DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 5  February 25, 2014

BOOK & SCHOOL FEES - fees & excursion deposits are NOW overdue!
Thanks to those who have paid their school and book fees, however there are still 39 students who have not paid their $50 ‘book fees’. That represents $1950 of lost funds to our school. So far, 60% of students have paid their school fees.
Invoices will be sent again this week and will include any outstanding excursion deposits.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Brayden, Year 4 - for being an excellent friend and helper to a new student
Lillian, Year 1 - for always being polite and friendly to staff and students

WONDERFUL WORKERS
3 - Tyla, Braith, Ben
6 – Aden, Connor, Coby
1 – Connor, Joseph, Brodie
Library - Sasha, Ashton, Vinnie
2 – Jaya, Cooper, Sean
5 – Abymbae, Chelsea, Brodie
4 – Tara, Brayden, Zac
K – Talia, Abby, Jonathan

SCHOOLS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA - this Friday
Denman Public School will be actively participating in “Clean Up Australia” day this week. The schools’ “Clean Up” day is this Friday, 28 February. The Schools’ “Clean Up Day” is a great opportunity for students to apply the knowledge and values of our school and community.
The children are asked to bring gloves (e.g., gardening or washing up gloves).
At 2pm, the primary children will proceed to clean up a designated area around our school. Year 6 will clean Paxton Street in front of our school and Year 5 will clean Virginia Street at the back of our school. Years 3 and 4 will clean the top playground.
The infants classes will clean the bottom playground, gardens and inside the fence line.
As well, this Wednesday, Tracey Ward and members of the council clean up team are coming to our school assembly to put on a role play about “Clean Up Day”, to heighten awareness to the program.

Focus Week

CLEAN UP WEEK
A CLEAN SCHOOL IS A “COOL” SCHOOL … SO CLEAN IT!

RUBBISH:
We want a clean school,
Place all papers in the bin, and
Tell others not to drop papers!

SPORTS EQUIPMENT:
We need to always put the equipment away so it will be available next time we want to play with it.

IF EVERYONE DOES THEIR JOB,
OUR SCHOOL WILL BE A CLEAN AND ENJOYABLE PLACE
SWEARING
Swearing at school will not be tolerated. Swearing shows disrespect and a lack of good manners. Children hear swearing by others and think it is OK. It is not!

YEAR 3 CLASS NEWS
Welcome back to what is already promising to be another busy year. “How time flies when you’re having fun” is an apt expression when we consider that we are into week 5 and already, so much has happened. All of the students are working extremely well and although we have had some seating changes and timetable changes, the class has adapted quite well, having also shown great maturity in having two teachers. The transition into the primary has been an exciting change for the whole class.

Many students have yet to master the homework routine. Please remind your child to complete spelling words EACH NIGHT with a look, say, cover, write, check and also complete the weekly dictation sentences and mathematics unit.

During Science we are looking at ‘Feathers Fur or Leaves?’ most students returned their special science homework task, looking at living and non-living things. During HSIE we are looking at ‘Living in Communities’. Our Wednesday afternoon Creative and Practical Arts rotation is going well and the class has been excited about being with ‘the Year 6 teacher’, Mrs Lawson, for dance.

This week’s World of Maths, Life Education Van and Cleanup Australia Day activities will definitely add a little more excitement to our week. It is sure shaping up to be a fun-filled but very busy term. Keep working hard year 3 and have a great term. Caroline Saunders and Shelby Lewis.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN
The Life Education Van is visiting our school this week. Lessons will be conducted with all classes. The class schedule is as follows:

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<td>Thursday 27.2</td>
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Permission notes for this activity must be returned tomorrow, along with $3 per student.

Students will each receive a work book for use in PD/Health lessons during Term 1.

LIBRARY BORROWING
Students need a bag to carry their library books to and from school on their Library day. They also need to remember to return their books on their Library day. Classes are scheduled for Library on the following days:

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<td>3 &amp; 4</td>
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REMEMBER: KINDERGARTEN PARENTS
Thank you for returning all the permission note for the NRMA BUS SAFETY EXCURSION tomorrow morning, 10.30a.m. Much appreciated. Marina Kyriakou

ETC COMPETITIONS
Competitions in Computer, Science, Spelling and Writing will be run in Term 2 and English and Maths will be held in early Term 3.

Information about these tests, costs, permission and nominations of which tests to sit will be sent home in the near future. Keep an eye out for this one!

BIKES
Please remember that student riding to and from school must be in the Primary classes. If your child is in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2, they must not ride or scoot to school without your 100% supervision.

REMINDER:
Parents need to remember to return the “asthma forms” and “health care” forms asap!

