



From Sharon's Desk

The Twilight Swimming Carnival was a great success last week. Thank you to all students and their families who attended. It was great to see so many students entering races and enjoying the events of freestyle, 25m fun events and of course the relays to end the night. The last event of the evening was a fun relay of students, parents and teachers. A dispute, I am sure on who actually touched the wall first! A fun event that everyone enjoyed!

I have attached a return slip for evaluation and feedback on the carnival. Please complete the survey so that improvements can be made and we can decide on the format for the coming years.

Evacuation Procedures will be practised this week. It is important that our students are safe at school. Staff will be taking our students through the processes of evacuation and lockdown procedures. It is essential that our school practise these procedures, so if in the unlikely event that we have to use them, all are prepared and follow instructions calmly. If your child comes home saying they had to leave their classes to gather on top terrace as a school, this will have been for a practise session only. A lockdown ensures that all students are contained in classrooms for safety purposes. Rooms are locked and staff will provide supervision until the call to stand down is received.

School Crossings are on both Dalton Street and Fitzroy Street for your child's safety. Please encourage and model the best practice. Ensure your child crosses at the supervised crossing. **DO NOT** call your child across these busy roads or request them to cross heavy traffic. Ensure you as an adult read and follow all signage around the school and comply with parking/stopping limitations. **Police patrol the areas and fines will be given.** Let us work together to ensure best practice occurs and no injuries or accidents occurs.

No Hat No Play: A reminder that all students must have a hat on their heads for play. School hats are available from the uniform shop, \$12 for a bucket hat and \$15 for a school cap.



Important Dates

Thursday 21st February
Kinder Screening Day

Friday 22nd March
Kinder to 6 Assembly 1.35pm in the Hall, Item by 4L

Thursday 28th February
DDPSSA Twilight Swimming Carnival

Friday 1st March
Stage 2/3 Schools Clean Up Day
Sandy Beach Recreation Area

Speech Pathologists from Dubbo Primary and Community Health Centre will be conducting a screening day for Kindergarten at our school this Thursday 21st February. The speech Pathologists will be assessing children who have been identified as having some difficulty with their speech sounds.

Have a great week,
Sharon Murray, Principal



Newsletters

Please Note: Newsletters will only be issued as a hard copy until the end of February. From March you can access the newsletter by the App, website or email. If you would like a copy emailed to you please email dubbosouth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

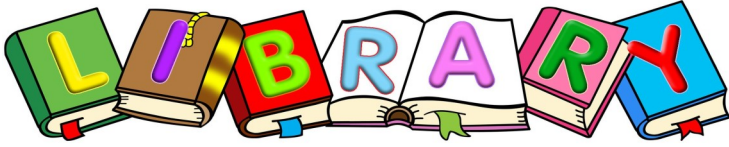
Please return the completed flyer issued last week to your classroom teacher indicating if you want a hard copy or email.

School fees for 2019 are set at \$30 per student. Payable at the office or online. Invoices will be sent out this week.

◆ **Get the Free School App for the newsletter, messages and absences.**

◆ **A reminder that payments can be made online through the schools website.**





Book club orders were sent off on Friday. All orders should be back this week. Thank you Emma for counting money and completing the orders. If you ordered online the books will be sent to school.

Thank you to all who ordered. We received nearly 200 points that we can use to order books for the library.

Library Refurbish

The next stage of our library refurbish is in progress. Our new shelves arrived last week. We are busy putting all the books onto the new shelves and moving furniture around.

The new shelves will not only look great they will be more functional. Students will be able to easily identify the different areas of non-fiction to find resources to read or use for research.

We have had another busy week of borrowing.

We have had some more calico bags donated that students can use as library bags.

We love to encourage students to borrow on a regular basis. If a student has an overdue loan they are unable to borrow. We have had a few students search high and low and find books at home. Thank you. Having a special spot to keep library books is a good way to remember to return them.

We have put out two racks of new books that were processed at the end of last year. These are ready for borrowing. They are near the front of the library.

Come on in and check them out!!!!!!

Happy reading.

Sue Buttrey

Teacher Librarian



Swimming Carnival

What a great night we enjoyed at the pool last Wednesday for our first ever twilight carnival.

Well done to all our students who participated in events on the night. What an amazing effort. It was great to see so many families enjoying the evening.



Some swimmers from the carnival will proceed to swim at the Dubbo PSSA District Twilight Carnival to be held on Thursday 28th February at the Aquatic Centre. Notes will go home to all students selected in this team. Our team will consist of:

Joely Bruce, Addison Rufus, Matilda Medlin, Lucy Turner, Zara Morrow, Maddison Ireland, Matilda Marchant, Lilah Naden, Ruby Jackson, Emily Petrova, Natalie Petrova, Chloe Brown, Millie Sutcliffe, Sahara Lemon, Mia Wildman, Charlotte Redding, Matilda Prince, Brooke Matthews, Tallarah Payne, Tyler Beazley, Denim Auld, Jacob Lynch, Tomas Moses, Nate Auld, Hunter Auld, Riley McCauley, Memphis Lemon, Fynn Auld, Kobi Auld, Toby Medlin, Logan Auld, Andrew Powyer, Angus Etccl, Joseph Prince, Blake Payne, James Turner, Kobie Couley, Alex Price and Addison Rufus. Permission notes and relevant events will go home with these swimmers.

