DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 3, Week 9 10 September 2014

SCHOOL SPELLING BEE FINALS
Congratulations to all the students who competed last Wednesday in the school spelling bee finals. All the teachers commented on how well the children spelt and were amazed at some of the words that they were able to spell correctly. Well done!

Results
Stage 1 - 1st - Patrick, 2nd - Harsimran E 2nd - Conner
Stage 2 - 1st - Rachel, 2nd - Isabella E 3rd - Emerson & Imogen
Stage 3 - 1st - Lucas, 2nd - Zac E 3rd - Jenna & Emily

Stages 2 and 3 children (1st & 2nd) will now represent the school at the regional finals to be held at King Street Public School, Singleton, on Wednesday 17 September. Good luck and keep practising.

POWER FM BREAKFAST - this Thursday
Power FM will bring breakfast to Denman Public School! Café Mobilita will also attend to provide coffee for parents. **Staff will be at school from 7.30am to supervise the students.**
Nix, from the Power FM Breakfast Show, will broadcast live from our school this Thursday, 11 September. Thanks to the Power FM Good Guys Good Breakfasts program!
The Power FM crew will bring breakfast for the kids commencing at 7.30am until 8.45am. There will be lots of games, a STACK of prizes thanks to “Green Ant” Toys, and a Coles air-guitar theme song competition!
We are looking for 4 volunteers to help serve breakfast on the day - please see the office to put your name down if you are available.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Abby, Kinder - for being such a thoughtful and caring friend to her classmates.
Jake, Year 5 - for willingly and politely assisting with the set-up of the Father’s Day Stall.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
1 – Sanita, Cordeylia, Brodie
6 – Abby-Rose, Emily, Aden
K – Kaitlyn, Darcy, Zali
3 – Kye, Latoya, Rachel
2 – Reegan, Sean, Harsimran
4 – Brock, Imogen, Isabella
5 – Tenahya, Darcy, Nicholas

SCHOOL DANCE - NEXT TUESDAY 5.30pm
Next Tuesday, 16 September, we will hold a school dance at the Memorial Hall commencing at 5.30pm and concluding at 7.30 sharp. The SRC have decided on a “Rainbow” theme.
Year 6 are RED, Year 5 - ORANGE, Year 4 - Yellow, Year 3 - GREEN, Year 2 - BLUE, Year 1 - PURPLE and Kindergarten - PINK
We will have great music to entertain us with fun games, competitions and prizes to be won.
Admission - $2 per student or $5 per family Drinks - $1 Chips - 50c

DISTRICT SPELLING BEE FINALS
Good luck to Lucas, Zac, Rachel and Isabella who will represent our school at the regional finals to be held at King Street Public School, Singleton next Wednesday.
KINDERGARTEN CLASS NEWS
What a wonderful time the kindergarten students had on their first, “big school” excursion! Everyone loved observing all the different animals, especially at feeding time, as well as interacting with them where appropriate.

The students have particularly enjoyed listening to, and joining in with the reading of Edward Lear’s, “The Owl and the Pussycat” in big book format. Everyone was very clever at identifying the rhyming words in this rhyming narrative. The bright, detailed illustrations provided an excellent stimulus for picture talk. The class is also enjoying the challenge of reading trickier texts in guided reading. Everyone is working hard with the Jolly Phonics program, and is becoming very proficient at blending sounds to read. Examples of some of the big words that have been encountered are “continue” and “toadstool”.

In mathematics, the students have been busy learning about numbers to twenty, 2D shapes, counting back from twenty, and “rows of”. The art that is being done for the calendars is coming along nicely, with the theme being “Kitty Collage”. Zumba continues to be very popular, with all students showing excellent focus throughout each week’s activity.

Kindergarten looks forward to seeing you at their assembly in week ten.
Again, thank you so very much to all the adults who give up their time to come to the classroom every week to listen to the students read. This gesture is always very much appreciated, and is a wonderful help in facilitating the students’ reading development.

