DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 4, Week 6
18 November 2014

DENMAN PUBLIC BOWLS DAY
Last Sunday, the 9th of November, Year 6 held a Bowls Day to raise money for the bubblers, soccer goals and new books for our school library. It was an excellent day with lots of prizes and games to play. We raised over $3400 and everyone had an enjoyable day.
Thank you to Gavin Scott for installing our bubblers, Ian Jones for helping with the bubblers and the bowls day, Kate Jones for organising the day, the school community and the Denman community for supporting the day.
We would like to thank the parents and businesses who helped and gave us generous donations to keep the day going. Thank you to everyone who participated on the day and had fun. Year 6

DENMAN HOTEL GENEROSITY
Denman P&C were pleasantly surprised to receive a very kind donation from the Denman Hotel of $1000. We, along with other recipients such as St Joseph’s and the Denman Hospital, are most thankful to the hotel staff for their work and generosity.
In the future, I must get to the pub for the community raffles from which these funds come. The money will be used by the P&C on the children in our school.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Conner, Year 1 - for always being helpful to others in computers.
Hayden, Year 4 - being a responsible peer in the playground.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
6 – Aden, Kobe, Jake
4 – Elise, Imogen, Alex
3 – Kyle, Declan, Ashley
K – Caitlyn, Zali, Kaitlyn
5 – Jake, Jenna, Jayden
2 – Locklan, Riley, Deakon
1 – Taylor, Charli, Georgia

POSTPONED - AUSTRALIAN MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC
The Dental Clinic scheduled for week 9, beginning December 1 will now NOT be coming this year due to a mechanical breakdown.
The Dental Clinic will now come to Denman Public School in Week 3, Term 1 next year. At that time, their staff will check all the students that have returned their permission notes Kinder to Year 6. Those students who are in Year 6 this year but will be at high school next year are still allowed to avail themselves of the service if they wish.
However, If you would like your child’s teeth examined, you need to send back your child’s consent form asap. New Kinders will get their permission notes next year.

KINDERGARTEN CAKE DAY
Many thanks to all the Kindergarten parents and children, who provided many beautiful cakes, jellies, biscuits and slices for the cake stall. The sum of $163.80 was raised for the SRC.
Thank you to Tim Barnes, Julie Raisbeck, Chantel Blake, Amanda Thomas, Megan Prout, Melisa Borg, Renee Wear and Sonia Barnes for serving at the cake stall. Miss Kyriakou
**KINDER CLASS NEWS**

This term’s H.S.I.E. unit was titled, “Places We Know”. The students were amazed when they could see their home and the shops in Ogilvie Street on the smartboard using google maps. Everyone enjoyed the discussions about places that are special to them at home and at school. So far, in activity groups, some people have worked co-operatively to build fantastic, 3D models of the main street with its shops using construction blocks. They were also able to incorporate the bridge over the Hunter River, the roads and the swimming pool.

This week, the students will start the science unit titled, “On The Move”. This unit introduces the human skeleton and how it assists our bodies to move. We will also be looking at toys that move, and trying to work out what it is that facilitates their movement.

Everyone is very excited about the Christmas performance to be held in week 10. The students are now busily learning some poems and songs that will be performed as part of this presentation. When it is practice time, the squeals of excitement almost raise the roof of our classroom! There are many wonderful singers in kindergarten. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

As this is the final kindergarten newsletter entry for this year, I would like to wholeheartedly thank all of the adults who have given up their time to listen to the students read each week, and who have assisted in any other way. Your contribution has been greatly appreciated! Miss Kyriakou

**SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELECTIONS**

Students from Year 5 and our staff have nominated in the first round in the election of captain nominees. Tomorrow, Year 5 will complete the process and we will know our nominees for 2015. The nominees will give their campaign speech at 11.15am at a special assembly next Wednesday, 19 November. (Parents are most welcome to attend) Voting will be conducted from Kinder to Year 6 in that afternoon from 2pm to 3pm. The votes are counted off site by a community member and the captains will be announced at Presentation Night.

**ROTARY DINNER NUMBERS NEEDED THIS FRIDAY**

A reminder to all Year 6 students that the Denman Rotary Club Dinner is on Wednesday, 26 November at 6.30pm at the Denman RSL Club.

The President of the RSL Board will announce the winner of the RSL Bursary at the dinner. A note went home last week regarding this; please return the note by this Friday, 14 November.

**BEACH TO THE BUSH**

This Thursday, 13 November, Surf Life Saving NSW will visit our school to present a program called ‘Beach to the Bush’. This program began as a result of research conducted by SLS Australia which highlighted that 50% of people rescued from the surf lived more than 50km form the beach.

Surf lifesavers deliver the program to many schools in the area to help promote beach safety in the upcoming holiday season. The presentation focuses on beach and surf safety, but also touches on safety around home pools, dams and inland waterways.

Because this is free, the organisation (SLSNSW) would like to use photographs to promote the initiative on their website. If you do not want your child in these photos, please let us know.

**YEAR 7 ENTRY TO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR 2016**

If your child is currently in Year 5 and you would like them to go to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016, you will need to apply by Monday, 17 November this year.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. A limited number of paper application forms are available from our school office. Application information is available online at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

Ms Borg

**DENMAN EXAMINER**

Again this year the students and staff are very industrious. They are again preparing a comprehensive school magazine, the “Denman Examiner”.

