It is so wonderful seeing the students at morning assembly all smiling, ready to learn and dressed in their school uniforms, students are so organised! We are a fantastic school and with your help we will continue to grow.

The Swimming Carnival: Hopefully the weather will allow the carnival to go ahead tomorrow. Students are to come to school prepared for the carnival and we will make a decision at 9.30am depending on rain and weather temperature. If it is cancelled the students will remain at school. All money will be refunded.

Last week the senior boys had a wonderful time at Thalgarrah participating “The Boys in the Wild” program. The day involved all outdoor activities to develop leadership skills and teamwork. They completed orienteering courses and had to work as a team to build a shelter. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and learnt many new skills from spending a day in the bush.

Please don’t forget the P & C meeting next Monday night here in the staff room. Come along and be involved in your child’s learning. The committee would like to have a back up list of people who can help out in the canteen and Clothing pool when needed and if there is any one interested in taking on the school banking, please let someone on the committee know. If you are interested please email on: dmbspandc@gmail.com or send in your expression of interest to the office hand written and we will pass it onto the committee.

Julianne Crompton
**Important Dates for your Calendar**

**Term 1 Week 4 —February**

* **Swimming Carnival** Wednesday 19 - for students turning 8 this year up to Year 6 $4.00ea from 10am to 2pm

* Sing Australia student workshop on Thursday 20

* **Gathering Friday 21.** Year 3 and Year 1/2 will be presenting items. Come, share and encourage them.

* **P & C Inc Annual General Meeting** and General Meeting on Monday 24 at 6.45pm EVERYONE WELCOME TO COME ALONG

* **Book Club** due Thursday 27

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**Clothing Pool is Open from**

- 8.45—9.30am Tuesdays
- 2.45—3.30pm Thursdays

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**Helping with homework**

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


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**Back to school**

Homework, hot weather and class sizes – here are some answers to frequently asked questions about going to a NSW public school.


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**School weeks**

Q: Why does the school use "week 6" instead of dates?
A: We find it useful for planning each term. Here are the actual dates for the rest of this term for most of NSW.

TERM 1
- Week 4 17/2
- Week 5 24/2
- Week 6 3/3
- Week 7 10/3
- Week 8 17/3
- Week 9 24/3
- Week 10 31/3
- Week 11 7/4