DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 4, Week 6 10 November 2015

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE STATE FINALIST
After winning the Hunter & Central Coast regional final,
Phoebe will compete in the NSW state final
of the Premier’s Spelling Bee Challenge in Sydney tomorrow.
Congratulations, Phoebe. We are very proud of your
achievement and wish you all the best!

FINAL PERFORMANCE - last chance
Tomorrow, Wednesday, 11 November, is the final date for
returning the permission note and payment of $4 per student
for the visiting performance, “Let The Music Move You”.
The performance will be held this Friday, 13 November at 1.50pm.
The note for this (if misplaced) can be obtained from the school office.

P&C COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD - for Term 4
Nominations are due by Friday, 27 November and the Award will be presented at the school
Assembly in Week 10.
Congratulations to Taiyla (Term 2 winner) - for selling jelly babies to fund raise for Diabetes; and
Kalib (Term 3 winner) - for thinking of and running the “De-Facta” talent quest.
Nomination forms are available from the School Office and completed forms are to be returned in
a sealed envelope marked “P&C Community Spirit Award”.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Heath, Year 3 – for always
playing sensibly and including others
Talen, Kinder – for always
playing sensibly with his classmates

WONDERFUL WORKERS
6 – Jorja, Hunter, Tallulah
3 – Thomas, Vinnie, Sean
5 – Codon, James, Jaclyn
1 – Kaitlyn, Caitlyn, Matilda
4 – Miles, Kye, Max
K – Georgia, Rubie-Lea, Theo
2 – Amelia, Jye, Georgia-Rose

INTERRELATE - Sex Education Lessons
A special evening program will be presented at Denman Public School on Thursday, 19 November.
Session 1 - “Where Did I Come From?” for Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 will commence at 6pm sharp
Session 2 - “Preparing for Puberty” for Yrs 5 and 6 (Yrs 3 & 4 at parent’s discretion) at 7.15pm
Family Admission: 1 session: $25.00 or 2 sessions: $30.00 (Children must be with an adult.)
Notes are included today - Please indicate your attendance and /or pay with your note return asap

KINDERGARTEN CAKE STALL
Many thanks to all the Kindergarten parents and children, who provided many beautiful cakes,
jellies, biscuits and slices for the cake stall. The sum of $133.00 was raised for the SRC.
Thank you to Natasha Peachy, Mandy Limon, Julie Faber, Michelle Power, Megan Phillips, Mrs
Ballard and year 6 students for serving at the cake stall.

Miss Kyriakou
KINDER CLASS NEWS
It’s amazing to think that the kindergarten students have almost completed their first year of “big school”! There are many exciting things to look forward to as the year comes to a close.

Over the next few weeks, the students will start practising their items for the Christmas performance to be held in week ten. Intensive swimming will be commencing soon and on Friday, 13th November, the students will have the opportunity to experience many facets of music at the performance, “Let the Music Move You”. Also, a big thank you is extended to everyone who cooked and helped with the setting up of the kindergarten cake stall today, and the selling of the delicious treats.

The students have enjoyed the activities associated with the literature focus book for this term, “Who Sank the Boat” by Pamela Allen. Everyone agrees that the little mouse sank the boat. Everyone is also enjoying using the big books from the Reading Eggs program on the smartboard. From these, the students have been learning about the purpose of a contents page and looking at how labels usually are not in sentence form.

This term’s personal development unit has been focusing on safety in and around cars, crossing the road, and near and in water. The students have also been focusing on the “NO, GO, TELL” strategy for their own personal safety.

THANK YOU to all the adults who have assisted kindergarten throughout the year. We have greatly appreciated how you have given up your time to listen to students read, and to talk to the students about the past and show them your school work and toys from a very long time ago. We have also appreciated being able to use resources that have been sent in for re-use. Miss Kyriakou

SCHOOL CAPTAIN VOTING
Voting for our student leaders in 2015 has been conducted and sent to a community person for counting. The captains will be announced at presentation night on Monday, 14 December.

Girls – Amber, Jasmine, Emerson, Jaclyn, Lily, Imogen, Ashtyn, Tara & Lequisha
Boys – Brayden, Jed, Brock, James, Mason, William & Alex
All nominees gave great speeches and whether they become captain or not, they will have a leadership role of some sort in 2016. Well done to all nominees!

ROTARY DINNER
The Denman Rotary Club conducts a dinner for all Year 6 students from the five local primary schools each year. The dinner will commence at 6.30pm Wednesday, 25 November.
Each school will present a brief item and the President of the RSL Board will announce the winner of the RSL Bursary. It is an enjoyable night for the students, who will sit with their parents and the Rotarians. The cost of the dinner, which will be a smorgasbord, is free to students, however the cost to teachers and parents $20 per head.

