DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 5
February 25, 2015

PLANNING SURVEY
Please return the green planning survey by tomorrow. It is your last chance for 5 Dojo Points

BOOK & SCHOOL FEES - fees & excursion deposits are NOW OVER DUE!
Thanks to those who have paid their school and book fees, however there are still 27 students who have not paid their $60 “book fees”. That represents $1620 of lost funds to our school. So far, 64% of students have paid their school fees.

Invoices were sent again last week as well as outstanding excursion deposits. Please pay ASAP

FRIENDLY KIDS
Ashton, Year 3 - for great team spirit at Zone Swimming.
Charli, Year 2 - for being a great friend; helpful and kind!

WONDERFUL WORKERS
2 – Toby, Sanita, Brodie
5 – Cody, Elise, Beau
K – Heidi, Emma, Riley
6 – Maicy, Emma, Chelsea
4 – Jordanna, Lachlan, Will
3 – Georgia, Rhyme, Heath
1 – Kayleigh, Jonathan, Darcy

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, 27 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).
At 2pm, the primary children will proceed to clean up a designated area around our school. Year 6 will clean Paxton Street in front of our school and Year 5 will clean Virginia Street at the back of our school. Years 3 and 4 will clean the top playground.
The infants classes will clean the bottom playground, gardens and inside the fence line.

Focus Week

CLEAN UP WEEK
A CLEAN SCHOOL IS A “COOL” SCHOOL … SO CLEAN IT!

RUBBISH:
We want a clean school, Place all papers in the bin, and Tell others not to drop papers!

GARDENS:
We need to make sure they are kept clean, tidy and weeded, Gardens are special places, not to be used as play areas!

SPORTS EQUIPMENT:
We need to always put the equipment away so it will be available next time we want to play with it.

IF EVERYONE DOES THEIR JOB,
OUR SCHOOL WILL BE A CLEAN AND ENJOYABLE PLACE
VISITING PERFORMANCE – Permission and money needed
SHARING CULTURE, has links 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. Please return your note and money ASAP if not already done so. — Miss Kyriakou

**COMBINED YEAR 6 CAKE DAY & PIZZA DAY - TOMORROW**
Our students will certainly enjoy some treats tomorrow **Wednesday, 25 February**. 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.

**REMEMBER: KINDERGARTEN PARENTS**
All permission notes for the NRMA Bus Safety Excursion need to be returned to the class teacher by **WEDNESDAY, 25 February**.
The program will be presented to the Kindergarten students this Thursday, 26 February. Along with the Kindergarten from St Joesph’s, we will all ride in the bus around Denman. It is important that ALL kindergarten students participate in this important program. Miss Kyriakou

**YEAR 3 CLASS NEWS**
Welcome to a new school year. Year 3 have settled into their classroom routine and have adjusted very well to having two teachers. Mrs Saunders will teach the class every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Mrs Whiteman will teach every Thursday and Friday. This term we are learning about “Plants in Action” in Science and “Our First Australians” in History. We are currently learning how to write descriptions and the class is thoroughly enjoying being read “The Twits” by Roald Dahl. Reading groups runs from 9am until 9.40am Monday to Thursday. Parents are more than welcome to assist in the classroom during this time. Our class item for the upcoming Senior Citizens Assembly is coming along nicely with Year 3 participating in a weekly dance lesson as part of the Primary CAPA (creative and practical arts) rotation. Now that students have reached the Primary section of the school we strongly encourage students to become more independent which means having their own well equipped pencil cases (lead pencil, eraser, sharpener, red pen, blue pen, glue stick, ruler). Students are required to have a silent reading book either from home or the school library which is kept under their desk. We strongly encourage students to continue reading aloud daily at home as fluency becomes very important in the Primary years. Homework routine requires students to return Spelling and Maths every Thursday. New homework will be distributed each Friday. Please encourage your child to do as much as they can on their own. A homework note was distributed 2 weeks ago. If you haven’t read this note please check your child’s plastic homework envelope. If there are any concerns please write a note in their book. If you wish to meet with us please either ring or come up to the school to arrange a suitable time. The class has already enjoyed the swimming carnival, Life Education Van and the NRL Blitz. This Thursday is the “Sharing Culture” show and next week is the Cross Country. It’s been a busy start to what we know will be a fantastic year for the students in Year 3. — Mrs Whiteman

**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

**LIBRARY BORROWING**
Students need a bag to carry their library books to and from school on their Library day. They also need to remember to return their books on their Library day. Classes are scheduled for Library on the following days:
- **Tuesday** - Years 3 & 4 - with Mrs Jones
- **Wednesday** - Years 5 & 6 - with Mrs Jones
- **Wednesday** - Kinder - with Mrs Ballard
- **Thursday** - Years 1 & 2 - with Mrs Jones

**TISSUES - Cooler weather is getting colder**
Our stock of tissues has depleted. If each child could bring in a box of tissues, the class teacher would always have a box on the desk for everyone to use when needed.

