From Sharon

What a great **Concert** from our Early Stage 1 students last Thursday night. I was very impressed with the quality of the performance from students in Kindergarten. Congratulations to everyone involved. Our Stage 1 students take to the stage next Thursday night and are busily rehearsing for this wonderful event.

**Congratulations** to all students who participated in the **Western Region Athletics Carnival** on Friday. As a track official it was a miserable, wet and cold day. Never the less it was wonderful to see the children throw everything at getting over that finish line.

All students did themselves and their school proud! A special congratulations to Millie Sutcliffe record breaker in 8yr 100m; Kimmy Trappett who broke 12yr 100m record, Will Cuthill and Georgia Cudmore who are heading to State along with the Senior Boys Relay team of Michael Ross, Elliot Mulligan, Hayden Smith, Will Cuthill and Senior Girls Relay team of Georgia Cudmore, Kimmy Trappett, Clare Andrews and Kayla Tobin. Great effort!

**Attendance policy**, as issued by the Department, states that all students are expected to attend school every day they are able to. Students should only be away from school due to illness or special circumstances, which must be reported to the school. Parents can notify the school by ringing, talking to your child’s teacher or using the school app which is free to download. Please don’t allow your child to stay at home because they feel like it/or you have difficulty getting them to school (considered as a condoned absence) - these are unacceptable leave. Your child must attend school every day to achieve their outcomes and get the best out of their learning.

**Homework** is deemed a part of children’s school routines. Each school must devise their own procedures around homework to address the needs of students in communication with parents. There has been much discussion across all media putting forward arguments on whether homework is indeed beneficial to Primary students and if it makes any real contribution to their learning and educational outcomes. I will be taking a draft homework procedures to the P&C later in the year to discuss any changes or new processes. Please discuss this issue as a family in regard to your thoughts and expectations on this topic.

**Validation** is a process required of Public Schools from this year. Schools are to produce reports and evidence against the School Excellence Framework and report to an external panel. We are one of the first schools in the group for this year. The School Improvement Team have been very busy putting the evidence together to show where our school is situated in comparison to the Framework and where we want to go. The report will be presented to the Validation Team on 3rd November. I will publish the outcome in the newsletter.

Thank you to our wonderful **SASS Team** at Dubbo South. Our ladies in the school office who take care of all administration, sick students, enrolments and finance. Greg Edmunds who looks after the grounds, AEO’s Kylie, Deb and Dina who support our students in cultural areas, our fabulous SLSO’s - School Learning Support Officers in the MC unit as well as across all classes. You contribute so much. Your job isn’t always easy. Great job!!

Have a great week. **Sharon**
When:
Thursday 15th September
Time: 6.30pm
Where: School Hall
Cost: $2 per single or $5 per family

Students need to arrive at school at 5.50pm.
A finale will be held at the end of the concert which involves all the Stage 1 children. You will be required to collect your child from their designated classrooms at the conclusion of the concert.

Stage 1 Concert Costumes
Below is a list of costume requirements for our concert this Thursday night.

Students need to bring in their clothing in a labelled plastic bag by Tuesday the 13th of September. If you have any trouble sourcing costume requirements please see your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

1R and 1W Concert Dress Requirements
All children to wear a plain black top, black shorts/tights and knee high socks (Plain red, blue or green). If the socks can have the child’s name on the sole and be brought into school prior that would be great. Girls’ hair to be in 2 plaits/braids

2G Concert Dress Requirements
All students to wear a mix of plain red, white and/or blue clothing. Denim is fine.
Girls may like to wear overalls. They can also wear tutus or denim skirts over jeans or tights.
Boys can wear braces over their shirts or a bow tie if they have one.
We are aiming for a fresh and funky look!

1B and 1/2L Concert Dress Requirements
All children are playing the part of Irish village folk. Students are being asked to wear something appropriate to fit the character.
Example: Students to wear closed in shoes, dress and cardigan/jumper, jeans/pants and long shirt or jumper.
Please avoid super bright or fluro clothing.

Kinder Zoo Excursion
Tuesday 20th September.
Please return permission notes and money by this Wednesday September 7th.
Thank you

KB & KR change of Routine
KB will now have Library and PE with Mr DeLyall on Wednesday. Wear your joggers with your uniform.
KR will have Library and PE with Mr DeLyall on Friday.

Riding to School
If your child is riding scooters or bikes to school they MUST be wearing a helmet at all times.
There are to be no electrical powered items to be used to ride to school. All transport modes are to be locked away in the bike rack for the entire day.
Only students in Years 3 to 6 are to ride bikes to school. Students from K-2 are not to ride their bikes to school.
Library News

It has been such a busy time in the Library over the past few weeks. Students have been involved in a range of activities where they have shown creativity and thinking outside the square. Students have shown they can be super respectful even when things are different.

