DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 4
February 18, 2015

LIFE EDUCATION VAN - $3 per student
Many thanks to Mt Arthur North who has subsidised $6 per student for this school program. The Life Education Van will visit our school this week commencing Wednesday, 18 February. Lessons will be conducted with all classes. The class schedule is as follows;

Wednesday, 18.2 * 9.25 to 10.55 - Year 4 11.25 to 12.55 - Year 3 1.55 to 2.55 - Year 2
Thursday 19.2 * 9.25 to 10.55 - Nil 11.25 to 12.55 - Year 6 1.55 to 2.55 - Kinder
Friday 20.2 * 9.555 to 10.55 - Year 1 11.25 to 12.55 - Year 5 Nil

Notes have been sent home with each student last week and must be returned tomorrow, along with $3 per student.
Each student will receive a work book for use in PD/Health/PE lessons for the remainder of Term 1. Please return the merchandise envelopes if you wish to purchase.

BOOK & SCHOOL FEES
All school fees are to be paid by next Monday, 23 February.
It is good that 138 students (78%) have now paid their “book fees” of $60. Although, 78% represents 39 students who have not yet paid and $2340 of lost funds to our school. As well, the school fee, $25 per student ($5 per term plus $5 insurance), is also to be paid by next Monday. Many thanks to those who have already paid their school fees (56%).

Invoices for books & school fees will be sent again this week to those who have not yet paid.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Diego, Year 1 - for being a kind friend to his peers.
Sasha, Year 3 - for handing in a large sum of money.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
4 – Kyle, Josh Lacey, Taj
3 – Blade, Hayden, Sean
1 – Hayley, Indya, Caitlyn
5 – Sophie, Kaide, Jasmine
K – Haydon, Dawson, Laila
6 – Tenahya, Liam, Tasmyn
2 – Remmi, Georgia, Lillian

COMBINED YEAR 6 CAKE DAY & PIZZA DAY - Please note day change.
Our students will certainly enjoy some treats next 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 today’s newsletter. Please order by Monday, 23 February. Should be a great day!

WRITING FOCUS - to be printed fortnightly
Included in today’s newsletter, you will find a new school initiative, “Writing Focus”, to heighten the importance of writing within our school community and give an audience for student writing.
YEAR 4 CLASS NEWS
It never ceases to amaze me how quickly things fall into place at the beginning of a new school year. Buildings that were locked up over the Christmas period quickly become spruced up and ready for use, children have a haircut and a new pair of shoes and they’re ready, teachers come back tanned and in shape (!?) and they’re ready.
In the 13 days we have been back this year already we have had the school captains’ inductions, house meetings to elect new sports captains, run a swimming carnival, had CPR training and held 2 whole school assemblies. A school is a busy place.
Year 4 has made a solid start to 2015. Spelling, Maths and Reading are well underway and we are enjoying our discussions that come about from our history unit dealing with the first Australians. This term in grammar and writing we’ll be concentrating on editing our work correctly, remembering the full stops, capital letters etc. We’ll also be working hard on improving the quality of our writing by adding detail and descriptors. At the moment we are reading an intriguing book, “The Violin Man”, which deals with people’s hopes for the future and how they sometimes work out. This book will be the basis of a lot of our literacy work this term. Busy times ahead! Mr Clare

VISITING PERFORMANCE – “SHARING CULTURE” in WEEK 5
The school’s first visiting performance for 2015 is coming next week. Notes went home yesterday. 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. Payment and return note is due this Friday, 20 February. Miss Kyriakou

KINDERGARTEN NRMA BUS SAFETY EXCURSION 26 FEBRUARY
The NRMA “Bus Safety” program will be presented to the Kindergarten students next Thursday, 26 February we will all ride in the bus around Denman. You should have received the note for this yesterday. If you did not, you can collect one from the school office. All permission notes need to be returned to the class teacher by TUESDAY, 24th February.
It is important that ALL kindergarten students participate in this important program. Miss Kyriakou

SCHOOLS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA - this Friday
Denman Public School will be actively participating in “Clean Up Australia” day this week. The schools’ “Clean Up” day is this Friday, 28 February. The Schools’ “Clean Up Day” is a great opportunity for students to apply the knowledge and values of our school and community. The children are asked to bring gloves (e.g., gardening or washing up gloves).

