NEWSLETTER - Term 4, Week 7 17 November 2015

INTERRELATE - Sex Education Lessons – this Thursday
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 (You can pay at the door)
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mrs Jones

FRIENDLY KIDS
Lillian Year 2 – for being
a happy and helpful friend to her peers.
Braith Year 4 – for
excellent patience and care with his buddy

WONDERFUL WORKERS
4 – Tully, Will, Isaac
2 – Jody, Samuel, Daniel
6 – Tayla, Chelsea, Kalib
K – Heidi, Keira, Brodie
5 – Cody, Georgia, Hayley
3 – Georgia, Morgan, Freddy
1 – Indya, Jonathan, Kayleigh

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.
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".

P&C SUGGESTION BOX
We have had some great suggestions in our P&C Suggestion Box, and we would like to give feedback on those suggestions.
Riding for the Disabled: - We have looked into this activity, but unfortunately we are unable to run it as a school activity because the prohibitive costs, such as – insurance, transport, staff, training requirements, etc. If parents would like their child to take part in this activity, they would need to contact the group organising it directly as an out of school activity.
Green Grass on Top Pitch: - We are hoping to sink a bore to provide water to irrigate top pitch.
Netball Court: - My Bryant is hoping to engage someone to make cement cuts to allow for better drainage.
All Balls Pumped Up: - this is ongoing with the help of the SRC
Bag Racks: - P&C are going to fund either bag racks or hooks so that students can safely stow their bags out of the weather in the class rooms. We need to look at the configuration of the rooms to decide which option will work best.
GATS not Recognised, too much Emphasis on Sport: - this too has been addressed. The GATS results were published front page of our newsletter and the students involved congratulated at assembly.
....So keep those suggestions coming, they are fantastic!
The suggestion box is located at the entrance to the school near the notice board and front office.
YEAR 6 CLASS NEWS
Year 6 is having a very busy last term leading up to high school, finishing up all of our units in our
text books and revising all of the new things we have learned during the year. We have been
completing home projects each week to get into a routine for high school.
We are studying the novel, “Storm Boy” by Colin Thiele, and learning about the Coorong in South
Australia where the novel is set.
Many different art activities have been completed in class including continuous wave drawing and
string art.
Everyone is enjoying the last weeks of our primary schooling, which includes high school orientation
days, the Year 6 Rotary dinner and our farewell dinner. Our Year 6 class has been learning many
bush dances for the farewell dinner.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO MRS JONES
Congratulations to Mrs Jones, (Year 6) who has picked up the Assistant Principal position at
Merriwa Central School. We have been delighted to have Mrs Jones on our staff during 2015.
Our loss is Merriwa’s gain. We wish Mrs Jones all the best in the future.
There are Expressions of Interest (EOIs) out for Principal (replacing Mr Bryant) and Assistant
Principal (replacing Mr Floyd) for 2016. When we know more news, it will be in the newsletter.

PERMISSION NOTES FOR SWIM SCHOOL
Our intensive swimming program will commence next Monday, 23 November and run until Tuesday,
8 December. Students will catch a bus to and from Denman Pool with their teacher.
Permission notes were distributed last week to Kinder, Year 1,2,3 and only the children in Year 4,
5, & 6 who need lessons. These notes need to be returned asap.
There will be no charge for instruction. Pool entry will cost $2.50 per day if your child does not have
a season pass. The money will be collected by the classroom teacher each day of swimming. This
money is to be paid to Mr Byfield each day or can be paid to him in one lump sum. Cheques
need to be made out to “Muswellbrook Shire Council.
Students need to bring swimmers and towel every day, even if it is raining! The school will decide if
any day needs to be postponed. 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

Focus Week - WATER SAFETY
Important rules to follow in water:
- Swim together  -  Always make sure someone is with you.
- Float and Wave  -  If you are in trouble in the water, relax, roll on your back and raise one arm.
- Reach to rescue  -  If someone needs help in the water, stay dry.
ENJOY your swimming and ……
Remember to BE CAREFUL

ST JOSEPH’S HIGH SCHOOL ABERDEEN
The Orientation Day for 2016 Year 7 students will be held this 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.

