FEBRUARY
Thursday 25th
◊ District Swimming Carnival
Friday 26th
◊ Kinder sport begins 11.45-12.45
◊ Ice Cream Day

MARCH
Wednesday 2nd
◊ Pink Stumps Day
◊ P&C AGM - The Shed 6.30pm
Friday 4th
◊ Western Area Swimming Carnival
◊ K-6 Assembly 1.35pm, Items: 3/4H & 3/4T
◊ Schools Clean Up Day
Thursday 10th
◊ Science & Engineering Challenge
Friday 11th
◊ Science & Engineering Challenge
Friday 18th
◊ K-6 Assembly 1.35pm, Items: 2M & 2H

From Neva
Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to all participants in our DSPS carnival; student participation, personal achievements and team encouragement were evident on the day. A huge thank you to our wonderful parents who assisted enthusiastically in various roles—your continued help makes our life so much easier.

Results:
Winning overall house: Mitchell
Jnr Boys Champ: Tyler Beazley
Jnr Boys Runner Up: Andrew Powyer
Jnr Girls Champ: Yara Petrova
Jnr Girls Runner Up: Andrew Powyer
11 Yrs Boys Champ: Sean McCabe
11 Yrs Boys Runner Up: Charlie Tink
11 Yrs Girls Champ: Ella Murray
11 Yrs Girls Runner Up: Jessica Hall
Snr Boys Champ: Hamish Wood
Snr Boys Runner Up: Jessica Hall
Snr Girls Champ: Alicia Fernando
Snr Girls Runner Up: Trinity Rufus
A special mention to our record breaker—Sean McCabe who broke 3 records in 11yrs 50m Freestyle, 11yrs 50m Backstroke and 11yrs 50m Butterfly. What an achievement, well done Sean!

Good luck to those students competing at Dubbo District Twilight Carnival on Thursday.

Dubbo District Tennis Team: Congratulations to Ella Murray, Ted Murray, Charlie Tink and Will Cuthill (Reserve) for their selection into the District Tennis Team. Good luck in upcoming matches.

Excursions: Organisation for Stages 2 & 3 overnight excursion in Term 3 is currently underway. Excursions aim to complement curriculum content and also provide many opportunities to develop social and independence skills. Notes will be coming home in the next couple of weeks and although we aim for “value for money” we are aware excursions can throw budgets into disarray so please start making small weekly or fortnightly payments to avoid “budget shock” later in the year especially if you have more than one student attending excursions.

A reminder that excursions (whether overnight, sporting events or extra-curricular activities) are a privilege not a right—students are expected to display our PBL values in all settings to participate in out of school opportunities.

Have a great week. Neva

Ice Cream Day!
All students have the opportunity to buy DELICIOUS ice cream cones!
Gluten free option available.
Money raised is helping with programs in the MC unit.

When: Friday 26th February at lunch time
Where: Under the COLA
Cost: $1.00 each

NO NUTS PLEASE
As we have students that have severe allergies to nuts, we aim to be a nut free school. Please help us by not sending nut products, including Nutella, to school.
School Newsletter

A reminder that 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.

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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Sports News

Kinder will begin sport this Friday 26th February 11.45am-12.45pm.

Stage 1 will begin next Friday 4th March 9.25am-10.25am. Parent helpers welcome, please see your child’s teacher for more information.

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.

3/4H & 3/4T Assembly Item

3/4H and 3/4 T will be performing their item on Friday 4th March at the Week 6 assembly. All students will be performing in their sports uniform (yellow shirt and blue shorts). Could the girls please have their hair in pig tails with blue and yellow ribbon (if possible).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Library News

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge: It’s not too late to join the many students who have already signed up to participate in this fantastic reading program. Spare notes are available from the library. For more information see the school website, the PRC website https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html or contact Mrs Rice.

Book Club Issue 1: Orders were handed out at the end of last week. A big thank you to our P&C Book Club Mums Jacqui Gravitis and Emma Marchant; book club could not function without you!

Next Wednesday the 2nd of March is Pink Stumps Day. Pink Stumps Day provides an opportunity to raise money to fund McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities nationally and to increase breast awareness in young Australians.

We will be having an out of school uniform day where everyone is encouraged to wear as much pink as possible and to donate a gold coin. Children are welcome to make cupcakes at home and bring them in on the day to sell. There will also be a sausage sizzle at lunch with all proceeds going to the McGrath Foundation. There will also be a teachers vs students game of cricket in the afternoon with some of the pink stumps apparel. A donation box is located in the front office where you can make donations over the coming weeks, please don’t hesitate to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Anyone can sponsor the Dubbo South Public School Pink Stumps team by visiting the Pink Stumps Day website at www.pinkstumpsday2016.gofundraise.com.au. Once on the website, click on the “Find a Team” tab and search for our school name.

The P&C AGM will be held next Wednesday 2nd March at 6.30pm in The Shed. All parents are welcome to attend. All positions for P&C Executive will be vacant. It’s not too late to consider taking on a role, there are many different ways that you can help your school through the P&C!
Imagine kids excited, energetic and bubbling with writing ideas. They are writing fast and confidently – often achieving more in just five minutes than they would in a lesson.

In Stage 2 and 3 this term we are using the “Seven Steps to Writing Success” strategies to teach our students how to be successful and creative writers in any genre. It is a practical and fun way to teach writing where the children are highly engaged and motivated to write in short, sharp writing lessons geared towards improving their writing skills.

The “Seven Steps to Writing Success” program was created by author and teacher Jen McVeity in 2003 when she discovered a unique method of teaching children how to write by using a chunking method. This technique has become so popular and successful that one third of Australian schools are now using the Seven Steps program.

What ARE the Seven Steps?

1. Plan for Success
2. Sizzling Starts
3. Tightening Tension
4. Dynamic Dialogue
5. Show, Don’t Tell
6. Ban the Boring
7. Exciting Endings

What we have learnt so far in Term 1...

**Strategy 1: Sizzling Starts**

Did you know that a writer has 30 seconds to grab the reader’s attention? However, when writing, children always want to start their stories at the beginning of the day when nothing is happening or in persuasive writing they want to start with their opinion. We see a lot of starts such as: One day… Once upon a time… I think that… In my opinion… over and over again.

These are what we call “snoring, boring” starts as they put the reader to sleep.

Using the “Seven Steps to Writing” strategies, students are shown how to hook the reader with a sizzling start so that they will want to keep reading. The students are shown that they can start with action, dialogue, descriptive writing, sound effects (onomatopoeia), a rhetorical question, an amazing fact or a slogan.

Stay tuned for information about our next strategy, Tightening Tension...

Brooke Barber

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**Canteen Menu**

**Pink Stumps Cricket Day**

**Lunch: Sausage Sizzle**

*Rainbow Wraps*: Ham or chicken lettuce, carrot and cheese
*Pink Pasta Salad*: Cold pink bowtie pasta, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and Italian dressing.

*Pink Fairy Bread*  
*Watermelon Sticks*  
*Pink jelly cups*  
*Pink marshmallow pops*  
*Pink jelly scrolls*  
*Strawberry icemonys (Pink icypole in a cone)*  
*Strawberry milk*

The canteen will also be running a marshmallow guessing competition. Guess how many marshmallows are in the jar to win a prize.

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Canteen 6882 2957.
Respect, Care, Cooperation & Responsibility

DSPS Swimming Carnival 2016

Investiture of School Leaders