**Tips for Parents 3 Way Conference**

**Before:**
- Make an appointment with the teacher for another time if there are any concerns about the students learning or behaviour.
- Be positively supportive and give time to have conversations with the student about what it is they are learning at school, rather than what they are doing.

**During:**
- Listen carefully and ask clarifying questions.
- View and provide encouraging comments on student work, progress and achievement.
- Support goal setting and learning intention opportunities.

**After:**
- Support and take an interest in students next learning steps.
- Communicate with the teacher/school if you have any concerns as a result of the 3 Way Conferences.

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**Important Dates**

**MARCH**

**Thursday 10th**
- Boys AFL in Bathurst
- *Science and Engineering Challenge*

**Friday 11th**
- *Western Area Swimming Carnival*
- *K-6 Assembly 1.35pm, items: 3/4H & 3/4T*
- *Schools Clean Up Day*

**Monday 14th—Thursday 17th**
- *3 Way conference*

**Thursday 17th**
- Rugby 7’s

**Friday 18th**
- *K-6 Assembly 1.35pm*
- *Items: 3/4M 3/4F*
- *Funky Hair Day*

**Sunday 20th**
- *OLGA Working Bee 9.00-11.00*

**Monday 21st**
- *Harmony Day*

**Thursday 24th**
- *Easter Hat Parade*

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**From Sharon**

**Congratulations** to our amazing Western Swimming Team. It was wonderful to be timing and see our students come over the line and touch the blocks. A fabulous effort on a very hot day. Well done to those students heading off to the NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival. Charlie Tink, Sean McCabe, Ted Murray, Josh Bebbington, Hamish Wood and especially Addison Rufus who is only in Year 2. Well done.

**Pink Stumps Day** held last Wednesday was an outstanding success, raising a great deal of money for the McGrath Foundation who provide breast cancer nurses to the community. Excellent effort to Jodie and her team in the Canteen. The P&C decided to donate their days takings to the cause. Great job to Mr Dellyall for his organisation and to all staff and students who were very involved wearing pink for the day. The grand total of $2362.53 was raised on the day.

**The P&C AGM** was held last week where a new committee was elected for 2016. Congratulations to Rodney Price, Kate Rufus, Kathryn Blanch and Mel Pollock. I am looking forward to working with you throughout the year. Thank you to our outgoing President Mr Jason Blake who has served on the P&C Executive for the past 9 years. Mr Blake has made an outstanding contribution to our school with many projects developed and completed due to his leadership, passion and enthusiasm. Thank you and it has been wonderful working with you and our parents over your years of involvement.

**Meet and Greet 3 Way Conferences** will be held next week. The meetings will be held again in children’s classrooms and this year times have been made more flexible lasting 15 minutes each. Please complete the interview request to ensure that times are organised.

The 3 Way Conferences include parents/carers, teacher and the student. This approach is used consistently throughout the whole school and provides a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement. The 3 Way conference allows for shared responsibility of student learning, assessment and reporting while strengthening communication channels with parents about students learning and progress. It critically involves students in self-assessment and goal setting allowing them to take responsibility for their own learning as they work toward, and achieve curriculum outcomes.

During the conference the teachers and students will discuss the student’s work and assess how they have worked, given in these cases. Please have a chat with your children.

Fifteen minutes will be allocated to each meeting for the purpose of exchanging information. It is not possible to spend more than 15 minutes with any family so we ask if further time is required an appointment be made for a later time and date. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Behaviour** at all times at school should be respectful, safe and allow all students to learn that students are not to use violence to solve issues. Suspensions will be given in these cases. Please have a chat with your children.

**After School Care** will be now operating from our school hall every weekday from 3.15pm to 6pm. Please contact Angela Carolan from the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre on 68822100 for any further information.

Have a great week. **Sharon**
Claim the Date
Kinder and Stage 1
Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 24th March
From 9.40am to 11.00am

ICAS
Letters were issued to each child from Year 2 to Year 6 today for ICAS Competition. Competitions will be held in Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics.
Please note that Year 2 students are only able to compete in English, Maths, Spelling and Science. There are no restrictions for children in Years 3 to 6.
Please ensure that all entries are returned to the school office by Thursday 24th March.

Kinder News
Best Start Afternoon Tea
This Thursday 10th March at 2:15pm there will be a Best Start information afternoon tea held for Kindergarten parents and carers in the Community Room. Information will entail how to interpret the Best Start parent feedback letters that will be coming home on Friday. We will also be providing information on how to best support your child’s learning at home using the Best Start feedback. A light afternoon tea will be provided.
Thank you!!!
A huge thank you to our wonderful sport helpers! We appreciate you giving up your time to help us!
If you are willing to help with Kinder sport it is held every Friday 11.45-12.30 at the hall, followed by Kinder assembly, toddlers welcome!
Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Renae Giddings for covering our readers!
⇒ Stage 1 sport commenced last week.
Parent helpers always welcome. Meet at the blue wall at 9:30.
⇒ Stage 2 Rewards Day this Friday 11th March.
Stage 2 have filled their barometer.
To celebrate students will be enjoying a movie on Friday afternoon.

