NEWSLETTER - Term 4, Week 7

20 November 2014

SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES
Who will be our student leaders in 2015? The captain nominees will give their campaign speech at a special school assembly this Wednesday, at 11.15am in the hall. Voting will be conducted after lunch and will be counted by a community person. The announcement of school captains will be made at our presentation night on Monday, 15 December. Nominees are as follows:

Girls – Amelia, Ashleigh, Emma, Maicey & Taya
Boys – Hunter, Jake, Nicholas, Darcy & Vadym

Congratulations on your nomination and we wish you every success!

SCHOOL COUNCIL SURVEYS - “Everybody’s entitled to a say!”
This year, the school council is evaluating the School in General, Teaching and the school CAPA program. Year 6 parents and students will also get an “exit” survey next week. Your opinions and comments are appreciated and are required to help improve our school and the learning opportunities for your children. Surveys have been sent home today with the school newsletter. Please fill out the survey and return it by Friday, 28 November or earlier.

Angela Barry, School Council President

P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
The P&C is holding a Christmas Raffle and has some amazing prizes to be won! 1st Prize is an Apple MacBook Air - 11” screen with a 256GB drive. 2nd Prize is a holiday for two nights for 2 people at Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort and 3rd Prize is two bottles of wine. Raffle tickets have been sent home with the Newsletter today (10 tickets for $1 each). If you would like more tickets, please call at the Office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 11th December.

Remember, all tickets need to be returned, sold or unsold by Wednesday 10th December.
We would like to thank Coolmore, Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort & Two Rivers for their kind donations.

Fund Raising Committee

FRIENDLY KIDS
Emily, Year 6 – for kindly helping a kinder student in need.
Phoebe, Year 1 – for always being helpful and kind to classmates.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
6 – Chelsea, Darcy, Coby
5 – Brodie, Teegan, Cody
4 – Jasmine, Jed, Sharni
3 – Tristan, Braith, Colbei
2 – Heath, Harsimran, Morgan
1 – Phoebe, Jarryd, Conner
K – Layla, Indya, Abby

STUDENT PROFILE REPORTS – need to be returned!
Each student will receive their yearly report on Tuesday, 16 December. This profile report was distributed at the end of Semester 1 and it needs to be returned now if you have not already done so! We need to display Semester 2 work samples and the “End of Year” report in the profile report for all students to keep at the end of the year.
YEAR 6 CLASS NEWS
This is the last Year 6 news for 2014. We have enjoyed having Miss Clendinning in the classroom for the last 3 weeks. She was studying Education at Charles Sturt University. While she was here she taught us lots of maths to be able to complete all our tests this week. We have also taken lots of notes about our oceans and are beginning to write a very long information report. On Friday afternoons we have been joining with the year 5’s to learn all our dances for the year 6 farewell. We have had lots of fun during these dance lessons. We are all working really hard on our HSIE projects about different countries. Next week we all present our project work. In these last few weeks of year 6 we have many dinners and parties to attend to make sure we farewell everyone. It has been an extremely busy year, and all the year 6 students have worked hard and have done a great job coping with many interruptions, changes to routine and working with many different teachers. All are now well prepared to go to High School. Best wishes for next year. Mrs Lawson

ANOTHER KINDER ORIENTATION DAY
The new Kinder group has been very well behaved and seems to enjoy their time at big school. Thank you to Miss Kyriakou, the Learning Support Officers and the buddies who make the program a great success. We look forward to the next Kindergarten Orientation Day, all day next Friday.
- Friday, 28 November - students only, 8.30am to 3pm in Kinder with Miss Kyriakou
- Friday, 5 December - parents only, 10 minute interviews with Miss Kyriakou

CAPTAINS’ ASSEMBLY
The Captains’ Assembly is the last assembly of the year, on Thursday, 11 December. It is Kindergarten assembly this week and there are no assemblies during the two weeks of swimming. Children in all classes from Year 1 to Year 6, who have not received their behaviour award this year as yet, (Bronze, Silver, Gold & Honour Badges) may become eligible during the next couple of weeks and may be presented with awards at the Captains’ Assembly.

PRESENTATION NIGHT
Please remember that the school’s Presentation Night will be held on Monday, 15 December commencing at 7pm. This is the school’s premier event for acknowledging and celebrating student achievements during 2014. It is important that all students attend so they are available to receive an award on the night.

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.

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. Thank you in anticipation.

