BOOK WEEK - is only 1 week away!
Get your costumes ready for our Book Week celebrations on Thursday 21 August.
Read a book with your child from 10:40am in our giant bookworm, stay for recess and our assembly at 11:15am. At the assembly we will announce the winners of this year’s Children’s Book Council of Australia Book of the Year 2014!
The assembly will be followed by the children in costume, in the Book Character Parade.

BOOK FAIR: 20-21 August
There will be a Book Fair held in the Library during Book Week and children will have time to browse before the fair, to let parents know which titles they would love. Books can be purchased on;
Wednesday, 20 August, 8:30-10am, 1:00-1:50pm; and Thursday, 21 August, 8:30-2:00pm

FRIENDLY KIDS
Millie, Year 6 - for helping younger students play sport on the oval.
Braith, Year 3 - for standing up to bullying in defence of another child.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
4 – Lequisha, Ethan, Harris
6 – Lucas, Jake, Wade
3 – Tyla, Kye, Cohen
K – Caitlyn, Layla, Talia
1 – Phoebe, Jeb, Jody
5 – Liam, Jenna, Joshua
2 – Rhyme, Reegan, Deakon

“JEANS FOR GENES” DAY
The “Out of Uniform” day, held last Friday, raised $152.70 for the Medical Research Institute.
Thank you to everyone who participated in “Jeans for Genes” as it is a very worthy cause.

YEAR 2 CAKE DAY
Many thanks to all the Year 2 parents and children who provided many beautiful cakes, jellies, biscuits and slices for the cake stall. The sum of $129.00 was raised for the SRC.
Thank you to Phillipa Leabeater, Chantel Blake, Chris Bailey and Renee Wear for serving at the cake stall.

YEARS 3 AND 4 EXCURSION
The Year 3 and Year 4 excursion to Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Camp will be from Monday, 25 August to Wednesday, 27 August (In two weeks’ time).
Activities will include; canoeing, archery, bush walking, cooking damper and giant swing.
Those who have not returned all their notes or money please do so asap and no later than next Friday, 22 August.
A list of clothing and other needs for camp will be sent home as a reminder this week.

Miss Peters & Mrs Saunders
YEAR 4 CLASS NEWS
We’re almost half way through term 3 and Year 4 has had a terrific couple of weeks. Year 4 have been trying their best in class and working hard. They’ve also been very welcoming to our two new students this term who have settled in nicely to our class.

In Science, we have been learning about what’s ‘beneath our feet,’ observing different soil samples from our local area. This has been very interesting and messy. In HSIE we’ve been learning about Australia, mapping and specific iconic sites. Our classroom is looking very bright this term with Year 4 participating in our art unit ‘Flags of the world.’ They have been creating some wonderful artwork. Year 4 has been learning recorder in CAPA and has also been practicing and learning new words every day in our in-class spelling bee comps. Friday afternoon sport is proving to be a lot of fun with Year 4 participating in Zumba. We have some very enthusiastic Zumba dancers!

As there have been a lot of students off sick these past few weeks, I hope everyone gets back to full health before our camp to Myuna Bay in Week 7.

THE LAST VISITING PERFORMANCE FOR 2014!!
This will feature the very talented guitar supremo, Terry Murray, next Monday, 18 August. The cost is $4.00 per student, and is now due to the office on FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST. The note for this was distributed last Monday. If you did not receive the note, it can be obtained from the office.

INFANTS’ EXCURSION TO HUNTER VALLEY ZOO
The information, permission and medical notes for this excursion were handed out yesterday, Monday, 11th August. If you have not received the notes, please collect them from the office. Payment of $20 is due by Wednesday, 27th August.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE
The statewide Premier’s Spelling Bee Challenge has been taken up by our students. Our school “Spell Off” will be conducted on Wednesday, 3 September, commencing at 12 noon. There will be three divisions; Years 5/6, Years 3/4 and Years 1/2. Don’t forget to practice the lists which have been sent home for each class.

