SCHOOL FEES - $60 book fees & $25 school fees
76 of our 177 students took home their “Maths Plus” mentals homework book but others have photocopies. Thank you to the 43% percent of families who have paid “book fees” in the 4 days since invoices went out. When book fees come in this week, students will get their homework book. Although, this is a good response, we need everyone to pay the book fee by the end of the week, if possible, so we can recoup some of the $12,000 which has been spent by the school to provide students with textbooks, exercise books, etc.
For the $60 book fee the school provides a Maths text book, Handwriting text, Spelling text, History text, exercise books, report profile as well as the Maths Mentals homework book.
We need all school fees to be paid by Monday, 23 February. ($25 per student which is $5 per term plus $5 insurance).
Many thanks to those who have already paid book and school fees. Mr Bryant

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS – Reminder !
It is our school policy to allow parents to photograph and video students at our school events; eg assemblies, excursions, sports days, etc. However, it is the responsibility of the parent who has captured the image NOT to put it on the internet, unless it is their child only or they have parental permission of any other child in the photo or video.
This policy is made in the best interest of every child and if the policy is not followed; the policy may need to be changed to not allow any photos or videos to be taken at any school event!

FRIENDLY KIDS
Jye, Year 2 – for always being friendly and happy to everyone.
Tallulah, Year 6 – for supporting a fellow competitor at the Swimming Carnival

WONDERFUL WORKERS
2 – Conner, Cory, Jarryd
K – Xavier, Phoenix, Ada
5 – William, Amber, Jaclyn
1 – Katie, Talia, Zali
4 – Max, Phoebe, Tyla
6 – Brodie, Nicholas, Jenna
3 – Morgan, Cooper, Deakon

LIFE EDUCATION VAN - will cost $3 per student
Mount Arthur Coal has sponsored a visit to our school by the Life Education Van yet again this year. Mt Arthur North’s subsidise $6 per student, leaving a payment of $3 per student for parents. Lessons will be conducted with all classes in the van commencing next Wednesday, 18 February. The van will be parked at the back of our hall in the school car park. Permission notes and Merchandise envelopes will be sent home this week.

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. Mr Bryant
YEAR 5 CLASS NEWS
Welcome back! Year 5 have settled well into class routines and are looking forward to a busy year. We have enjoyed spending time with our buddies and helping them settle in to school life and are happily saving our ‘Hoot Loot’ to buy some prizes later in the term. Some of us were lucky enough to be elected as Sport Captains and enjoyed our first role of the year supporting our houses at the Swimming Carnival.
We have begun work in all areas, learning lots of new things. In writing we are looking at imaginative texts and are fortunate to have Mrs Jones helping us a few days a week. During History we are learning about the colonisation of Australia and will begin our first project work for the year very soon. In Science we are learning about liquids, solids and gases and in CAPA on Thursday afternoons we are doing Drama as the first part of a rotation.
It is going to be a busy, fun and productive year. Ms Borg

VISITING PERFORMANCE – “SHARING CULTURE” in WEEK 5
The school’s first visiting performance for 2015 is coming up very soon. Titled, “SHARING CULTURE”, it links in with the Aboriginal perspectives across many syllabus areas. The show will be presented at 1.50pm on Thursday, 26 February. The cost is $3 per student. The note for this will be sent home next Monday, 16 February; and the payment and return note will be due by Friday, 20 February. Miss Kyriakou

HOMEWORK POLICY
RATIONALE  Homework is a purposeful learning experience, which should consolidate, extend and enrich the school’s programs. It furthers the home/school partnership in the education of the child.
AIMS
• to consolidate the knowledge introduced in the class and develop learning skills
• to enrich and develop the child’s interests and establish study patterns
• to introduce into the home aspects of the school’s programs
• to allow the parents insight into the academic needs and achievements of the child
GUIDELINES
• Homework will be set on a regular basis appropriate to the grade.
  Suggested each night - Monday to Thursday only.
K  In all, approximately 10 minutes per night of structured enjoyable learning activities that consolidate school work. (Please see below !)
1/2  Spelling, Mentals, sight words and reading every week.
    In all, approximately 20 minutes per night of structured school oriented work eg reading, spelling, maths mentals or writing.
3/4  Spelling and Mentals every week.
    In all, approximately 30 minutes per night of structured school oriented work eg spelling, maths mentals, writing, reading or research skills.
5/6  Spelling and Mentals every week.
    In all, approximately 30 minutes per night of structured school oriented work eg spelling, maths mentals, reading, writing, incidental tasks or research topics.
• Homework set is to be marked and followed up.
• Teachers will communicate instructions, eg night/activities etc.
• It is the parents’ responsibility to establish a homework routine with their children.
• It is the child’s responsibility to have the homework at school on the assigned due date.
• Homework priorities are in the skills area; Literacy, Numeracy & H.S.I.E./Science projects.
• Our policy will be made clear to all teachers, parents and pupils and a copy of our policy is available for parents from the school office.