Focus Week

LIBRARY BOOK RETURN
HELP US TO GET ALL OUR BOOKS BACK THIS YEAR
BRING BACK YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH CHILD TO MAKE SURE THEIR BOOKS ARE RETURNED ON TIME AND IN GOOD ORDER

So please use a;   * Library Bag
                  * “Special” bookshelf at home
LOST BOOKS WILL HAVE TO BE PAID FOR
All library books now cost between $10 to $20 each
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR BOOK IS RETURNED THIS YEAR

Miss Crutch
**ROSTER**

Wednesday 19.11 - Robyn Thompson & Simone George  
Friday 21.11 - Angela Barry & Jo Brammer  
**Next Week**  
Monday 24.11 - Kate Jones & Amanda Collins  
Wednesday 26.11 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson  
Friday 28.11 - Lyn Shepherdson & Julie McCauley

**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 – Special Days**

The uniform shop will be open for parents wishing to buy for next year on two “Special Days”.

1. **Friday, 28 November**, from 9am to 10am - for parents wishing to get uniforms for next year  
2. **Wednesday, 28 January**, from 9am to 11am - “maybe they could grow over the holidays?”

Otherwise, the Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Friday 8.30 to 9am. Sandy, 65472743

**CHICKEN POX**

Please be aware that currently there are several reported cases of Chicken Pox in our school community. Chicken Pox is a common viral infection that can reappear later in life as singles. Community Health recommends vaccination for all infants and non-immune adults.

**CAROL SINGERS**

Please come and meet on Saturday 6 December at 9.30am at the Farmers Christmas market. All are welcome. Details from Bridget 65 472836

**DENMAN CATTLE SALES - Workers needed urgently**

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

**CATTLE SALES – HELPERS NEEDED**

Each month our school has two volunteers working in the canteen and two to cook cakes / slices. These sales are held on the third (3rd) Friday of each month. Our school works with St Joseph’s and the school P&C receive part of the profits. You may only need to work or cook for the sales every three months pending on the numbers of volunteers. If you are able to help at the Cattle Sales Canteen or cook during 2015 please complete the following and return. Sonia Barnes

**Cattle Sales 2014** please return to the school office asap

Name:  
Contact Number:  
Dates/Time of year not available:  
Work at the Cattle Sales Canteen:  Y / N  
Cooking Cakes / Slices:  Y / N
PERMISSION NOTES FOR SWIM SCHOOL
Our intensive swimming program will commence next Monday, 24 November and run until Friday, 5 December. Students will catch a bus to and from Denman Pool with their teacher. Permission notes were distributed last week to Kinder, Year 1, 2, 3 and only the children in Year 4, 5, & 6 who need lessons. These notes need to be returned asap.

There will be no charge for instruction. Pool entry will cost $2.50 per day if your child does not have a season pass. The money will be collected by the classroom teacher each day of swimming. This money is to be paid to Mr Byfield each day or can be paid to him in one lump sum. Cheques need to be made out to "Muswellbrook Shire Council. Students need to bring swimmers and towel every day, even if it is raining! The school will decide if any day needs to be postponed. Students with long hair will need to tie back their hair. No flippers or goggles will be permitted.

The timetable for this activity is as follows:

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Focus Week - WATER SAFETY

Important rules to follow in water:
- **Swim together** - Always make sure someone is with you.
- **Float and Wave** - If you are in trouble in the water, relax, roll on your back and raise one arm.
- **Reach to rescue** - If someone needs help in the water, stay dry.

ENJOY your swimming and ……
Remember to BE CAREFUL

CALENDAR

Wednesday 19.11 - Boot Camp for Years 3-6
- Captains Speeches 11am
- Captains Voting 2pm

Thursday 20.11 - Kinder Assembly, 11.15am
- YLTW presentations

Friday 21.11 - Boot Camp for Kinder-Year 2

**Next Week**

Monday 24.11 - Swim School Begins

Tuesday 25.11 - Swim School
- SRC meeting, 1pm
- St Joseph’s, Aberdeen, Year 7 Orientation Day

Wednesday 26.11 - Year 6 Rotary Dinner, RSL club, 6pm
- Swim School

Thursday 27.11 - NO ASSEMBLY
- Swim School

Friday 28.11 - Kinder Orientation, all day, 8.45 to 3pm
- Swim School

WEEKLY HEALTH TIP - Be healthy …. Be active!

Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Tips.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

There is a Newcastle Junior/Adult tournament to be held at the Newcastle PCYC at Broadmeadow, on Sunday, 7 December. All our school team player would not be out of place at this tournament. Further information is on noticeboards at school or in the school office. Mr Bryant