**SWEARING**
Swearing at school will not be tolerated. Swearing shows **disrespect and a lack of good manners**. Children hear swearing by others and think it is OK. **It is not!**
CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 25.2 - Closed due to Pizza & Cakes
Friday 27.2 - Lee Mills & Renee Wallace

Next Week
Monday 2.3 - Louise Chapman & Simone George
Wednesday 4.3 - Jaymee Wilton & Lee Mills
Friday 6.3 - Julie Faber & Clair Thrift

P&C NEWS
Send your $5 membership to the school office. Membership needs to be paid before our AGM. Please remember to come to our AGM next month on Monday, 9 March at 5.30pm. Jo Betts

CANTEEN NEWS
There is NO canteen TOMORROW - due to the Pizza and Cake Bonanza! 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.

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.

RANGER PATROLS IN SCHOOL ZONES
Illegal parking in school zones creates a dangerous environment for children (in particular) as it severely reduced their view of approaching vehicles.
In an effort to make school zones safe for children and adults alike, Council’s Rangers will be patrolling these zones on a regular basis.
Rangers will not be required to approach vehicles in order to issue penalty notices, as registration numbers will be recorded when offences are detected and penalty notices will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.
Penalty notices will be issued for the following offences:
- Disobey No Stopping - School Zone
- Disobey No Parking - School Zone
- Stop on/near children/s crossing - School Zone
- Stop on/near pedestrian crossing - School Zone
- Stop in bus zone - School Zone
- Double park - School Zone
- Stop at/near bus stop - School Zone
- Stop on path/strip in built-up area - School Zone

The above penalties range from $173 to $415 and attract two demerit points.
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last Friday, a team of 18 very enthusiastic swimmers, and their families, travelled to Singleton to compete in the 2015 Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Swimming Trials. The Denman students excelled throughout the day, achieving personal best times in many events, and even more importantly, supporting each other at a team level. Denman Public School would have easily won a cheerleading competition, if there had been one!
We are awaiting official results from the carnival; - any event placing will be published in the newsletter as they become available. Ribbons will also be presented at an assembly, as soon as we have received them.
Thanks to the many parents and family members who helped to make the day so positive, even though there were challenges to be faced. A special thanks to Ms. Borg and Miss Hassett for their work in preparing the entries back at school, and ensuring that everything was well organised.
Mrs Jones - Team Manager

ZONE CRICKET REPS
Hunter Ball and Jed Collins have been selected to represent Upper Hunter Zone at the regional boys’ cricket trial at Maitland later in the year. Nicholas and Brock trialed well just missing selection. Congratulations Hunter and Jed, we wish you the best of luck at the Hunter Area trial in September.

CROSS COUNTRY - CHANGE OF DATE
The school needed to change the date for our school Cross-Country races due to a clash with the zone rugby league trials. The new date for the Cross Country is **Wednesday, 11 March**. The whole school will walk the course on Friday, 6 March for sport.  
Ms Borg

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

HEALTH TIP - **Fundamental movement skills**
There is evidence that children with poor fundamental movement skills such as jumping, skipping, leaping, kicking, throwing and catching are less likely to be active. Give your kids a head start and teach them these skills.

CALENDAR

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<td>- Aboriginal Education, “Sharing Culture”, 1.50pm</td>
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<td>- Kindergarten NRMA Bus Safety Program, 10.30am</td>
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<td>- Walk the Cross Country course, 10am</td>
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<td>- Zone football trial, Muswellbrook</td>
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SCONE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL - Players needed urgently!
The Group 21 Rugby League Carnival held at Scone will be held on Sunday, 15 March. We will only enter teams with enough players. **At present, we will NOT be entering any teams as there are no more than 4 wishing to play in any age group.** Thank you to Peter Ball and Brendan Watson for offering to coach the opens and Under 10 teams.
If your child wants to play for the school on this day, you must return the form below **before this Friday, 27 February**. If you are able to coach a team please indicate below.

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I am prepared to coach the …year old team.  
Signed

RUGBY LEAGUE - please return by 27 February  
(Only teams with enough players will be entered)