KINDERGARTEN HOMEWORK 2015
TERM 1: Jolly Phonic Activity Book and Homework Tonight textbook (starting Week 5)
TERM 2: as for term 1, plus home reading
TERM 3: Homework Tonight textbook, spelling, home reading
TERM 4: Homework Tonight textbook, spelling, home reading

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Members please remember that our first meeting for 2015 is next Monday, 16 February at 3.30pm.
KIDS CORNER - Will, Year 5

Excellent 50's Club

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 11.2 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 13.2 - Milisa Borg & Julie McCauley
Next Week
Monday 16.2 - Germaine Ball & Pauline Frater
Wednesday 18.2 - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 20.2 - Michelle Owen & Casey Hewitt

CANTEEN NEWS
Thanks to all our canteen workers. The roster looks very good with the most number of helpers for some time.
Hash Brown Triangles 60c each and/or Cheese Triangles 30c will be available at recess.

MORNING TEA HELPERS
Thank you for a wonderful morning tea last week. Thank you to Germaine Ball, Chantel Blake, Linda Caddis, Kylie Dennis, Simone George, Casey Hewitt, Mandy Limon, Lynda McIntyre, Sherri Neverov, Renee Wallace, Linda Wilson and Kim Wolfgang.
New families, kinder parents, staff, captains and their families certainly enjoyed the occasion.
Later this term in Week 8, we will have another morning tea for the senior citizens.

COMBINED YEAR 6 CAKE DAY & PIZZA DAY - Please note day change.
Our students will certainly enjoy some treats on Wednesday, 25 February (not next Tuesday, 24 February as on the Calendar)
Year 6 will be holding a cake stall at recess. Remember to bring your money to buy a delicious treat or two. If you can help serve at the stall, it would be much appreciated.
The P&C has also organized “Pizza for Lunch” on the day at 1pm. The pre-order for “Pizza” lunch is included in todays’ newsletter. Please order by Monday, 23 February. Should be a great day!

UNIFORM SHOP
Remember, the uniform shop will open each Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.30am.
Chris Bailey 0427476188

PRIVATE VEHICLES CONVEYANCE SUBSIDY
Available for students who come to school on out-of-town buses and who reside more than 1.6km (walking distance) from the nearest bus pick up point. To be eligible for this subsidy, a special trip, morning and afternoon, must be made for this purpose. The subsidy is paid on the days the student is present at school. Forms for this subsidy are available at the school office. Parents, if you would like to apply, please call in to the office.

ST BERNARD’S CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015 – last chance
St Bernard’s Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2015 in early March. We are now inviting all baptised catholic children who are in year three or any older children who have not already participated, to join us. Contact Mrs Angie Carroll on 6547 1274 by the end of this week.
What a great swimming carnival we had. The children swam their best, were extremely well behaved, cheered during races and entered more 25 metre races than ever before.

Thank you to all the parent helpers on the day. Your help was greatly appreciated and ensured our carnival ran efficiently. Thank you also to the parents and staff who helped set up and pack away (shade shelters, lane ropes, seats, tarps, etc).

Congratulations to Rosemount who were the winning house on the day with 103 points. 2nd - Callatoota, 102 points 3rd - Arrowfield, 66 points 4th - Richmond Grove, 44 points

Congratulations to each swimming champion and runners up.

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Children in the school team to compete at the zone carnival, to be held in Singleton on Friday, 20 February will receive a permission note and information this week. Ribbons for our carnival will be handed out to students next week.

**CALENDAR**

**Thursday 12.2** - Year 5 Assembly, 11.15am
**Friday 13.2** - Swimming team to pool for zone practice / Class sport

**Next Week**

**Monday 16.2** - School Council Meeting, 3.30pm
**Tuesday 17.2** - Integration meetings with class teachers
**Wednesday 18.2** - Integration meetings with class teachers
- Life Ed Van, $3

**Thursday 19.2** - No Assembly
- NRL Blitz, 9.30 to 10am in school hall
- Integration meetings with class teachers
- Life Ed Van, $3

**Friday 20.2** - Zone Swimming at Singleton
- Class Sport
- Life Ed Van, $3

**DENMAN JUNIOR LEAGUE TAG**

Mixed League Tag has resumed this week and will continue for 4 weeks until the 02/03/15.

**Minis** (6, 7 and 8’s) is at 5pm. **Mods and Seniors** (9’s - 14’s) is at 6pm at the new Denman ovals.

**KIDS GARDEN CLUB** - Spaces are limited to a maximum of 20 children, so be quick!

**Who:** For all kids great and small, aged 7-12 years. **Where:** Denman Community Garden, opposite Denman Oval (near basketball court). **When:** Each Wednesday afternoon, 4.00pm-5.30pm, commencing 11 February. **What will they learn:** Gardening skills, soil, composting, botany, plant identification plus lots and lots of crafty gardening projects. **Cost:** $20 per child - which includes yearly membership of the Denman Community Garden (cost is $15 for existing DCG Members).

**For bookings and enquiries**, please call “Snez” on 0439 956 913.

**CATTLE SALES – Action Needed This Week**

Our school works at the Denman Cattle Sales on the 3rd Friday each month. We work with St Joseph’s and receive part of the profits. Currently we have only one team of two people willing to help. So, if no more volunteers come in this week we will let this activity go as a fundraiser.

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**Cattle Sales 2015** please return to the school office by this Friday, 13 February.

Name: .................................................................................................................................

Contact Number: ..................................................................................................................