Welcome children and parents to Stage 2, 2015.
We are all looking forward to an interesting and productive year for children, teachers and parents. The following is an outline of the structure of Stage 2 and some useful information about what we do and how we do it.

**Stage 2 consists of 7 class groupings**

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<td>Mr. William Robinson</td>
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<td>Miss Eliza Hannelly</td>
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<td>Mrs. Lisa Lunn</td>
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<td>Miss Jamee Temesvary</td>
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**Mathematics Groups**
Maths groups are graded across Years 3 and 4 and are timetabled each morning from 11:45 am to 12:45 am. Mathematics classes begin in Week 3.

**Home Reading**
Children are encouraged to read at home on a daily basis. There will be books available in each class for children to borrow or they may read a book borrowed from the library or use their own book. Reading is an integral element of homework and helps to improve fluency, expression and literacy skills. Reading should be recorded on the provided section on the homework sheet. A classroom Ollie is awarded after every 5 nights of home reading and an achievement award is given for every 25 recorded readings.

**Homework**
Each child will be given a combined English and Maths homework sheet on Monday. There is a common sheet for Year 4 and one for Year 3. This sheet will include a grid of activities and challenges related to the classroom focus. Homework is usually collected on Fridays and will be marked and returned to the students by Wednesday, the following week. Some activities may be marked as a whole class group.

**Assembly**
Whole school assemblies will be held every even numbered week during the year on a Friday afternoon. Stage 2 assemblies will be held in Mr Robinson’s room on odd numbered weeks on Thursdays from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. Each class will have the opportunity to perform at a whole school assembly. Dates of performances will be relayed to parents via the newsletter.

**Fruito**
At around 10.30 ‘Fruito’ is eaten each morning to encourage healthy eating habits. Please ensure your child has a piece of raw fresh fruit or vegetable each day. Commercially processed fruits or fruit flavoured strips such as Rollups defeat the purpose of the program. It should be able to be eaten immediately whilst the students continue their work. There should be no excessive down time due to peeling etc.

**Hats and water**
The school has a ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ policy. Hats must be worn while outside at all times. They are not worn or taken to whole school assemblies, stage meetings or performances and special assemblies. Children are encouraged to bring bottled water to school, especially during the warmer months.

**Sport**
Term 1: Stage-based dance activities in the hall 11.45 to 12.45 on Fridays and rotational sporting games in Weeks 7-11 inc. No cost.
Term 2: PSSA Winter intra-town competition. (Bus costs)
Term 3: Stage-based sport at school. No cost.
Term 4: PSSA Summer intra-school competition. (Bus costs)
Whole Primary Sporting Events:

Swimming Carnival: Wednesday, February 18, at the Dubbo Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Cross Country: Term 2 at the Lady Cutler South venue. Date: TBA

Athletics Carnival: Term 3 at Barden Park. Date: TBA

Drama, Music, Library, PD/H/PE

Each week, Stage Two classes have three teachers on a 40 minute rotational basis. Miss Serena Rice deals implements the Library and Information skills programme, Mrs Alexandra Prince teaches drama and music and Mr James De Lyall will take students for PE/PD and Health.

In Library, every class will have an opportunity to borrow books on a weekly basis. Books can also be changed during lunch time. All children are encouraged to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge promotes ongoing reading of quality, age appropriate books. Further information will be given on the newsletter. Book borrowing days are Year 4 on Thursdays, Year 3 on Wednesday and 3/4T on Tuesdays. Students can wear their joggers to school on these days so they can participate in PE.

Scripture

Classes are held in non-denominational groupings once a week on Monday or Tuesday afternoons for half an hour and are provided by the Ministers Fraternity. Please contact your child’s teacher if for religious or cultural reasons you do not wish them to participate in Scripture.

Absentee notes

Please send a note to your teacher within 5 school days following a school absence. This note should outline the reason your child was absent or it will be recorded as an unexplained absence on the class roll. For your convenience, the Dubbo South PS school app is a free download for smartphones and has a link for parents to email an absence note directly to the school. Absences due to illness for 2 or more consecutive school days require a doctor’s certificate. It is important for your child to maintain high attendance to achieve their full potential at school. Occasional absences can be unavoidable due to illness or circumstance, however 10 or more absences during a semester (without approval from the Principal) is considered unsatisfactory.

Appointment with Teachers

Parent interviews will be held in Week 7 this term. Contact your child’s teacher if you have any issues or concerns. If you ring the school the classroom teacher will contact you to make a suitable meeting time. Stage supervisor Anette Smidt-Geering can also be contacted via the school office or via a note. Please note that staff members are engaged in meetings before and after school and are always involved with preparation, administration, organisation and playground duties before, during and after school and it may not be possible to attend to your inquiry immediately.

Collection of money

When sending money to school with your child to pay for shows, excursions, material cost etc, please put the money in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class clearly marked.

Requirements

All students will need; a pencil case, lead pencils, scissors, glue stick, coloured pencils, pencil sharpener, highlighters, ruler, USB flash disc and eraser. Textas are optional. Year 4 students will also require blue and red pens, as pen licences will be given to students throughout the year. Books are provided. Some teachers may send books home to be covered. Please return them as quickly as possible.

Computers

Each class in Stage 2 has a rostered computer time each week.

Human Society and Its Environment/Science units this year

There are 4 common units studied by students in Stage 2 throughout the year. Spelling, reading and writing are often integrated with the units.

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The new Science and Technology curriculum will be implemented this year. The Unit for Term 1 is. ‘What Came First?’

Excursion

Stage 2 will be participating in an overnight excursion relating to our HSIE units. Details are still being finalised and notes will be sent home as soon as possible.