DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 8
March 18, 2015

Crazy Hair DANCE - TONIGHT 5.30pm
The dance will be held at the Memorial Hall commencing at 5.30pm and concluding at 7.30 sharp. The SRC have decided on a “Crazy Hair” theme. We will have great music to entertain us with fun games, competitions and prizes to be won. Admission is $2 per student or $5 per family.
Drinks - $1   Chips - 50c

GRANDPARENTS’ ASSEMBLY - This Thursday, 19 March
Our special assembly this week acknowledges Senior Citizens’ Week with a concert celebration. Normal assembly awards will be presented at this assembly followed by the concert.
We invite grandparents and senior citizens to be our special guests at a morning tea in the hall at 11am and the assembly commences at 11.30am. Items will be as follows;
• Year 1, “Knick Knack Paddy Whack” song with actions
• Year 5, A kids take on a series of “TV Ads”
• Year 2, “Wheels on the Bus, 3 Cheeky Monkeys & Baa Baa” songs & sign language
• Year 6, “Tomato Chutney” grand percussion band
• Year 4, “A Vegetable” song
• Kindergarten, “Little Miss Muffett” dress up & roll play
• Year 3, “Lanto” Zumba Kids Dance …… Look forward to seeing you on Thursday

FRIENDLY KIDS
Tayla, Year 6 - for being helpful and friendly to everyone.
Jasmine, Year 5 - for being a caring friend at cross country.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
1 – Caitlyn, Diego, Kaitlyn
2 – Chloee-Ann, Cordeylia, Jo
3 – Noah, Phoebe, Colbei
4 – Reegan, Patrick, Freddy
5 – Emerson, Hayden, Lachlan
K – Max, Brodie, Bailey
6 – Jenna, Ashleigh, Tenahya

SCHOOL PHOTOS – NEXT THURSDAY, 26 March
Envelopes must be returned with correct money to the class teachers on the day of the photographs, next Thursday 26 March.
Please return your envelopes even if you do not want any photographs.
The photo sessions for classes will commence at 9am. Family photographs will commence at 11am in the school Hall.
Full school uniform required - Boys - maroon polo shirt and grey shorts Girls - summer tunic if possible, otherwise maroon polo shirt and check shorts.
Please have your child in white socks and black shoes.
The family photo package is priced at $20.00 and envelopes are available at the office.
KINDER CLASS NEWS
Kindergarten students have certainly shown how grown up they are in the way they have settled into “big school”. They are enjoying all aspects of school life, and are trying hard to do their best work. The Life Education van visit provided the students with opportunities to learn about making healthy lifestyle choices, while the NRMA presentation taught everyone about crossing the road safely, and how to be a safe bus traveller. All students have an entry in the NRMA colouring in competition, so if you are in Muswellbrook, you might like to go to the NRMA office to see your child’s entry on display. In the reading component of English, the students are becoming very proficient at finger tracking the words as they read. In the writing component, the focus has been on writing a simple sentence that starts with a capital letter, ends with a full stop, and where letters are grouped to represent a word. The students are becoming more aware of putting two finger spaces between words, and to use known sounds to spell. Everyone LOVES the Jolly Phonics program and telling news!
In mathematics, the students have been enjoying singing along with songs that assist with counting to thirty. So far, some of the things we have learned about are the numbers to six, halves, curved and straight lines, the language of position, length and volume, and equal groups. Kindergarten has also been busy practising an item for the Senior Citizens’ Assembly to be held this Thursday. The students are VERY excited and are looking forward to seeing you there.

Miss Kyriakou

SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK
We wish all the senior citizens in our town all the best for “Senior Citizens Week” next week. We hope to see you at our morning tea, assembly and concert.

YEAR 5 CAKE STALL
Year 5 will be holding a cake stall next Tuesday, 24 March at recess. Remember to bring your 10c, 20c and 50c coins to buy a delicious treat or two. Year 5 would appreciate any parental assistance with the stall.

Ms Borg

ST JOSEPHS DENMAN HORSE SPORTS
Well done to James who participated in the St Joseph’s Horse sports yesterday. James was in the 11yr class and won lots of white ribbons on “Bliss”. He came third in hack class, rider, bending race, snake race, Bonfield bounce, flag race, barrel race and time trial. Well done!

HEALTHY HINT  -   Why reduce television time?
✓ studies have shown we use less energy watching TV than sitting still
✓ TV influences the food choice of kids
   (Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children’s viewing hours)
✓ TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy physical activity
✓ There is an association between TV watching and being overweight
✓ 40% of kids 5-12 years, report watching an average two hours or more of television a day

ETC COMPETITIONS
Information about these tests, cost, permission and nominations of which tests to sit was sent home last week. Please return all entries by Friday, 27 March.

