COMING TO OUR EDUCATION WEEK

Remember to be involved in celebrating Education Week with us this week; activities will include:

- Thursday, 31 July  
  - Morning Tea, Assembly & Open Classrooms - 11am to 1pm
  - District Awards Ceremony, Muswellbrook High School, 4.30pm

- Friday, 1 August  
  - Zumba for Sport & Zone Athletics at Singleton, departing at 8am

OPEN DAY

Parents, Grandparents and friends are invited to our “Open Day” this Thursday, 31 July;

  11am - Morning Tea  
  11.30am - Assembly  
  12.15pm - Open Classrooms

The students would love to celebrate Education Week with you, so join us at school this week.

DISTRICT EDUCATION WEEK CEREMONY

This year, Education Week activities will include the District Awards Ceremony at Muswellbrook High School, this Thursday afternoon 31 July, commencing at 4.30pm.

Denman students, staff and community members have been nominated for awards. More information about the award winners in next week’s newsletter.

FRIENDLY KIDS

Darcy, Year 6 - for kindly opening the gate for kinder children.

Jo, Year 1 - for collecting jackets left on the oval at the end of lunch.

WONDERFUL WORKERS

- 4 – Lily, Elise, Alex
- 3 – Rachel, Kyle, Tyla
- 1 – Lauren, Blake, Jarryd
- 6 – Nadia, Lachlan, Corey
- 5 – Jorja, Tasmyn, Nicholas
- K – Zali, Rory, Jonathan
- 2 – Georgia, Blade, Cooper

GREAT SCIENCE RESULTS

This year, 20 Denman students sat the Australian Schools Science Test along with more than 50,000 students across NSW. Skills in observing, measuring, predicting, investigating, reasoning and problem solving were tested.

Student results were very pleasing with 5 Distinctions and 6 Credits.

Congratulations to Ashton - 92%, (Year 2), Phoebe - 98%, (Year 3), Miles - 92%, (Year 3), Amelia - 94%, (Year 5) and Lucas - 92%, (Year 6) achieved distinctions and were placed in the top 10% in the state. Excellent work!

Well done also to Patrick (Year 2), James (Year 4), Imogen (Year 4), Taya (Year 5), Jenna (Year 5) and Wade (Year 6) were awarded credits. (top 25% in the state) Great work!

NRMA COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Lucy for her win in the NRMA Bus Safety Colouring-in competition.
YEAR 6 CLASS NEWS
Term 3 has started well with only a few interruptions so far.
In Science we are studying “Earthquakes” and in HSIE we are studying “Gold”. We need to complete a project for HSIE. During Literacy we are doing a Novel Study on “Bridge to Terabithia”. We are also focussing on descriptive and creative writing.
We have started our Zumba lessons on Fridays. Mrs Lawson

HUNTER DANCE FESTIVAL
Congratulations to the Junior Dance Group who performed at Newcastle Panthers last week. The girls and boys performed wonderfully, received a huge ovation and all enjoyed the evening immensely. Thank you for being so co-operative and well behaved. Thank you to all the parents who transported students and helped with hair, make-up and costumes. It was greatly appreciated. Mrs Thurston

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
Next Wednesday, 6 August, the SRC would like to hold a “JEANS FOR GENES” day to support the Children’s Medical Research Institute by wearing jeans to school.
We would like everybody to dress in jeans and enjoy the day. Teachers, parents and students could donate a gold coin each towards this charity. Corey and Emily, School Captains

THE LAST VISITING PERFORMANCE FOR 2014!!
Our last school performance for the year will feature the very talented guitar supremo, Terry Murray on Monday, 18 August. The note for this will be distributed to all students next Monday, 4 August. The cost will be $4.00 per student, and will be due to the office on Friday, 8 AUGUST.
If you do not receive the note, it can be obtained from the office.

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.
To assist our students prepare, each class will have a list of words to learn. These words will make up the weekly spelling lists and be tested each week. Lists will be sent home this week.
Students, please take this opportunity to improve your spelling, learn as many words as you can and you may become Denman Public School’s Spelling Champion.

BOOK CLUB
Orders for book club are due back TOMORROW, Wednesday 29July.
Please put order form and payment in an envelope marked “Book Club” with child’s name and class on the front. If paying by cheque please make it out to “Denman Public School”. Mrs Stair

STRANGER DANGER
Parents, we are far too complacent when it comes to Stranger Danger. Please reinforce the strategies listed below during the upcoming holidays.