SKOOLBAG APP
Our School has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. On the App you can access newsletters, class information, sports news, excursion new and alerts of all sorts. We ask parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “Denman Public School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Ms Borg

REMINDER - Library Bags
All students must have a library bag before they can borrow any books. Water proof school library bags are available for purchase from the uniform shop for $10 each

Focus Week
HAT AND SUN PROTECTION WEEK
All children need to wear a school hat and sun cream (spf 30) is encouraged

DPS school hats are really good!
They: Shade your ears
       Shade your nose
       Shade your lips and neck
For $10 we have: Baseball style
                  Bucket style
                  Wide brim style and Legionnaire style

DPS school hats are REALLY COOL!
We have a NO HAT, NO PLAY POLICY
Children without hats will be required to play in the undercover area or on the equipment
KIDS CORNER - Blade, Year 3 - Great Description

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 18.2 - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 20.2 - Michelle Owen & Casey Hewitt
Next Week
Monday 23.2 - Germaine Ball & Pauline Frater
Wednesday 25.2 - Christine Bailey & Katrina Bone
Friday 27.2 - Angela Barry & Kylie Dennis

CANTEEN NEWS
Parents please give your child their money for recess purchases (could be in envelope), however please DO NOT put recess, slushie or ice-block purchases on their lunch order. Thank you.

P&C NEWS
A P&C Newsletter is included with today’s newsletter. Be part of the P&C and/or receive minutes from our monthly meetings. Please send your $5 membership to the school office for treasurer, Tracy Main to collect. The $5 membership helps to cover the cost of insuring every P&C member volunteering help in the school. See our flyer included in today’s newsletter!
Please remember to come to our AGM next month on Monday, 9 March at 5.30pm. Jo Betts

HEALTH TIP - Fruit & Vegetables
Try including some crunchy fruit or vegetables in your child’s lunchbox. Eating these after lunch can help stop tooth decay.

ANAPHYLAXIS!
Our school community needs to be reminded from time to time that we care for a number of students that suffer severe reactions to certain foods. These are nut products including peanut butter, nutella etc; and egg - both raw and cooked. We ask that students don’t bring these foods to school as recess or lunch food. Your assistance in keeping our students safe would be appreciated.

ETC COMPETITIONS
Competitions in Computer, Science, Spelling and Writing will be run in Term 2 and English and Maths will be held in early Term 3. Information about these tests, costs, permission and nominations of which tests to sit will be sent home in the near future. Keep an eye out for this one!

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.
GOOD LUCK - ZONE SWIMMERS
This Friday, 20 February, a group of 19 students will be representing the school at the zone swimming carnival at Singleton; Imogen, Nadia, Cohen, Tallulah, Kathrine, Emma, Emily, Ashton, Rachel, Ben, Ashtyn, Darcy, Luke, Nicholas, Kobe, Emerson, Corey, Brock Greacen and Brock Cummings. We wish them every success. Mrs Jones will accompany the children during the day. Students are reminded to return their permission note, medical note and money to school tomorrow! Parents also need to return their “child protection” notes if driving. Ms Borg

GOOD LUCK - ZONE CRICKETERS
This Wednesday, 18 February, a group of 4 students will be representing the school at the zone cricket trials at Singleton. We wish all the best to Hunter, Jed, Nicholas and Brock.

NRL BLITZ
This Thursday, the Newcastle Knights will visit our school to talk about their program called “Tackling Bullying”. They want to stop bullying in schools! They will have a question and answer session at the end … So remember to have a question ready.

SPORTS UNIFORM MONITORING - No Check Shorts and No Footy Shorts
Parents and student know by now that I am closely monitoring what students are wearing each Friday. Girls are reminded that check shorts are only for Monday to Thursday - NOT Friday

UNIFORM SHOP – closed Friday
There will be NO uniform shop this Friday due to zone swimming. There are NO accounts allowed in the Uniform Shop. Any moneys owed, please pay now. Chris Bailey 0427476188

CALENDAR
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

Next Week
Monday 23.2 - All School fees due
- Year 6 Bird watching
Wednesday 25.2 - Year 6 Cake Day, 11am & Pizza Day, 1pm
Thursday 26.2 - Year 4 Assembly 11.15am
- Aboriginal Education – Sharing Culture $4
- Kindergarten NRMA Bus Safety Program – 10.30am
Friday 27.2 - Clean up Australia Day

SCONE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL
The Group 21 Rugby League Carnival held at Scone will be held on Sunday, 15 March. We will only enter teams with enough players.
If your child wants to play for the school on this day, you must return the form below before next Friday, 27 February. If you are able to coach a team please indicate below.

RUGBY LEAGUE - please return by 27 February (Only teams with enough players will be entered)
Name ................................................................. Class ........ Date of Birth ....................
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is/are interested in playing football for the school at the Scone Carnival on Sunday, 15 March
I am prepared to coach the …..year old team. Signed ..............................................