MISS KYRIAKOU.

YEAR 1 CAKE DAY
Today, the Year 1 cake stall raised $193.00 for the SRC.
Thank you to the parents who prepared all those delicious treats and thank you to Brenda Daniel, Julie Faber, Melinda Moore, Casey Hewitt, Lee Mills, Allison Turner and Julie McCauley for running the stall at recess.

MRS FUSIONO

HUNTER VALLEY ZOO EXCURSION
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students were very excited as they boarded the bus for their excursion on a glorious, spring day. The students were fascinated and engaged at all times. Feeding time observations proved to be hilarious, with the Capuchin monkeys jumping onto the handler’s hat. The meerkats were very quick to gobble up all the little bugs. The students particularly enjoyed the opportunities to interact with animals such as sheep, goats, wallabies, a baby alligator and two snakes. A crocodile even smiled at everyone from inside its enclosure!
As always, the students of Denman Public School are to be commended for the way in which they behaved throughout the excursion.

MISS KYRIAKOU.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
A very successful stall was held last Friday, with many parents commenting on the polite students at Denman Public School.
Our thanks go to Germaine Ball, Ainsley Ball, Chantel Blake, Milisa Borg, Lynda McIntyre, Casey Hewitt, Allison Westgate, Sonia Barnes, Sue Coombes, Tammy Johns, Michelle Owen, Alyssa Pritchard, Allison Turner and Renee Wallace for helping on the day.
We would also like to thank Jo and Jake Betts for helping to set up the day before and Kristy Watson for donating the wonderful paper and ribbons.
We hope all the Dads had a wonderful day!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

MINI FETE
Yes! There will be a mini fete next term on Friday, 24 October commencing at 12noon until 2.15pm. The fete will be a team effort with P&C and SRC joining the teachers to organise an event to remember. Look out for updates in future newsletters and notes sent home from each class.

Face painting, hairspray, balloons, lucky dips, smash the Jaffa, water bomb cricket, popcorn, nail art, ice cream sodas, coffee and cake, white elephant stall, P&C BBQ.....

These stalls and more will be at the mini fete! Please start thinking about your class donations, so that the day is a success.
All monies raised at the fete will go to the SRC so the children will be able to decide how to spend it.
KIDS CORNER - Harsimran, Year 2 - Excellent recount of their excursion

Hunter Valley Zoo

Yesterday, Monday 1st of September, the Infants classes went to Hunter Valley Zoo. We went by bus and we went and saw a lot of different animals.

I saw Monkeys, Tasmanian Devils, Kangaroo, Echidna, Alligator, Emus, Camels, Snakes, Dingos, Lambs, Duck, Bird and lots more.

My favourite part was seeing the camels because I’m going to ride one in India so I thought I should see it first.

If I could go back I would see everything there if I had good time.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 10.9 - Germaine Ball & Chantel Blake
Friday 12.9 - Lyn Shepherdson & Julie McCauley
Next Week
Monday 15.9 - Lyn Barry & Sue Coombes
Wednesday 17.9 - Megan Prout & Jaymee Wilton
Friday 19.9 - Renee Wallace & Simone George

P&C NEWS

P&C were most grateful to receive a cheque from Hunter Mutual for $1082.95. This large amount is from our “Community Partnership Account” for 2013-2014. We are very thankful to Hunter Mutual and any account holder who has made us the beneficiary. All P&C meetings in Term 4 will start at 5.30pm in an attempt to see more parents participating.

“TRY” - SCOUTS, JOEYS or CUBS

If you are between 6 years to 11 years, the 1st Denman Scout Group invites you to come along next Monday, 15 September, 4.30pm to 6pm. We meet at the Scout Hall in Bell Street, Denman. See what Scouting is all about and enjoy a sausage sizzle for tea. We will have more “Try” Scouting Nights during October and November. For more information contact our group leader Sonia Barnes on 6547 2129 or 0408 064 529

UPPER HUNTER CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC - Band Workshop

Last Thursday, 4th September 94 students attended the workshop from 8 Upper Hunter Schools, including three students from Denman Public School; - Jenna (Saxophone), Phoebe (clarinet) and Amelia (guitar). The girls had a wonderful time playing a range of popular tunes from "Rock Around the Clock" to "Let it Go".

