EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS
School community members from our school were acknowledged for their achievements and contributions to education at the district ceremony at Muswellbrook High School last week.
Lucas - for excellence in academic achievement
Nadia - for displaying student leadership and sportsmanship; and contributing to the school’s core values
Julie - for providing outstanding service and leadership to the school canteen committee
Jo - for excellent support and commitment to the work of the P&C and School Council
Val - for continually demonstrating excellent attitude & dedication to her cleaning duties
Mrs Hagan - for excellent support of disability students and cultural programs
Mrs Lambert - for excellence in reading recovery teaching, student support and staff collegiality
Reading Recovery Program - for developing a successful student reading culture in the early years
Congratulations to all award winners, the recognition is well deserved!

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS
The Public Speaking Finals for 2014 were held last Tuesday. There were many entertaining speeches. Congratulations to all the finalists.
Congratulations to all the grade winners as follows;
Kinder - Lucy & Caitlyn
Year 1 - Phoebe & Jarryd Year 2 - Patrick Year 3 - Jordana
Year 4 - Imogen & Jed Year 5 - Darcy Year 6 - Nadia
The overall public speaking winner will be announced on Presentation Night at the end of the year.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Remmi, Year 1 – for being a kind friend to our new student.
Rachel, Year 3 – for keeping our playground tidy without being asked.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
1 – Toby, Jye, Joseph
6 – Abby, Chelsea, Darcy
K – Indya, Lucy, Darcy
4 – Jaclyn, Sharni, Tara
5 – Phoebe, Abbymae, Jayden
3 – Latoya, Declan, Beau
2 – Harsimran, Ella, Mary-Jane

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
Tomorrow, 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

EDUCATION WEEK MORNING TEA - was fantastic!
Thank you to the many parents who chipped in to cook for the morning tea; Renee Wear, Susan Coombes, Renee Wallace, Linda Wilson, Chantel Blake, Germaine Ball, Sonia Barnes, Lynda McIntyre, Kim Wolfgang, Kelly Graham and Snezana Bellotti. Many Thanks


YEAR 5 CLASS NEWS

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to Term 3. Although we have been busy with Sport and Chess, we have started the term very settled and prepared to work hard! This term we will continue to learn about Sea Life and Information Reports in Literacy as well as practising our editing skills. We have begun our preparations for the Spelling Bee, with all students enjoying the opportunity to participate daily in learning the new words. In Science, we are beginning to make some progress with our Solar Boats. We will be working on these every Monday afternoon and invite any parents who are able to come along and help to join us from 2pm. In HSIE we are learning about Gold and completing some fantastic project work. This term will see us have our first trip to Muswellbrook High as part of the transition program to High School. We have also started our Maths Groups in which we are developing our problem solving skills and are enjoying Dance with Mrs Lawson for CAPA. Zumba Kids for Sport is proving to be a lot of fun, especially when we get to revisit some old favourites.

Ms Borg

YEAR 2 CAKE DAY NEXT TUESDAY!

Year 2 will be holding a cake stall next Tuesday, 12 August, at recess. Remember to bring your 10c, 20c and 50c coins to buy a delicious treat or two. If you can help serve at the stall next Tuesday it would be much appreciated.

Miss Hassett

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.

THE LAST VISITING PERFORMANCE FOR 2014!!

Our last visiting school performance this year will feature the very talented guitar supremo, Terry Murray on Monday, 18 August. The notes were distributed to all students yesterday. The cost will be $4.00 per student, and will be due to the office by Friday, 8 August. If you did not receive the note, it can be obtained from the office.

BOOK WEEK 2014 : “Connect to Reading”

Save the date & start planning your “Book Character” costume for Book Week 2014. Book Week is celebrated from 18 to 22 August. This year’s theme is Connect to Reading. On Thursday, 21 August we will be forming a giant bookworm around the school at 10:30am. We invite parents, grandparents and family members to bring along a book they liked to read as a child, or purchase a new book from our Book Fair to share with their child. The book worm reading time will be followed by recess. After recess we will conduct a Book Character Parade and our Weekly Assembly. At the assembly we will announce the winners of this year’s Children’s Book Council of Australia Book of the Year 2014!