BEHAVIOUR AWARDS
Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students and Year 1 students who received their Gold Licences and Bronze Awards last term. During the next five weeks Silver Awards will be presented to Year 2 students and Gold Awards will be presented to Years 3 students. Honour Badges will be presented early in Term 4 to worthy Year 4, 5 and 6 students.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR
The behaviour of our students is always closely monitored! At present, we are targeting students who unnecessarily swear, answer back rudely, tease or not include others in games. All of these behaviours are not wanted at Denman Public School. This week we are highlighting “Bullying” to address such unwanted behaviours.

Focus Week

WHO IS A BULLY?
“A bully is someone who teases others because they are bigger, older or stronger”

IF YOU SEE ANY BULLYING ...... YOU SHOULD
- tell a teacher
- tell teasers and bullies to stop because it is not right
- invite the person who is being bullied or teased to play with you and your friends
- tell older kids or adults when someone is being a bully and they won’t stop

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO
- walk away and ignore it – unless it keeps happening (then tell an adult)

ALWAYS KNOW THAT BULLYING IS WRONG
- You know it is not OK…. So if you see someone being teased or bullied say …
  .. “STOP IT, STOP TEASING, STOP BULLYING”... and get a teacher to help
KIDS CORNER - Jake, Year 6 - Excellent Research

Gold
by Jake

Penning

In Australia Panning was the most common thing that was used on the goldfields. Rocks and stuff were loosened with pickaxes and shovels. After it had been broken down, it was taken by wheelbarrow to a creek where it was washed and swished around a shallow metal pan. As small bits of gold sank to the bottom of the pan, it was greed for finding small nuggets of gold.

Crushing

Crushing was another water-based method and was more complex than panning. This method involved a wooden box with a handle on one side and a ridged bottom covered with Hessian cloth. Large pieces of rock were sorted through and discarded if they had no gold in them.

Dry blowing

Dry blowing involved the use of 2 pans. Fine dust-like material would be poured from a pan held high, into the second pan which was positioned on the ground. The tiny nuggets of gold fell into the pan below. The winds meant that tiny particles of gold could be blown away with the rest of the dust and dirt.

Shanty mining

Shanty mining was started when the surface deposits started to dwindle, because gold ran so deep the miners had to dig 50 meters deep. As the majority of them had a pick and a shovel it took forever. Now gold is a matter of luck than good judgment.

Puddling

Puddling is another easy to do thing which involves the separation of gold from clay. In its natural state gold is usually mixed with clay. Small amounts mixture were dumped into a large container that was filled with water. As it was stirred with a paddle or wooden stake the gold would sink to the bottom.

Dredging

A huge bucket at the front of the dredge would scoop up massive amounts of stuff from the river bed. It would then be sifted and sorted. While the waste material would be returned to the river bed but anything valuable they kept.

by Jake

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 13.8 - Megan Prout & Jaymee Wilton  
Friday 15.8 - Renee Wallace & Simone George  

Next Week

Monday 18.8 - Germaine Ball & Pauline Frater  
Wednesday 20.8 - Robyn Thompson & Simone George  
Friday 22.8 - Felisha Nebauer & Julie McCauley

CANTEEN MEETING

The next canteen meeting is this Thursday at 9.30am. Please support this meeting if you can!

DENMAN CATTLE SALES

The roster for the next cattle sale next Friday, 22 August is as follows;  
Working - Tammy Bull and ??? Cooking - Renee Wear and Renee Wallace

We still need another worker for this sale. If you can help please let Mr Bryant know.

UNIFORM SHOP

The school uniform shop is open for sales each Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.30am.

For winter we have;  
- Full tracksuits - $55  
- Jackets only - $35  
- Pants only - $25  
- Grey long pants for boys - $20  
- Maroon long pants for girls - $20  
- Pants only - $25  
- Fleecy V-neck jumpers - $25  
- Hats and Caps - $10  
- Scarf - $6

Any outstanding uniform debts need to be paid ASAP.