3/4M Mr McBroom Assembly Item
3/4M will take to the stage 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.

Library News
Book Fair: You are invited to attend the Dubbo South Public School Book Fair! It will be held in the library next week on Monday and Tuesday, during the 3 way parent, student and teacher interviews! We will have many books for sale from 3.30pm to 5.30pm as well as posters, pens, pencils and erasers. This is a great opportunity to buy well-known and popular titles for your children, as gifts or to donate to our school.
Every purchase contributes to our Library Book Fair rewards; this enables us to purchase library books for free or at a discounted rate. If you are unable to come, students will get the chance to view the Book Fair at lunchtime this Friday. Students will be able to write down a wish list to take home, you then will be able to purchase these books online or by phone. The receipt number and contact details should be recorded on the back of the wish list and then given to Mrs Rice, your child is then able to collect the book/s or if in high demand an order will be placed.
During this week there will some competitions running for each of the stages! Kinder and Stage 1 will have a colouring in competition, Stage 2 will create a shelf mark for the library and Stage 3 will be designing a book cover. Each winner will receive a $15 voucher to be used during the Book Fair. Winners will be informed on Friday 11th of March.
Book Club issue 2 will not be running, due to the Book Fair. Look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

Funky Hair Day
Friday 18th March
Gold coin donation
Proceeds to the Leukaemia Foundation

Thank You
A big thank you to South Dubbo Newsagency for their generous donation of Dr Suess books. Our Stage 1 students are very excited to have these books available.
Congratulations

Congratulations to Kimmy Trappett, Bella Herd and Jonah Raideveta on their selection into the Western Area Basketball Teams. What a great achievement!

P&C News

The P&C AGM was held last week, and positions filled for 2016. The new executive comprises:

- President: Rodney Price
- Vice-President: Kate Rufus
- Treasurer: Melanie Pollock
- Secretary: Kathryn Blanch

Please feel free to contact one of these people if you have any questions about the P&C.

The P&C extends a huge thank you to Jason Blake, who after many years of hardworking involvement (including four as president), has stepped down. Jason has been integral to a number of major improvements to the school, including top and bottom terraces, Ronald St and the soft fall play areas and the OLGA. His contribution is highly valued!

Welcome to the new parents who came along to the meeting last week. Any month is a good month to come along for the first time, and hear about your school.

At this month’s meeting, we heard from Sharon concerning the Schools Excellence Framework; Lincoln McBroom spoke about Reading Eggs, the Wiradjuri program in Stage 2 and new technology in the school; and Martel Farrell spoke about the school band.

The canteen’s involvement in Pink Stumps Day was a great success. The P&C decided to donate the whole day’s takings of $1053 to the McGrath Foundation.

We also considered fundraising events for this year. If you have suggestions, the Fundraising Coordinator (Amy Pychtin brightandbubbly@hotmail.com.au) would be happy to hear from you.

The next working bee for the OLGA is Sunday 20th March. The next P&C meeting is Wednesday 5th April.

Easter Raffle

Donations of Easter Eggs and items can be left at the school office. Items can be of any value. A raffle book of 10 tickets will be issued to each family by the end of this week. The tickets are $1 each.

Please support this fund raising event. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March.

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Please consider volunteering to help out in the canteen. If you can help for only an hour it would be appreciated.
Seven Steps to Writing Success

Students in Year 3-6 have spent the past two weeks working tirelessly to create Sizzling Starts and we have been amazed at the catchy and creative orientations that students have produced that immediately hook the reader’s attention.

3/4L have based their Sizzling Starts on the book “The Lost Thing” by Shaun Tan.

Wrinkly tentacles slouched out of dull red shell. Jagged spikes were randomly dotted on top of its nut shaped body. Two crab-like arms with hooks on the end held its bells which indicated its emotion. Those bells rarely rang for you could tell it did not have much to feel happy about. A sad expression slumped across its face. There was no denying it. It was lost.

Alex Blanch

Poor, poor lost thing. It’s scratched paintwork as red as rubies with grey tentacles and bell-holding nippers. It’s as cute as a puppy, but people look at it like it was a rat. The Lost Thing’s doors hold the interesting tentacles on which it used to walk on. It was EXTREMELY friendly, blue and smart. The feeling blue, not the colour.

Becky Mazzer

As I wandered along the silent, empty looking beach, out of the corner of my eye a sad lost thing wandered slowly into view. It was like no one ever, ever noticed the sad grey lost thing and it felt like the my heart was going to break. It was those grey clouds above it that rained heavily every day, like tears, misty grey, no colour days, it seems no more happiness would ever come into its life again.

Jai Rong Tan

Crash! The waves crashed against the sea shore as the lost thing slouched nearby, huddled into the dark grey wall and pipes. Along the beach people strolled, while the lost thing sat there and waited that seemed to be for plain old nothing. People did not notice that lost thing, the sad red thing sat there sadly, lonely and unwanted.

Freya Stein

More Sizzling Starts on “The Lost Thing” can be found in the 3/4L window. They are great!!!!