ROTARY DINNER - Last chance
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 next 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. - Numbers needed tomorrow!
**KIDS CORNER**
- Daniel, Year 2 - Excellent Spelling

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**
- Wednesday 18.11 - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
- Friday 20.11 - Kylie Dennis & Lee Mills

**NEXT WEEK**
- Monday 23.11 - Amanda Collins & Kerri Brown
- Wednesday 25.11 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
- Friday 27.11 - Milisa Borg & Julie McCauley

**UNIFORM SHOP – Special Days**
The uniform shop will be open for parents wishing to buy for next year on two “Special Days”.
1. **Friday, 27 November**, from 9am to 10am - for parents wishing to get uniforms for next year
2. **Wednesday, 27 January**, from 9am to 11am - “maybe they could grow over the holidays?”
Otherwise, the Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Friday, **8.30 to 9am**.

**SCHOOL HATS - HOT WEATHER**
Students need to be in correct school uniform every day.
Students need to find their school hats and wear them at school every day.
In Term 4, it is **“No Hat, No Play!”** School hats are available from the office for $10 each.
Parents please support the school in this important health issue.

**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

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**
Please remember that the school’s Presentation Night will be held on **Monday, 15 December** commencing at 7pm. This is the school’s premier event for acknowledging and celebrating student achievements during 2014.
It is important that **all students** attend so they are available to receive an award on the night.

**DENMAN LITTLE ATHLETICS**
Little Athletics training and competition is **each Wednesday** at 6pm. Chantel, 0431204667

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

**BOOK CLUB**
Please note book club is due next Monday, 23 November. Please make sure order form and money are in an envelope with the child’s name and class on the front.
CRICKET TEAM WINS AGAIN

Last Thursday, our school cricket team had a great win over Wirreanda Public School in the fifth round of the state knockout. Our match was the Hunter No 1 final. Our next opponents will be the North West area winners.

They won the toss and batted first. We bowled very accurately and restricted them to 1 for 29 at the 13 over drinks break. Even at the 18 over mark they were struggling against good bowling at 1/50. The only thing we couldn’t do was to get a wicket. They hit out late in the innings to end up at 1/91 from their 25 overs.

Lane was our only wicket-taker with 1 for 7 from 2 overs. Others to bowl well were; Jed 1/10 from 5 overs, Mason 0/3 from 2 overs and Brock 0/10 from 4 overs.

We got off to a great start and lost the first wicket at 1/20 from 5 overs and then two quick wickets saw us at 3/30 after 7 overs. Lane (7) and Hunter (42 retired) combined well yet again to post a match winning partnership of 48.

We only needed 14 runs from the last 7 overs with 7 wickets in hand. But both players were dismissed with the score on 78 and our batting stalled. With two overs to go, we needed 10 runs but only had 2 wickets in hand. Taj (7) and Brodie (6) came to the rescue to put on a 17 run partnership and Denman ended winning a tight match scoring 8/96 from our 25 overs.

Thanks to the parents for transporting the team, Sue Coombes and Jackson Ball for scoring and all the boys for excellent co-operation.

CRICKET - TOP 16

Our cricket team is through to the last sixteen in the state. Our next match is against Tamworth South Public School tomorrow Wednesday, November 18 at Riverside No 7 Oval, Tamworth.

Best of luck, boys!

CALENDAR

Wednesday 18.11 - Last Maths problem solving group lessons
- PSSA Cricket v Tamworth South at Tamworth

Thursday 19.11 - Kinder Assembly 11.15
- Interrelate Sex Education Lessons
  *6pm - Where Did I Come From
  *7.15pm - Preparing For Puberty

Friday 20.11 - Last “Zumba” for Sport

Next Week

Monday 23.11 - Swim School Begins
- MHS Band Workshop, MHS

Tuesday 24.11 - Swim School

Wednesday 25.11 - Swim School
- Ab Ed Cultural Lessons
- Rotary Dinner & RSL Bursary Presentation, RSL 6.30pm

Thursday 26.11 - NO Assembly
- Swim School

Friday 27.11 - Swim School
- Kinder Orientation Day 4, 8.45 to 3pm (All day)

DENMAN JUNIOR CRICKET

The 10’s train each Tuesday 5-6pm at Denman No 2.
The 12’s training varies according to Ryan’s roster - at Denman No 2.
The 14’s Tuesday at 5.30pm - 6.30pm at the nets;
Into Cricket (5 to 8 years) play each Tuesday, 5pm until 6pm at Denman No 1.
Contact Peter Ball on 0439600302 or Vanessa Whitten on 0407561874 if you want to play.

WEEKLY HEALTH TIP - Be healthy .... Be active!

Children and adults need physical activity every day.
Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Tips