Mrs Thurston

BOOK FAIR

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

BOOKS

We care for books by:-

- Keeping them in a protective bag, eg library bag or plastic bag.
- Keeping them dry.
- Keeping them away from pets, toddlers or any other source likely to cause damage.
- Turning the pages carefully.
- Using a bookmark to keep our place, ie. not “dog-eating” the pages.
- Opening books carefully without cracking the spine and not bending paperbacks.
- Notifying the teacher or librarian when repairs are needed.
- Keeping them in a safe place to avoid losing them.
KIDS CORNER  Jayden, Year 5  -  Fantastic Gold Project

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 6.8  -  Germaine Ball & Chantel Blake
Friday 8.8  -  Lyn Shepherdson & Julie McCauley

Next Week
Monday 11.8  -  Julie Faber & Clair Thrift
Wednesday 13.8  -  Megan Prout & Jaymee Wilton
Friday 15.8  -  Renee Wallace & Simone George

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to Germaine Ball and Susan Coombes for volunteering to do Monday, 18 August. Thanks also to Germaine Ball for offering to work on our canteen committee to organise periodic meetings and purchase the food weekly. Many thanks to Robyn Pascoe for all the work she has done during the past two years as canteen co-ordinator.

Julie McCauley

P & C NEWS
The P&C will hold a meeting next Monday, 11 August at 7pm - in the school staff room.
See you there!

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

ZUMBATOMIC FOR PE LESSONS
Parents, students will be having “Zumba Kids” for sport each Friday for the rest of term. The SRC are paying for the lessons so it will be free to all students.
Thank you SRC.

MERRIWA HORSE SPORTS
Merriwa Horse Sports will be conducted next Monday, 11 August. We wish all students competing James, Millie & Kathrine all the best!

Katie Calvert

DENMAN LITTLE ATHLETICS
The 2014/15 athletics season will commence on Wednesday, 8 October at 6pm. (1st week Term 4) Online registration will open in August so keep watch for this. There will be two registration days held on 3rd and 10th September - more details to come soon!

Lee-Anne Newman, Secretary
ZONE ATHLETICS
Last Friday, 39 students competed at the Zone athletics carnival held at Singleton. It was a terrific day (pity about the weather) and all of our competitors put in a fantastic effort. Congratulations to all the students who placed highly in their events and to those who achieved personal bests. Further announcements of places will be made when we receive the official results from the carnival. The regional carnival will be held on Friday, 30 August at Glendale. Thank you to Miss Hassett for working on the Long Jump all day. Thanks to all the families who helped supervise the group on the day. Thank you also to the entire group of Denman students who behaved beautifully and represented our school proudly.

MORE SCHOOL CARNIVAL RESULTS AND RECORDS
The Infants age races were hotly contested and the results were as follows;
7 boys - 1st Grady, 2nd Blade, 3rd Conner
7 girls - 1st Ella, 2nd Charli, 3rd Remmi
6 boys - 1st Blake, 2nd Diego, 3rd Rory
6 girls - 1st Matilda, 2nd Kaitlyn & 2nd Lucy
5 boys - 1st Johnathan 5 girls - 1st Dash
Three new records were set at our carnival and they were;
Nadia - 12 girls discus - 14.41 (Old record 14.17)
Kobe - 12 boys 800m - 2:48.37 (Old record 2:48.78)
Ashtyn - Junior girls 800m - 3:05.07 (Old record 3:05.79)

ALL SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CARNIVAL
Our open primary team played in the state championships last Monday. Although, the team was not at their best, they won one match and lost two. In the first two matches, we got very little possession of the ball and did well to go down to Macksville 10-8 and Koonawarra 10-4. In the last match, we gained an equal share of possession to win well 16-6. Great come back!
Many thanks to our coaches; Jay Shepherdson, Steve Reddish and Peter Bailey.

SINGLETON NETBALL GALA DAY
Next Friday, 15 August, Denman Public School will be taking junior and senior netball teams to participate in the Singleton Netball Gala Day.
We are looking for more umpires that would be available on the day. If you are available please let Mr Bryant or myself know.
Teams are being finalized this week and permission notes will go out soon.

CALENDAR
Wednesday 6.8 - Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 7.8 - Year 5 Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 8.8 - “Zumba for Kids” for Sport

Next Week
Monday 11.8 - Merriwa Horse Sports
- P & C Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 12.8 - ETC Maths Test, 9am
- Year 2 Cake Day
Thursday 14.8 - Year 4 Assembly, 11.15am
- MHS lessons for Year 5
Friday 15.8 - Singleton Netball Day

THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION
This week our sports challenge champion is: Kathrine, Year 6
- For an outstanding effort in all events at zone. (PBs in most events)

HEALTHY HINTS - Dairy foods are important for strong bones and teeth
The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating recommends children eat 2-3 serves of dairy foods, such as milk, cheese or yoghurt each day. Why not try including these high-calcium containing foods:
- milk on cereal or a tub of yoghurt at breakfast
- cheese on crackers after school
- fruit smoothie as a drink, fruit in custard and fruit for dessert.