Book Club: Orders were sent away last Friday. The books should be back by this Friday. Please explain to students that we do not have the books here at school. Orders are sent to Sydney and books are sent back here. This applies to online orders as well. Thank you to all who support our school through ordering books.

Overdues: Overdue notices have been printed and will be distributed to students during the week. This is the first time this has been done using our new system. If there are errors please let us know. Books that are lost or damaged beyond repair need to be paid for. Costs are on the notices. Many students find books when they are faced with paying for them. Thank you for your assistance.

With holidays getting closer it is a great time to return books so new ones can be borrowed.

KINDERGARTEN

Please note Kindergarten (KP,KG,KB) will not be able to borrow this week due to my attendance at a conference. We will catch up with their borrowing next week.

Sue Buttrey
Teacher Librarian

P&C News:

Fathers Day Stall: A huge thank you to Amy Pychtin for all her work in sourcing and preparing gifts for the Fathers Day Stall. The stall made a profit of just over $1000 to go towards our school. Thanks to student helpers who stepped up on the day—Jessica, Alannah, Beth, Ella and Ansune.

iPads at School: How may iPads are in your child’s classroom? What are they used for? Come along to the P&C meeting this week to hear Lincoln McBroom talk about technology at school and question him about computers, smartboards and the internet.

P&C Raffle: Don’t forget our raffle—first prize is a THERMOMIX T5. Tickets can be purchased for $10 from the office.

Meeting: A reminder that there is a P&C Meeting this Wednesday 7th September at 6.30pm in the Shed. We warmly welcome new parents. Check it out!

Jump Rope for Heart—16th September

Get those sponsorship forms in! Available from Mr DeLyall or online at http://heartfoundation.org.au/kids and search for Dubbo South PS. Get involved, win prizes while raising funds for the Heart Foundation. NewsFlash: If we raise more than $3000 Mr DeLyall will wear a pink tutu for the day!!

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2017

Enrolment packages are available from the school office for those children who will be attending Kindergarten in 2017. Please ensure that you have proof of address, birth certificate and immunisation details when you enrol your child. Our transition program commences early in Term 4 so it would be appreciated if enrolment forms are returned by the end of this term—Friday 23rd September.

Canteen Roster

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Please ensure that when ordering drinks as well as food you have a different bag for the drink order.

DON’T FORGET
Our Wednesday SPECIAL!!

$5 Cheese & bacon or a ham & pineapple pizza single, get a free orange/apple popper and a free icy pole.
Girls Soccer Team
On Tuesday the 30th our girls played against Cowra Public School. Chloe Sykes scored 2 goals in the first half, putting us in an excellent position for the 2nd half. A few position changes were made and Cowra came back with a few close goals in which Chloe Farrell intercepted each time. Amy Moore was a fantastic captain and encouraged the team all through the game. I am so proud of the sportsmanship shown towards the Cowra players and the high level of skill the girls are showing each time we play. Many thanks to our fantastic crew of parent supporters especially Naomi Bowen for setting up the field and Adam Wallbridge for his refereeing! Our next stop is the state quarter finals; we’ll play the winner between Hammondville and Metella Road Schools before the end of term. Miss Hannelly.

Senior Girls Touch Football

Last Wednesday our senior girls touch football team played Dunedoo in very wet conditions. At half time it was 2-3 our way and in the second half we scored another 2 tries. The final score was 5-2 our way. Kimmy Trappett and Kayla Tobin scored the tries on the day. It was very cold but also fun!

Congratulations Kimmy
A huge congratulations to Kimmy Trappett who has been selected to play in the Western Girls Cricket team. She is the only girl from Dubbo in the team!! Well done!

Term 4 PSSA Sport
The following sports will be available next term for the Summer PSSA competition between all Primary schools in Dubbo.

- Senior Girls Softball
- Junior Girls T-Ball
- Senior Girls Touch: Apex Oval
- Senior Boys Touch: Lady Cutler
- Junior Mixed Touch: Market Gardens
- Junior Boys Cricket: Pioneer
- Senior Boys Cricket: John McGrath / Bob Dowling
- Junior Girls Cricket: Lady Cutler
- Senior Girls Cricket: Lady Cutler
- Senior Girls Softball: South High Oval
- Junior Girls T-Ball: South High Oval
- Senior Boys Softball: Jubilee
- Junior Boys T-Ball: Jubilee

Sport in Term 4 is from 9.30am to 10.45am each Friday morning due to the summer heat.

The bus departs from school at 9.20am so please ensure that your children are at school by 9.10am.

Students have selected their sport and Year 4 and Year 6 students are given priority on their first choices.

Upcoming Matches
- Girls Touch Football Wednesday
  7th September at Parkes against Middleton PS
- Boys Touch Football Thursday
  8th September at Mudgee against Cudgegong PS