DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 4, Week 8

26 November 2014

ROTORITY DINNER – Tomorrow night for Year 6 & Parents
The Denman Rotary Club conducts a dinner for all Year 6 students from the five local primary schools each year. There is always a guest speaker to address the soon-to-be high school students. This year the dinner will commence at **6.30pm tomorrow night, Wednesday, 26 November.** The president of the RSL Board will also announce the winner of the RSL Bursary. Mrs Lawson

DENMAN EXAMINER
Again this year the students and staff are very industrious. They are again preparing a comprehensive school magazine, the “Denman Examiner”. The “Examiner” will cost $30. If you would like to view last year’s “Denman Examiner”, it is on display in the office foyer. Order forms are included with today’s newsletter and need to be returned to the office with money by Friday, 5 December. It will be available on Tuesday, 16 December (the day after Presentation Night). Mrs Fuiono

P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
The P&C Christmas Raffle 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.
Thank you to Coolmore, Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort & Two Rivers for their kind donations. Raffle tickets (10 tickets for $1 each) need to be returned, sold or unsold by Wednesday, 10 December. More tickets, at the Office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 11th December.

FRIENDLY KIDS
**Lane, Year 3** – for kindly helping another student find his lost money
**Talia, Kindergarten** – for politely assisting to move sports equipment in and out of the classroom

WONDERFUL WORKERS
1 – Remmi, Lauren, Cory
3 – Tully, Kate, Ned
2 – Reegan, Hayden, Vinnie
5 – Tenahya, Tasmyn, Phoebe
6 – Tenika, Daniel, Wade
4 – Tara, Ethan, Brayden
K – Lucy, Jaycee, Talia

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 this 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
YEAR 5 CLASS NEWS
We have welcomed Miss Duggan to our class this term. She has been teaching us lots of new things in Spelling, Maths and Science. We are even excited to be working on Comics in writing! Some of us are lucky enough to be doing some Intensive Swimming while the rest of us are brushing up on our note taking skills using “Behind the News”.
We sailed our ships in the Solar Boat challenge and underwent some serious training in Dynamite Fitness (Thanks Bridget!!).
We achieved some fantastic results in the Newcastle Maths competition and enjoyed our time in recorder playing with Mrs Saunders.
The last few weeks have been busy with Captain Nominations and we are now eagerly waiting presentation night to see who was successful.
We still have a few more exciting things to go – MHS Orientation Day, Year 6 Farewell, Presentation Night and Reward Day at the end of the term.

Ms Borg

MUSWELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL - Year 7 “O” Day
The final orientation day for Year 6 going to Muswellbrook High School next year will be held next Wednesday, 3 December. Notes for this will be sent home in the near future.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN VOTING
Voting for our student leaders in 2015 has been conducted and sent to a community person for counting. The announcement of school captains will be made at our presentation night on Monday, 15 December. The nominees gave great speeches and whether they become a school captain or not, I believe they will all continue to be school leaders in some role in 2015. Well done!
Girls - Amelia, Ashleigh, Emma, Maicey & Taya
Boys - Hunter, Jake, Nicholas, Darcy & Vadym

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.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY
Borrowing has ceased. Please return ALL LIBRARY BOOKS by this Friday, 28 November. Library staff has begun a stock take of books and need all books returned. Thank you to the children that have returned their library books.
Miss Crutch

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.

LAST DAYS OF TERM
The last day of school for students this year is Wednesday, 17 December 2014. Teachers will come to school and participate in professional development and planning activities for the 2015 school year on Thursday, 18 December and Friday, 19 December.

FOCUS - STUDENT WELLBEING - A GOOD SLEEP ON SCHOOL NIGHTS
Children need a good sleep each night to be able to cope with the challenges of school. They need to have lots of energy for trying new activities, making friends, listening, following instructions and being confident learners.
A good sleep will help your child to:
- Remember what they learn
- Pay attention and concentrate
- Solve problems and think of new ideas
- Play sensibly
KIDS CORNER - Ethan, Year 4 - Great Handwriting

ROSTER
Wednesday 26.11 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 28.11 - Lyn Shepherdson & Julie McCauley
Next Week
Monday 1.12 - Kate Jones & Amanda Collins
Wednesday 3.12 - Jaymee Wilton & Jessica Fuiono
Friday 5.12 - Renee Wallace & Simone George

CANTEEN NEWS
A BIG THANK YOU to Tammy Roberts, Sonia Barnes and Cordell Turner for running the school canteen last Wednesday. It was much appreciated.
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).
There will be a canteen meeting held this Thursday, 27 November at 9.30am. All welcome

SURVEYS RETURN – Last chance this week
Please return your survey by this Friday, 28 November, so that it can be included in our evaluation findings. Angela Barry, School Council President

DENMAN CATTLE SALES
Thank you to Sonia Barnes for working at the Cattle Sale last Friday. Thanks also to Renee Wear and Renee Wallace for cooking.
The roster for the next cattle sale on Friday, 19 December is as follows;

UNIFORM SHOP – Special Days
The uniform shop will be open for parents wishing to buy for next year on two “Special Days”.
1. Friday, 12 December, 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?”
The Uniform Shop is open each Tuesday and Friday 8.30 to 9am. Christine 0427476188

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 depending on the number 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 2015 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
SWIMMING SCHOOL - has commenced well with 2 days already completed. Intensive Swimming will continue every day this week and next until Friday, 5 December. The main points to remember about the swimming school are as follows:

- No cost for the tuition, although $2.50 pool entry needs to be paid to Mr Byfield each day or 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 will be travelling to the pool by bus.
- **No** flippers or goggles! **Tie** your hair back and **use** sun screen!

The timetable for this activity is as follows:

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**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 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

**Next Week**

- **Monday 1.12**
  - Swim School

- **Tuesday 2.12**
  - Swim School

- **Wednesday 3.12**
  - Swim School
  - Muswellbrook High School Open Day

- **Thursday 4.12**
  - Swim School
  - **NO ASSEMBLY**
  - Christmas service, school hall, 2pm

- **Friday 5.12**
  - Last Day of Swim School
  - Kindergarten 2015 Interviews

**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 players would not be out of place at this tournament. Further information is on noticeboards at school or in the school office. Mr Bryant

**SCHOOL HATS - HOT WEATHER**

Students need to attempt to be in correct school uniform every day. Students need to find their **school hats** and wear them at school every day. In Term 4, it is “**No Hat, Play in the shade!**” School hats are available from the office for $10 each. Parents please support the school in this important health issue.

**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