Sandy Russell, 0418572265

RSL BURSARY

Each year the RSL donate a bursary to one Year 6 student in the district. Students wishing to sit the test in Term 4 must return their permission note by Monday, September 15.

This will give the RSL Club enough time to check parent membership.

HEALTHY HINTS - Selecting delicious fresh produce

Here are some tips on choosing the best fresh fruit and vegetables for taste and storage:

- select fruit and vegetables that feel firm, smell nice and look fresh
- small or medium size fruit make good choices for children
- choose vegetables that snap rather than bend
- avoid any fruit or vegetables that are limp, split or feel spongy.

MERRIWA HORSE SPORTS

Kathrine didn’t go due to a problem with her horse; James had a great time on his horse “Bliss” but was unplaced in his section of 19 riders; and Millie was a star, winning the Hack and coming 2nd in Rider in her section of 14 others. James said it was really good, particularly the Barrel race even though he didn’t get a ribbon. Well done!
ZONE ATHLETICS
What a great day the Zone Athletics Carnival at Singleton Heights was last week.
The following students have been selected to represent Upper Hunter at the Regional Carnival to be held at Glendale on Friday, 29 August;
Tenahya; - 2nd 11 years long jump
Kathrine; - 2nd 12 years long jump
Tasymy; - 2nd 11 years discus
Emma; - 1st junior shot put
Kobe; - 1st 12 years long jump
Darcy; - 1st 10 years 100m & 1st 200m
Luke; - 1st 11 years 100m, 1st 200m, 1st long jump & 2nd shot put
Jed, Josh, Taj, Darcy; - 2nd junior boys 4x100 relay

Notes have been given to these students and need to be returned to the team managers Mr Russell or Mr Andrews on the day.
Third place getters will be notified when we get the full list of carnival results and ribbons will be presented for all results on Thursday, 28 August at our school assembly.  

SINGLETON NETBALL GALA DAY
This Friday, 15 August, Denman Public School will be taking a junior girls, senior girls, senior boys and senior mixed netball teams to participate in the Singleton Netball Gala Day. Thank you to Kaitlyn, Taylor, Jeenie and Monique for coming along to referee our teams. Miss Lewis and Mrs Lawson will accompany the teams.

We wish them every success and hope for an enjoyable day.  

CALENDAR
Thursday 14.8 - Year 4 Assembly, 11.15am
- MHS lessons for Year 5
Friday 15.8 - Singleton Netball Day

Next Week
Monday 18.8 - Visiting Show, “Fretwork”, 1.50pm
- School Council Meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday 19.8 - Book Fair, 1pm-2pm
Wednesday 20.8 - Book Fair, 1pm-2pm
- Legends Day, Sydney
Thursday 21.8 - Book Fair, 10am-2pm
- Book Parade Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 22.8  - ZUMBA for Sport

THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION
This week our sports challenge champion is: Dana, Year 6
- For her enthusiasm and willingness to learn and play netball.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION SCHEDULE 2015
Five orientation days will be conducted in Term 4 this year for students possibly enrolling at Denman Public School in our Kindergarten class in 2015. The term four dates are as follows;
- Stage 1 will be held on Friday, 17 October, students and parents - 9.30 to 11.30am;
- Stage 2 will be on Friday, 31 October, students only - 8.50am to 1.10pm;
- Stage 3 will be on Friday, 14 November, students only - 11am to 3pm;
- Stage 4 will be on Friday, 28 November, students only - 8.30am to 3pm; and
- Stage 5 on Friday, 5 December, parents only - 15 minute interview with Miss Kyriakou.

We expect the following children to come to the orientation program and will send an invitation soon: Luke, Payton, Keira, Rhes, Emma, Cianan, Dante, Haydon, Heidi, Ada, Theodore, Brodie, Bailey, Max, Gloria, Ella, Lily, Alex, Riley, Dawson, Toby, Jade, Connor and Hamarni ……… so far.

For enrolment in 2015, please contact Denman Public School on 65472491 for an information pack.