Winning house was Mitchell.

Champions

Junior Girl – Matilda Medlin Junior Boy - Jacob Lynch

11 year girl - Addison Rufus 11 year boy – Joseph Prince

Senior girl – Joely Bruce Senior boy – Tyler Beazley

Three records were broken on the night:

Matilda Medlin broke her own record in the junior butterfly with a new time of 39.50, she also set a new record of 3.19.55 in the junior medley. The previous record was set by Sarah Valentine in 2008.

Emily Petrova set a new record in the junior girl's breaststroke with a time of 47.23. The previous record was set by Amelia Prince in 2008. The second and third swimmers, Natalie Petrova and Matilda Medlin also swam under the previous record time.

Update Contact Details

If you have moved over the holidays or over the past months and have not updated your contact details with the school office please do so.

Some of our contact details are years old so when you are next at school please check your contact telephone numbers and emergency contacts.

We need to be able to contact parents in the event of sickness or accidents to your children.



Update your contact info!



School Working Bee

We will be holding a Working Bee on Sunday 3rd March at 10am. The aim will be to build a compost bin out of pallets and install a dripper system on the fruit trees in the OLGA. Meet in Dalton St. Bring building equipment such as hammers or drills. Anyone is welcome to attend. Contact Mrs McKenzie if you have any questions.



Allergies and Asthma

If any child has recently learnt of an allergy, or their plans have changed please alert the office and get a signed health plan from your doctor and return it to the school as soon as possible. We need to be aware of this important information.

A reminder that Dubbo South is a **nut free zone**. We have several students who have extreme allergic reactions to peanuts. Please consider when you are packing your child's recess or lunch that peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches are not permitted.



Stage 3 Excursion

Notes have gone home for the Stage 3 Excursion to Burrendong in September. The total cost will be \$260. An \$80 deposit is due by Friday 29th March and final payment by Monday 19th August. Parents are encouraged to pay in weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments. Unfortunately we are unable to refund deposits.



P & C News

The P&C has some accumulated funds and we will be looking for great ways to contribute to the school - you can bring ideas to the next meeting on March 6. The first fundraiser for this year will be the Easter raffle later in the term. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 3rd April.

Gold Polo Sports shirts are now available in the uniform Shop.

Volunteers are sought for the canteen and the uniform shop. Options are flexible - you could help for one hour a month or every week, every little bit helps. Please speak to Jodie in the canteen if you can help.

Wednesday 20th February	Jackie Gravitis
Thursday 21st February	Kathy Thompson
Friday 22nd February	Volunteer Required
Monday 18th February	Volunteer Required
Tuesday 19th February	Volunteer Required

Welcome Christian Dayment

Job Title: Year 3/4 Teacher

Favourite part of your

job: Connecting with students and helping to develop their knowledge and skills.

Extra Interests: Outside of school: Rugby, gardening, cricket, working on the farm.
Inside of school: History, student wellbeing, science and inquiry based learning.



SRC Induction

Congratulations to our 2019 SRC who were presented with their badges at our Assembly last Friday morning. Our Captains., Latiah McMillan and Alex Price. Treasurer Max Baker, Secretary Christina Seton, Ministers for Communication Phebie Ryan and Joseph Prince, Ministers for Student Support Azael Olsen and Emilia Hosking, Ministers for Culture Sahara Lemon and Julia Gray, Ministers for Environment Zonash Asif and Fynn Auld, Ministers for Welfare Jack Warner and Andrew Powyer, Junior AECG Millie Sutcliffe and Riley Edmunds.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week we will be learning and revising the following PBL expectations across all settings

RESPECT

- Wearing school uniform
- Using manners
- Speaking nicely to and listening to each other

CARE

- Helping visitors/new students in our school
- Taking care of our environment
- Looking out for one another

Remember to put your Olly awards into your stage barometer. Each stage is working towards their first celebration.





Swimming Carnival 2019





Feedback on Twilight Swimming Carnival

1. Did you attend? Yes / No
2. If not why?
 - Live too far away
 - Too busy
 - Did not want to attend at night
 - Other
4. If you attended did you find events / the evening enjoyable? Yes / No
5. How can we improve on the Swimming Carnival event?

6. Would you prefer
 - a) Daytime Carnival or
 - b) Twilight Carnival

Further comment:

Thank you for your time in completing this survey. Please return this to the office or your child's teacher.