It will be available on Tuesday, 16 December (the day after Presentation Night). The “Examiner” will cost $30. Order forms will be distributed in the near future. If you would like to view last year’s “Denman Examiner”, it is on display in the office foyer.
KIDS CORNER  Declan, Year 3  

Great Handwriting

Consolidation – Practising joins

Choose the three
for the area of mg handwriting.
Write them in cursive script.
Write the price next
to each item.

seaweed spaghetti
lobster bisque
prawn cocktail
jellyfish and custard
pumpkin stew
clam chowder
brill salad
barnacle pie
angel fish cake
spaghetti pudding
fish and chips
caesar salad
hottest bruschetta
grape crackers
seas menu sandwiches

Entrée: clam chowder
sea cucumber sandwich
caesar salad
Main Course: fish and chips

barnacle pie

plankton stew

Dessert: lobster bisque

angel fish cake

spaghetti pudding

$10.00
$9.22
$15.00
$14.90
$12.90
$9.20
$7.50

ROSTER
Wednesday 12.11 - ? & Christine Bailey
Friday 14.11 - Michelle Owen & Casey Hewitt
Next Week
Monday 17.11 - Milisa Borg & Louise Stokes Chapman
Wednesday 19.11 - Robyn Thompson & Simone George
Friday 21.11 - Angela Barry & Jo Brammer

DENMAN CATTLE SALES
The roster for the next cattle sale on Friday, 21 November is as follows;
Working – ***Two workers needed       Cooking – Renee Wear & Renee Wallace

CANTEEN HELP NEEDED
If you are able to help in the school canteen next year (2015) please contact the school and give us your details (name, phone number, days available and how often).

UNIFORM SHOP
The school uniform shop is open each Tuesday and Friday morning. Sandy - 0418572265

ST JOSEPH’S HIGH SCHOOL ABERDEEN
The Year 7 Orientation Day for 2015 Year 7 students will be held on Tuesday, 25 November. Any current Year 6 students who are interested in attending St Joseph’s are asked to contact the school as soon as possible to register. Registration forms are available at our school office.

ANAPHYLAXIS - Please… NO Peanut Butter or Nutella!
Our school community needs to be reminded from time to time that we care for a number of students that suffer severe reactions to certain foods. Our canteen doesn’t sell egg, peanut butter, nutella or nut products. We also ask that students don’t bring these foods to school with their recess or lunch food. Thank you for your support. Mr Bryant

PROFILES
We still have some outstanding profile folders which weren’t returned at the parent teacher interviews in term 2. If you still have your child’s folder at home, please return it to school this week so that semester 2 work samples can be added to it. Profiles will go home in week 11.

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE
Please return all borrowed books and resources to the library so that a stocktake can commence. A stocktake of all library books will be conducted and completed by the end of this year.

SCHOOL GATES
Parents, students and teacher are reminded to shut the gates at school so to assist with keeping our students safe. Please help with this initiative by shutting the front gate and the gate near the canteen every time you use it. OH&S committee
GREAT CHESS WIN
The Rookies and Knights equipped themselves very well at Newcastle last week in the Newcastle and Central Coast schools finals.
The Knight were a creditable 9th, with Kieran their best player with 4 wins form 6 games.
The Little Rookies team were in equal second position up to the last round to end up 4th from 16 teams. This is an outstanding performance when 3 of the 4member team are in Year 2.
Our Year 5 Rookies team was the overall winner in the rookies division. Our school has never been able to do this before and we are very proud of the boys. Congratulations Hunter, Brodie, Jonte and Darcy.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING
Our intensive swimming program from Monday, 24 November to Friday, 5 December will see Kinder to Year 3 students participating in a 30-minute swimming lesson each day for a fortnight. Some students from Years 4, 5 & 6 needing to learn to swim confidently will also be included in the program. The school will send three instructors, as well as the class teacher with each class. Students will catch a bus to and from Denman Pool with their teacher.
The timetable for this activity is as follows:
9.30 am - Year 4/5/6  10.00 am - Year 3  10.30 am - Kinder
11.25 am - Year 2  11.55 am - Year 1
Permission notes need to be returned by next Wednesday, 19 November.

SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS
After many exciting rounds and semi-final matches, the Denman Public School’s chess tournament is almost concluded. Congratulations to all participants.
In the girls championships, we have two through to the semis, Ashleigh (Yr 6) and Ashleigh (Yr 5) and we are waiting on two other matches.
The major championships we are up to quarter finals; Well done to Nick, Ashleigh, Kieran, Ashton, Hunter, Brodie and Jake. We are still waiting on a tie breaker between Patrick and Vadym to see who takes the 8th quarter final position.
In the minor championships; Hayden and Ashton are through to the semis and we are waiting on two other matches.
Fifty-one students have contested the chess championships this year. Well done to all participants!

CALENDAR
Wednesday 12.11  - Boot Camp for Years 3-6
               - Jets Soccer, 11.20am
Thursday 13.11  - Year 1 Assembly, 11.15am
               - Surf Life Saving, “Beach to the Bush”
Friday 14.11   - Boot Camp for Years K-2
               - Kinder Orientation, Day 3

Next Week
Monday 17.11   - School Council Meeting, 3.30pm
Wednesday 19.11 - Boot Camp for Years 3-6
                  - Captains Speeches, 11.15am
                  - Captains Voting, 2pm
Thursday 20.11 - Kinder Assembly 11.15
Friday 21.11   - Boot Camp for Kinder - Year 2

WEEKLY HEALTH TIP
Heart Smart
Here are some healthy heart food tips:
- use margarine spreads instead of butter
- choose reduced-fat milk (2% fat or less) for children two years and over
- have fish at least twice a week
- snack on fresh fruit
- don’t add salt to cooking or at the table
- enjoy a variety of foods especially fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals.