NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 6  

March 4, 2015

“SHARING CULTURE”
Gwenda Stanley captivated her audience throughout. The students were given opportunities to interact through participation in Aboriginal dance, and by an introduction to the pronunciation of words in Gwenda’s tribal language. Gwenda also showed a variety of implements and tools used by her people. She clearly explained how these were made and what they were used for. The students’ learning, especially in the area of Aboriginal Perspectives, has been enriched by this excellent presentation. Thank you, Sharni, for your “Welcome to Country”.

Miss Kyriakou

WRITING FOCUS - 2nd edition included today
Included in today’s newsletter, you will find this fortnight’s “Writing Focus”. We hope you enjoy reading each student’s work and seeing what is being taught in the classrooms.

BOOK CLUB
Orders are due back, Wednesday, 11 March. Please put order form and payment in an envelope marked “Book Club” with child’s name and class on the front. There is a new system called LOOP where it gives the parents an opportunity to order and pay for their book club on line. If paying by cheques, please make it out to Scholastic Australia.

Mrs Stair

FRIENDLY KIDS
Georgia, Kindergarten - showing maturity and helpfulness with her peers.
Mason, Year 5 - for unselfishly giving up his time to assist his team mates.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
2 – Jye, Shaneka, Blake
3 – Vinnie, Locklan, Riley
K – Theo, Keira, Georgia
1 – Layla, Jesse, Rory
5 – Harris, Mason, Brock
4 – Latoya, Kate, Fjord
6 - Jenna, Liam, Tenahya

KINDERGARTEN NRMA BUS SAFETY EXCURSION
The NRMA bus excursion provided the students with invaluable information and skills for safe travel. The students were very excited about riding on the bus and practising the activities that help to keep them safe. The students listened well throughout, and their behaviour was excellent. They are excited about finishing their entry for the colouring-in competition. All the entries will be on display in the NRMA office in Muswellbrook.

Miss Kyriakou

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 22 students who have not paid their $60 “book fees”. That represents $1320 of lost funds to our school. So far, 65% of students have paid their school fees.

Mr Bryant
Year 2 has been super busy over the first few weeks of school but we have made sure to have some fun along the way. We have been lucky enough to welcome four new students into our class this year and have enjoyed getting to know Lucas, Chloe, Amelia and our old friend Shaneka. The majority of us were old enough to attend our first swimming carnival and it was fantastic to see so many smiling faces cheering on their teams or even participating in races. Congratulations to Lucas and Jarryd who were lucky enough to head off to the Zone swimming carnival and I am sure it will be their first of many. The Cross Country event is coming up and it will be another first for the Year 2 students. We will have a walk of the course to familiarise ourselves with the track on Friday. We have been learning about mixtures in science and had a ball of fun making “Playdoh” last week (sorry for any stained hands or uniforms 😊).

HSIE has been really interesting learning about the past, exploring maps and discovering how our town has changed. We have also been working hard in Maths learning about new concepts such as skip counting, multiplication, time, area and we even know what a CONGRUENT SHAPE is! We will be hosting the assembly next Thursday so please come along.

Don’t forget the Senior Citizens Morning Tea is coming up and we have been working especially hard on our performance.

Miss Hassett

Year 6 held a cake stall last week and raised $124.60 for the SRC. Thank you to the parents who prepared all the delicious treats and thank you to; Ainsley Ball, Allison Collins, Sue Coombes, Kylie Dennis, Lynda McIntyre, Kim Wolfgang, Taya and Ashleigh for serving at the stall.

Mrs Jones

School photographs will be taken on Thursday, 26 March. (Week 9) The photo sessions for individuals and classes will commence at 9am in the school Hall and conclude at 1pm. Family groups will be taken at 11am. School Captains and House Captains’ photographs will also be taken. More information will be available as we get closer to the day.

Road Safety - Bikes and Scooters
Boys and girls please remember to ride your bike or scooter on the footpath. When you come to a road crossing you MUST get off and walk across. Also please cross at pedestrian crossings.

Bullying - Remember to report all bullying to a teacher!
Students at our school must know that bullying will not be tolerated. Strategies in place include;
1. Tell your teacher, a teacher on playground duty or Mr Bryant.
2. Girls can talk to Mrs Fuiono or Mrs Lawson if they prefer to talk to a female teacher.
3. Bullying focus week (this week) - classes are conducting lessons on bullying.
4. Reports can be anonymous, if placed in the bully box.
5. Written permission to have a mobile phone at school.
6. Computer and Phone use is closely monitored – (Cyber Bullying)

Focus Week
WHO IS A BULLY?
A bully is someone who teases others, hits or pushes others because they are bigger, older or stronger.

If you see any bullying, you should......
1. tell a teacher
2. invite the person who is being bullied or teased to play with you and your friends.
3. tell teasers and bullies to stop because it is not right.
4. tell older kids or adults when someone is being a bully and they won’t stop.

If you see any bullying, sometimes you have to....... 
• walk away and ignore it.

If you see any bullying, never think.......... 
• “I know it is not OK”.... but sometimes you watch, smile and laugh

If you see any bullying, always say.... STOP IT! STOP TEASING! STOP BULLYING! 
............... and then get a teacher to help!
**KIDS CORNER**
- Brock, Year 5
- Excellent Descriptive Writing

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**P&C NEWS**

All welcome to attend the **P&C AGM next Monday, 9 March at 5.30pm.** Remember …you must be a financial member before the AGM to be eligible to vote & be elected to an executive position or representative position such as the Uniform & Canteen sub-committee.

Send your $5 membership to the school office this week.  

**Jo Betts**

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**ETC COMPETITIONS - information sheet tomorrow**

Competitions in Computer, Science, Writing and Spelling 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 tomorrow. Entries are due back by Friday, 27 March (Three weeks’ time) Year 2 children can participate in Science, English and Mathematics.

Keep an eye out for this one!  

**Mr Bryant**

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**PLEASE READ OUR NEWSLETTER**

99% of the information you need is in our weekly newsletter. Please read it.

Also don’t throw it out because if you have only skimmed it, you can re-read or refer to it later.

If you miss getting a newsletter, we have spares at the office.  

**Mr Bryant**

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**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!**

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**MUSWELLBROOK NETBALL REGISTRATION**

Muswellbrook Netball Association is running the **NetSetGo** program again in 2015. It is designed for players aged 5 to 10 years. An open day will be run on **Saturday, 14 March at 11am** - for players to come along and have a go at the **Netball Courts, Karoola Park,** Muswellbrook.

**Or contact;** Bec Gumb at **gummy3119@hotmail.com** for more information.
ZONE SWIMMING RESULTS 2015
Congratulations to the Zone Swimming carnival placegetters, who are as follows;
Imogen - 1st 11yrs backstroke, 1st 11yrs butterfly, 2nd 11yrs breaststroke & 3rd 11yrs freestyle
Tallulah - 2nd 12 yrs freestyle & 3rd 12 yrs backstroke
Emma - 2nd 11yrs butterfly Senior Girls - 2nd 4x50m relay
Ashtyn - 3rd junior butterfly Ella - 3rd 8 yrs freestyle.
Cohen - 2nd 10 yrs freestyle & 3rd junior butterfly Junior Boys - 2nd 4x50m relay
Ribbons will be presented at an assembly in the near future

SCONE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL - Players still needed for Sunday, 15 March.
At present we will be entering the 8s, 9s, 10s and Opens as they are the only teams with enough players. The Opens will be a combination of 11s & 12s.
Coach for 8s is Lillian Hagan, 9s - no coach as yet, 10s - Brendan Watson and Opens - Peter Ball.
Training has been set down for this afternoon commencing at 4.30pm at the Denman Football Oval with Chris Brennan and then Thursday, 5 March and next Thursday, 12 March.
If your child wants to play for the school on this day, you must let me know asap!

BRISBANE BRONCOS TO VISIT THE DENMAN DEVILS
WHEN: next Wednesday, 11 March TIME: 4 to 6pm VENUE: New Footy Fields
Come along and meet some of the current and also former Broncos players. Kids will have the opportunity to do some football skills sessions and there will be time for autographs and photos. Let’s see if anyone can beat Michael Hancock this year in the sprint race!! There will be a free BBQ running, so come along and bring your friends and family. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS
All the best to the boys representing our school at the Upper Hunter Rugby League Trials at Olympic Park, Muswellbrook, this Friday, 6 March.
Congratulations and best wishes to; Hunter, Brodie, Nicholas, Vadym, Jayden, Joshua, Jake, Jed, Brock and William.

CALENDAR
Thursday 5.3 - Year 3 Assembly, 11.15am
- Hunter Swimming Carnival, Maitland
Friday 6.3 - Walk the Cross Country course, 10am
- Zone football trial, Muswellbrook

Next Week
Monday 9.3 - P&C Meeting, AGM 5.30pm
Wednesday 10.3 - Cross country, first race 9.20am at Footy Oval
Thursday 12.3 - Year 2 Assembly

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
The school cross country will be held at the Denman football ground next Wednesday, 11 March.
Students from Year 2 to Year 6 will take part. Students depart school at 9am to walk up to the event. Children are reminded to be in their full sports uniform with their hat and plenty of water to drink.
Races are as follows; 11&12 year Girls, 3 kms, 9.20am 11&12 year Boys, 3 kms, 9.35am
10 year Girls, 2 kms, 9.50am 10 year Boys, 2 kms, 10am
8/9 year Girls, 2 kms, 10.10am 8/9 years Boys, 2 kms, 10.20am
The Upper Hunter Zone PSSA Cross Country is Friday, 27 March (week 9). The first three placings in each division will represent the school at Zone. Good luck kids!

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - to be returned to Ms Borg asap
I am able to assist at the Cross Country next Wednesday, 11 March, from 9.15am
Name………………………………………. Signed ……………………………………..……