The day was a huge success, thanks primarily to the great work Band Co-Ordinator, Janelle French, who put it all together. It was a fun event! A joy to watch. Snezana Bellotti

DENMAN CATTLE SALES

The roster for the next cattle sale on Friday, 19 September is as follows;
Working - John and Ann East  Cooking - Ann East and Chantel Blake

DENMAN PRE-SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2015

Denman Children’s Centre is now taking pre-enrolments for 2015. Forms are available from the Centre (65472355) or the Denman Post Office. Places are filling fast, don’t miss out!!!
TOUCH FOOTBALL
After wins against Aberdeen and Scone, the senior boy’s touch football team travelled to Olympic Park last Friday to compete in round 3 & round 4 of the PSSA knockout competition. We won a close match in the first game 2 - 1 against Maitland East Public School, both tries being scored by Brodie. After a short break, the boys took to the field again to face Muswellbrook Public School. Unfortunately, the boys were still tired after their first game and were unable to keep up with the fast paced boys from Muswellbrook. After a long 40 minutes we walked away, defeated 12 - 1 with our try being scored by Kobe. Congratulations to all the boys for playing so well throughout the season. Thanks to Katrina Bone and Lyn Shepherdson for driving the team to Muswellbrook; and a massive thank you to Lyn for setting up the field.

Ms Borg

ABERDEEN HORSE SPORTS
Good luck to James and Millie who are competing at the Aberdeen Horse Sports this Friday, 12 September.

SINGLETON CHESS REPORT
Last Tuesday, Denman Public School teams played extremely well at the Hunter Valley Schools Chess Tournament in Singleton. There were 30 teams in the competition and nine teams were from our school. Congratulations to all our chess players who enjoyed themselves playing chess. Singleton Heights won the competition on 22 points well ahead of Denman A who was equal second place with three other teams on 15 points. On count back, they finished fourth, just outside of the placings. Eight of our players were in Year 2 and they were enthusiastic to learn. Star players on the day were Jayden, Year 5 with 7 wins from 8 games. On 6 wins were; Ashton, Year 2; Grady, Year 2; Nicholas, Year 5 and Kieran, Year 6.

THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION
This week our sports challenge champion is: Mac, Year 6. For always being calm, listening and leading well during sporting matches. He is always happy has a go at any sport and never gives up. Well done!

CALENDAR

Thursday 11.9
- Power FM Breakfast Show from 7.30am
- Upper Hunter cricket gala day, Aberdeen, 9am
- Year 1 Assembly, 11.15am

Friday 12.9
- Aberdeen Horse Sports

Next Week

Monday 15.9
- School Council Meeting, 3.30pm

Tuesday 16.9
- School Disco, 5.30-7.30pm

Thursday 18.9
- Author Visits at St James, Muswellbrook
- Kinder Assembly, 11.15am
- Last day of Term, Reward Day

MILO INTO CRICKET PROGRAM
The Denman Junior Cricket Club will be running the “Milo Into Cricket” program again this year. Sessions will be held each Tuesday afternoon from 5-6pm for boys and girls 5 to 8 year olds. The program will run for the duration of term 4. Registrations will be held later this term. Further details on this will follow.

Gavin Scott

TAKE YOUR MARK! SET! ..... 
.... GO to Denman Oval this Wednesday, 10 September (3.30pm to 5.30pm) to register for Little Athletics!! If you can't make registration afternoon, please contact our president, Jo Holt on 0409 225 911 to make other arrangements. Once you are registered you can start competing on our first competition night - Wednesday, 8 October 2014 at 6pm. Our next meeting will also be held this Wednesday, 10 September at the oval at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Secretary Lee-Anne Newman