Focus Week STRANGER DANGER
If you meet someone you don’t know on the way to or from home:
♦ Do NOT speak to or go with a person in a car
♦ Speak only if spoken to
♦ Be polite

Not all strangers are dangerous, most people are friendly!
BUT…..if you are not sure or you feel uncomfortable or worried …
♦ Say NO loudly and run away
♦ Tell a trusted adult
CANTENE ROSTER
Wednesday 30.7 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 1.8 - Angela Barry & Jo Brammer
Next Week
Monday 4.8 - Lyn Barry & Sue Coombes
Wednesday 6.8 - Germaine Ball & Chantel Blake
Friday 8.8 - Lyn Shepherdson & Julie McCauley

CANTENE NEWS
We have lost two wonderful long term workers from our canteen to the general workforce. So we need a new team (2 people) to work in the canteen on Monday, 18 August.

P & C NEWS
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 12 August at 7pm - Please come and join us and have your say to make our school even better! Jo Betts

DENMAN CATTLE SALES
The roster for the next cattle sale on 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 Long sleeve polos - $20
Fleecy V-neck jumpers - $25 Hats and Caps - $10 Scarf - $6
Any outstanding uniform debts need to be paid ASAP. Sandy Russell, 0418572265

UPPER HUNTER SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT
Last Thursday, 24 July, our Kings, Knights and Rookies teams competed at the Upper Hunter Schools Chess tournament at Singleton. The Kings team placed 2nd with 17 points beaten by only Singleton Heights, who will progress to the Hunter finals.
The Knights teams finished first with 15½ in their division.
Both Rookies teams were well placed with the first team being undefeated on the day with 20 points. The very young second team finished third from 19 team and just missed a place at the finals.
The top placed teams progress to the Hunter finals in Newcastle in November.
Best on the day were Jake 6 from 6 on board 4 in the Kings, Kieran 5 from 6 on board 4 in the Knights, Hunter 5 from 6 on board 1 in the Rookies and Ashton 6 from 6 on board 3 in the Rookies. Congratulations to all our chess players who represented Denman Public School on the day.
GREAT BASKETBALL RESULTS

Last Wednesday 23 July, we took two teams, a Senior Girls and Senior Boys, to Maitland for a Basketball Gala Day. Every student had a fantastic day and it was great to see both teams cheering each other on. Congratulations also to each and every student - all scored a goal on the day. You should be proud!

The senior boys’ team consisted of Daniel, Connor, Wade, Zac, Mac, Corey and Aden. They played 4 games on the day. Their first was against Millfield PS which they won 16-6, followed by another win against Abermain 14-10.

The boys then faced two excellent teams from Kearsley and Bolwarra and were unfortunately defeated in both games.

The senior girls’ team was made up of Ashleigh, Abby, Nadia, Emily, Dana and Chelsea. The girls played 3 games and played really well together. They faced Tenambit, Thornton and Abermain and were lucky enough to come home with a great win over Abermain 30-4.

Thank you to our cheer squad, Mrs Whitten for coaching and the parents who drove. Miss Hassett

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Good luck to all the students attending the Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival at Alroy Oval, Singleton Heights this Friday, 1 August. We will need to leave from the front gate at 8am to be at Singleton by 8.50am as the carnival begins at 9am sharp. Miss Hassett and Mr Bryant will accompany the students.

All notes are due back tomorrow and not all notes have been returned as yet!

So …… Please, please return all your notes and money by TOMORROW, Wednesday, 30 July. Students need to wear their school sports uniform, sunscreen and a hat. Make sure to take recess, drinks, lunch and/or money for the canteen.

DENMAN LITTLE ATHLETICS

The 2014/15 athletics season will commence next Wednesday, 8 October at 6pm.

Online registration will open in August so keep watch for more information about this. There will also be two registration days held on 3rd and 10th September - more details to come soon!

This season the Zone Championships will be held at Turner Park, Cessnock on 22 & 23, November. Entries will be available early in the season so make sure you tell a committee member if you are interested in competing.

Our next general meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13th August at the Denman RSL and everyone is welcome to attend. Lee-Anne Newman, Secretary DLA

CALENDAR

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THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION

This week our sports challenge champion is: Lachlan, Year 4
- For giving all school sports a “go”! - especially soccer, 800 and athletics in general.

HEAD LICE CHECKS

During the past week we have had reports of head lice in our school. To minimize the risk of an outbreak, the effected classes have been checked for evidence of head lice or nits. To be doubly sure, it would be appreciated if you could check your child’s hair also.