HEALTH TIP - Fundamental movement skills
There is evidence that children with poor fundamental movement skills such as jumping, skipping, leaping, kicking, throwing and catching are less likely to be active. Give your kids a head start and teach them these skills.
**KIDS CORNER**  
Brayden, Year 4  
**Excellent Story Writing** (extract)

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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<td>Wednesday 26.2</td>
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<td>Friday 28.2</td>
<td>Angela Barry &amp; Jo Brammer</td>
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<td>Monday 03.03</td>
<td>Kate Jones &amp; Amanda Collins</td>
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<td>Wednesday 05.03</td>
<td>Jaymee Wilton &amp; Megan Prout</td>
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<td>Friday 07.03</td>
<td>Lyn Shepherdson &amp; Julie McCauley</td>
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**CANTEEN NEWS - Slushie Special $1.50**

Tomorrow, there will be a special on our new fruit salad and yoghurt slushie. It is half yoghurt slushie and half beautiful fruit salad …YUM! ……. Special Price - only $1.50

**MEET ME FRIDAY -** A new catch-cry for DPS parents …“Meet Me Friday!”
Have you recently enrolled your child at our school? Have you recently moved into the local area? Are you interested in meeting other school parents and families? Would you like to catch up with friends?

We will meet every Friday morning during term, from 9.15 - 11am, at Graze in Ogilvie St.
Drop in at any time! …..For more information please contact Mandy Limon 0401046165

**P&C NEWS**

Send your $5 membership to the school office. Membership needs to be paid before our AGM. Please remember to come to our AGM next month on Monday, 10 March at 7pm.  
Karen Wilkins

**BIRTHDAY CARD P&C FUNDRAISER**

A great response from parents and staff sees a limited number of packs left. If you would like to purchase a pack of 12 quality birthday cards for $5, please send your details and money to the Office before this Friday 28th Feb. Sample cards are available to view at the Office.
Thank you for supporting your P&C and the children of DPS.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT NOMINATIONS – Only one nomination so far….?**

Three parent representatives are needed for school council. Parents, please consider nominating. Nominations close at 3pm this Friday, **28 February**. Nomination sheets are available from the office.

**DENMAN CATTLE SALES**

Thank you to Corey Hopkins & Sonia Barnes for working at the Cattle Sale last Friday. 
Thanks also to Sonia Barnes & Jess Hopkins for cooking for the sale. If you can help once every three or six months, please contact Mr Bryant at school on 65 472 491
The roster for next cattle sales to be held on **Friday, 21 March** is as follows:

**Working** - John East & Ann East

**Cooking** - Ann East & Catherine Reddish
SPORTS UNIFORM MONITORING
Parents and student know by now that I am closely monitoring what students are wearing each Friday. Girls are reminded that check shorts are only for Monday to Thursday - NOT Friday
Remember - No Check Shorts and No Footy Shorts

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last Friday a team of 19 swimmers representing Denman Public School travelled to Singleton to compete in the PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival.
Congratulations to all the students who raced on the day as there were many outstanding performances. Well done to each member of the swim team as they all should be proud of their efforts. I was very impressed with the outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship of our students on the day and was proud watching them cheering on our team and the efforts of other competitors.
The placings of any finalists will be in the newsletter when we get the results and ribbons will be presented at assembly.
Thanks to Mrs Turner and Mrs Jones for their valuable assistance on the day and also a huge thankyou to all the parents who provided transport and attended the carnival to support and cheer on our school. 
Kara Allison

GIRLS STATE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS
Best of luck to Tenika Hewitt, who is currently representing Hunter at the PSSA Girls Cricket Championships at Borooga. We hope Tenika has a successful and enjoyable week.

MUSWELLBROOK NETBALL REGISTRATION
Registration Dates: 26th Feb & 5th March 5.30 til 7.30 pm at the Muswellbrook Workers Club
Online Registrations: Existing members will receive an email with login details.
Fees: Senior (18-yrs) $142, Junior $91(11-17yrs), NetSetGo! DR & Netta $77 (7-10yrs), NetSetGo! & Fun Net $75 (4-7yrs). All forms can be found under the Documents heading on our website.
Pre-Season; commences Saturday, 22 March
Enquiries: contact Nichola Rawson – mbknetballrego@hotmail.com

CALENDAR
Wednesday 26.2 - Life Ed Van - Year 6, Year 4 & Year 1 - $3
- Kindergarten NRMA Bus Safety Program, 10.30am
- Cleanup Australia Day Assembly, 11.15am
Thursday 27.2 - Year 4 Assembly, 11.15am
- Life Ed Van - Year 5, Year 3 & Kinder - $3
Friday 28.2 - Walk the Cross Country Course for sport, 10am
- Clean up Australia Day, 1.55pm

Next Week
Tuesday 4.3 - SRC meeting, 1pm
Thursday 6.3 - Year 3 Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 7.3 - School Cross Country at Denman Football Oval, 9.30am first race

SCONE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL – last chance
The Group 21 Rugby League Carnival held at Scone will be held on Sunday, 23 March. We will only enter teams with enough players. At present, we will not be entering any teams as there are no more than 4 wishing to play in any age group.
If your child wants to play, you must return the form below before this Friday, 28 February.
If you are able to coach a team please indicate below.
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RUGBY LEAGUE - please return by this Friday, 28 February
Name …………………………………………………… Class ……..… Date of Birth …………….……
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is/are interested in playing football for the school at the Scone Carnival on Sunday, 23 March
I am prepared to coach the …..year old team.     Signed ………………………………………………. 