Term 1 Week 6 — 1st March 2016

“Excellence through quality teaching and parental involvement in a caring environment”

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Important Dates

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 18th
◦ K-6 Assembly 1.35pm, items: 2M/2H

Sunday 20th
◦ OLGA Working Bee 9.00-11.00

Monday 21st
◦ Harmony Day

Friday 25th
◦ Good Friday — No School

Monday 28th
◦ Easter Monday — No School

From Sharon

Congratulations to Beth Blanch, Jessica Hall and Hamish Price who attended Western Band Camp at Burrendong recently. All were involved in working with specialist tutors to enhance their skills. At the concert performed by students both Hamish and Beth (Junior Students) amongst other senior students were recognised by the tutor as having exceptional talent and should nominate in Junior State Wind Band—if successful they will be playing at Sydney Opera House! Well done!

Congratulations to all the wonderful team of swimmers who represented our school at District and are now off to Western this Friday. There were records broken, personal bests achieved and fun had by all. Well done to Sean McCabe, Ella Murray and Hamish Wood who were Age Champions. Well done to South who came first overall on the evening. A wonderful effort from the Basketball teams who participated on Friday winning overall. Well done to the following students for being selected for the District Team: Boys — Braith Fieldsend, Jerome Toomey, Rome Toomey, Preston Kelly, Jonah Raidaveta and Jahrick Smith, Girls — Ava Moses, Aaliyah Dundas-Hargraves, Bella Herd, Makaah Darcy and Kimmy Trappett.

P&C AGM will be held this Wednesday in our Shed at 6.30pm. It is a great time to meet new parents and regulars. P&C is a great forum for you to be involved and heard in regards to your child’s educational journey here at South. I regularly take other Executive and Staff members to speak about a variety of programs at our school. It’s a great way to find out information. Bring a friend and see you there.

What’s for Lunch?

Every parent of school-age kids understands the fine balance involved in preparing a lunchbox. There are two key criteria your lunchbox must tick: the contents must be healthy and tasty. A variety of healthy foods in their lunchbox provides kids with the nutrition to remain energised and focused, and puts them in the best frame of mind for learning. Have a look at the list of suggestions left of my column if you’re stuck for ideas.

Please remember that we aim to be nut free so don’t send in any nuts or nut products such as Nutella or peanut butter or baking made on nut meals.

Pink Stumps Day will be held tomorrow to raise money and student awareness for a very worthy cause — Breast cancer. Please encourage your child to wear a pink item of clothing or accessory for the day. The canteen has made a great effort getting special food ready for sale on the day. Let’s support this great cause! A day where pink hair is acceptable!! Let’s have fun!

The OLGA is up and running at the back of the school on Dalton St. If, as a parent or community person, you would be interested in doing some gardening, watering etc, please let Mrs Kerry McKenzie on staff know. Community involvement would be a good thing and provide positive role modelling for our kids. Let’s keep it growing together.
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**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. Notes will be going home soon.

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**Library News**

Thankyou so much to the families and students who have donated plastic bags to the library. Very much appreciated!

**FREE WORLD BOOK online @ home:** All Dubbo South students and their families have free access to World Book Online Student and Kids edition. Just visit [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com).

Username: south1 Password: library

**NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge:** Reading logs are ready to be collected by students. The reading logs include a space for the title, author and PRC number of each book. The PRC number can be found written on the inside of the back page of most books from our library. Alternatively you can keep an online reading log from 7th March. To log in to the PRC website students use the name and password they use to access the computers at school. See your class teacher or Mrs Rice if you need help with this.

**Hear our Heart**

The Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project, is a fantastic initiative run by a passionate volunteer committee who have a strong commitment to promoting a combined ear health and education service. The project provides free ear health education, targeted hearing testing and access to ear specialists to students, staff and community members in Dubbo and surrounding districts. This service is provided to the community solely through fundraising initiatives, local partnerships and community donations. The project does not receive any Government funding to assist with its operation. The Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project warmly welcomes your involvement, no matter how small, whether it is through participation in your local committee, donations to the project or by organising or attending a fundraising event in support of the project. If you have a passion for ear health and would like to become involved, we would love to hear from you.

For further information regarding the Ear Bus Project, please contact the volunteer Directors: Donna Rees 0419 534 447 and Rachel Mills 0413 687 671

**P&C News**

**AGM:** Wednesday 2nd March
6.30pm in The Shed followed by a regular meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us and hear about what was achieved last year. Please bring $2 for membership to be eligible to vote. All committee positions will be declared vacant. Nominations can be sent to the secretary Danielle Howarth at perfectsealaust@bigpond.com

**OLGA:** There has been more action in the OLGA—have a look at the latest improvements as you go past. There will be working bees on the third Sunday of every month from 9-11am. Bring the kids along to make a difference to this great outdoor learning space.

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**Kinder News**

**Sport and Kinder assembly (11:45-12:45):** Kinder Assembly after sport. Parents welcome to stay to watch awards being given out.

**Home Reading:** Please make sure you come to home reading each day from 9.00-9.20. We would love to have parent helpers to read with other students in the morning.

**Working Bee:** Kinder teachers are asking for volunteers to take readers home to cover with contact. Please see Miss Nicole Matheson or Mrs Luci Gray if you are able to help.

**3/4H & 3/4T Assembly Item**

3/4H and 3/4T 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!

**3/4M Mr McBroom Assembly Item**

3/4M will take to the stage in Week 8 on Friday 18th March. They will require a pair of blue jeans, and a shirt or T shirt that is blue or black. Could you please bring these items in a labelled plastic bag to Mr McBroom’s room.
Tomorrow 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. How can you and your children be involved:

- Students can wear as much pink as possible and to donate a gold coin.
- Children are welcome to make cupcakes at home and bring them to the shed tomorrow morning and will be on sale at recess.
- Sausage sizzle at lunch for $2.00.
- 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.
- Purchase pink items from the canteen (see below for menu).

All proceeds will be going to the McGrath Foundation. Please help us with this worthwhile cause.

Pink Stumps Cricket Day Canteen Menu

**Lunch: Sausage Sizzle $2.00**
*Rainbow Wraps $5.00: Ham or chicken lettuce, carrot and cheese*
*Pink Pasta Salad $5.00: Cold pink bowtie pasta, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and Italian dressing.*

*Pink Fairy Bread 20c  
Watermelon Sticks 20c  
Pink jelly cups $1.00  
Pink marshmallow 50c  
Pink jelly scrolls 50c  
Strawberry icemonys (Pink icypole in a cone) $1.00  
Strawberry milk $2.00*

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

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