendix 5 form which is available from the office. 100 points of identity will also be required.

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

**Responsibility**
- Keep school grounds clean and tidy
- Attempt all tasks
- Return to class promptly
- Use equipment safely
- Think before you act
- Take care of your belongings

**Cooperation**
- Follow instructions when asked
- Work willingly with others
- Keep hands and feet to yourself

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