LIBRARY OVERDUES
Thank you children for returning your overdue books. There are still quite a few outstanding, so to avoid any last minute searches please return all library books promptly.
All books currently on loan need to be returned as soon as possible, particularly senior students who are leaving our school at the end of the year. Mrs Jones

YEAR 6 GIFT TO SCHOOL- INFORMATION MEETING
All Year 6 parents are invited to meet at the Royal Hotel, 5.00pm THIS WEDNESDAY, 11.11.15
For an informal information evening regarding the Year 6 gift to the school. We need parent volunteers to help with the installation of the “Name Plaque”, pavers and garden. Please come along for a chat and stay for dinner and drinks if you wish. Mandy Limon
KIDS CORNER  -  Kaitlyn, Year 1  -  Great Spelling Sentences

When I grow up I want be a vet and my brother wants to be a super hero.
My mum said what will you do tomorrow?
Where are you going, mum and dad?
When my mum was in hospital with my baby sister Ebony she took a while.
My dad went to the pub with me and my brother and we won a couple of whips.
My dad works at Mount Arthur with my uncle.
In this story, Jack and Jill go up a hill and they see a well.
On the weekend I went to have lunch at a cafe.
I really want my own pet and I will care for it.
I have a magic wand and it is purple.

By Kaitlyn Thrift

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 11.11  -  Lyn Barry & Sue Coombes
Friday 13.11  -  Michelle Owen & Casey Hewitt

NEXT WEEK
Monday 16.11  -  Jo Brammer & Mandy Hunter
Wednesday 18.11  -  Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 20.11  -  Kylie Dennis & Lee Mills

THEATRE WORKSHOP
Join us for a third workshop full of fun and learning with local Denman Amateur Theatrical Assoc. (DATA) member, Alan Doak. School Hall, Friday 13th November, 4.30-5.30pm. Kim Wolfgang

ARTWORK CALENDARS
Thank you to those families who have placed an order. Your forms and art paper were sent home last week and are due back this Friday, 13th November.
Please go to www.crazycamel.com.au for further information. Kim Wolfgang

MUSWELLBROOK BUS
Parents, please ensure that students travelling on different buses have permission notes, co-signed by the school to acknowledge that a student is travelling on a different bus.
Our drivers will be notifying student passengers that if there is NO note, there will be NO travel!
This is for the safety of students. Osborn Bus Company

DENMAN EXAMINER
The magnificent “Denman Examiner”, our school magazine, will be available on Tuesday, 15 December (the day after Presentation Night).
The “Examiner” will cost $30. Order forms will be distributed in the near future. If you would like to view previous years “Denman Examiners,” they are on display in the office foyer. Mrs Fuiono

ST JOSEPH’S HIGH SCHOOL ABERDEEN
The Orientation Day for 2016 Year 7 students will be held on Friday, 20 November.
Any students who are interested in attending St Joseph’s Aberdeen next year are asked to contact the school as soon as possible to register. John Tobbin, 65437444

PRESENTATION NIGHT
Please remember that the school’s Presentation Night will be held on Monday, 14 December commencing at 7pm. This is the school’s premier event for acknowledging and celebrating student achievements during 2015.
It is important that all students attend so they are available to receive an award on the night.
CHESS TEAMS PLACE WELL AT REGIONAL FINALS

Our Knight and Rookie chess teams competed in the finals of the Hunter and Central Coast schools chess championships in Newcastle yesterday.

The Knights team was placed 6th from 12 teams, a creditable effort, with Ashton and Hayden winning 4 1/2 from 7 matches. The Old Rookies team was placed 4th from 10 teams. Mason had a great day winning 6 of 7 games. The Young Rookies team was placed 5th from 10 teams. Vinnie went well winning 6 of 7 games.

Well done to the players in all three teams.

INTENSIVE LEARN TO SWIM

This year the school will be conducting intensive swimming lessons commencing on Monday, 23 November to Tuesday, 5 December.

The program will be run similar to last year. The school will send four instructors, as well as the class teacher with each class Kinder to Year 3. Only students needing lessons in Years 4 to Year 6 will attend. All lessons will be 30 minutes in duration.

During each lesson, students will undertake a series of activities according to their level of swimming competence. Students who are non-swimmers will be taught by the instructors, while students who are competent swimmers, will work with the class teachers on swim and survival skills.

All groups will catch a bus to and from Denman Pool with their teacher.

The timetable for this activity is as follows:

9.30 am - Year 4/5/6
10.00 am - Year 3
10.30 am - Year 2
11.30 am - Kinder
12.00 pm - Year 1
11.30 am - Kinder
12.00 pm - Year 1

Permission notes need to be returned by this Friday, 13 November. Please do not send payment to school with your child's note. This needs to be paid to the pool each day.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 11.11 - Ab Ed Cultural Lessons
Thursday 12.11 - Year 1 Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 13.11 - Kinder Orientation Day, 11am to 3pm
- No Zumba - Class sport instead
- “Let the Music Move You” Performance, 1.55pm

Next Week

Monday 16.11 - School Council Meeting 3.30pm
Wednesday 18.11 - Last Maths problem solving group lessons
Thursday 19.11 - Kinder Assembly, 11.15am
- Interrelate Sex Education Lessons
  *6pm - Where Did I Come From
  *7.15pm - Preparing For Puberty
Friday 20.11 - Zumba for Sport

DENMAN JUNIOR CRICKET

The 10’s train each Tuesday 6-7pm; 12’s & 14’s Thursday at 5.30pm; Into Cricket (5 to 8 years) each Tuesday, 5pm until 6pm.

Contact Peter Ball on 0439600302 or Vanessa Whitten on 0407561874 if you want to play.

DENMAN LITTLE ATHLETICS - Every Wednesday

Little Athletics training and competition is each Wednesday at 6pm. Chantel, 0431204667

WEEKLY HEALTH TIP

Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:

- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler weather.