ETC Tests  (Please return with money by Friday, 27 March)

I would like ................................................................. Year .................................................
to attempt the following tests:  (Please circle)

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KIDS CORNER - Cordeylia, Year 2 - Fantastic use of words

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 18.3 - CLOSED
Friday 20.3 - Milisa Borg & Julie McCauley
Next Week
Monday 23.3 - Amanda Collins & Kerri Brown
Wednesday 25.3 - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 27.3 - Michelle Owen & Casey Hewitt

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen is closed tomorrow due to unavailability of volunteers.

P&C EASTER RAFFLE
Thankyou to those families who have already donated to the Easter Raffle, and to Triple J’s for their kind donation. Please leave any eggs or other Easter items in the basket at the Office. Raffle tickets have been sent home with the Newsletter today – 5 tickets in each book for $1 each. If you would like more tickets, please call at the Office. Remember, all tickets need to be returned, sold or unsold. Thankyou, Fundraising Committee

UNIFORM SHOP
Water proof school library bags are available for purchase from the uniform shop for $10 each. Remember, the uniform shop will open each Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.30am.

LADIES LEAGUE TAG
Ladies …. If you wish to get fit and have some fun, you should try League-Tag! We train each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - if you want to try it out come to training one day. We don’t all train each day just pick a day or two. Love to see you there. Bec

MUSWELLBROOK NETBALL REGISTRATION
Contact Bec Gumb at gummy3119@hotmail.com for more information.

FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR KINDER, YR1 & YR2 STUDENTS
All students Kinder to Year 2 are eligible for free bus travel to and from school – NO MATTER WHAT THE DISTANCE! Even if you live three or four blocks from school you can catch an existing bus. (Students Year 3-6 need to live more than 1.6kms from the school) If any parent of a K-2 student who does not already catch the bus, would like their child to catch the bus at some point this year, please fill out and return the slip below.

Allan Doak

Free Bus Travel

Name _______________________________ Address _______________________________ Phone _______________________________
SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Last Wednesday, 11 March our school cross country was held. Congratulations to all runners who finished the course, they did extremely well earning points for their house. The children ran well and had a great time participating and cheering on their mates. The winning Cross Country house was **Callatoota with 128 points** followed by; Richmond Grove 105, Arrowfield 91 and Rosemount 88.
Placegetters:
- **12 year boys** – 1<sup>st</sup>, Brodie, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jayden, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nicholas
- **12 year girls** – 1<sup>st</sup>, Tenahya, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lequisha, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tayla
- **11 year boys** – 1<sup>st</sup>, Jed, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Josh, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harris
- **11 year girls** – 1<sup>st</sup>, Imogen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Emerson, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lucy
- **10 year boys** – 1<sup>st</sup>, Miles, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lane, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mason
- **10 year girls** – 1<sup>st</sup>, Ashtyn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kate, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Latoya
- **8/9 year boys** – 1<sup>st</sup>, Ashton, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Taj, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Max
- **8/9 year girls** – 1<sup>st</sup>, Remmi, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ella, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Georgia

Congratulations to these students who will now participate at the Zone Cross Country. Thank you to Chantel Blake, Jason Owen, Kim Wolfgang, Kylie Dennis, Lee Mills and Milisa Borg who volunteered their time to help. It was greatly appreciated.

Sports Committee

ZONE NETBALL TRIAL
Last Friday, 13 March, our senior girls’ netball team travelled to Singleton to try out for a position in the Upper Hunter Zone netball team. The girls played 4 matches as a round robin. They defeated Muswellbrook South, Aberdeen Public and Singleton Heights Public before losing to a very competitive Scone team. Our girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder for the day which was a great achievement. Selection for the “possible” and “probable” match then took place with Ashleigh, Tallulah, Imogen and Sophie all being chosen to play in the final game. None of the girls were selected to be in the Upper Hunter side; however we are all very proud of their efforts. Special thank you to all parents who assisted with transport and especially to Toni Caddis for her delicious honey joys which the girls certainly enjoyed devouring after each match!

Mrs Whiteman

REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS
Congratulations to Lequisha for her selection in the Upper Hunter Zone girls soccer team. Lequisha plays in Newcastle on Wednesday, 1 April.
All the best to Hunter, Jayden, Brock and Jed representing the Upper Hunter Zone at the Hunter Area Rugby League Trials at Raymond Terrace, this Friday, 20 March.

CALENDAR
**Tuesday 17.3** - Crazy Hair Dance, 5.30pm Memorial Hall
**Thursday 19.3** - Senior Citizens Morning Tea 11.00am & Assembly 11.30am
**Friday 20.3** - Hunter Rugby League trial, Raymond Terrace

**Next Week**
**Tuesday 24.3** - Year 5 Cake Day
**Wednesday 25.3** - Cricket match against King Street PS at Denman
**Thursday 26.3** - School Photos & Steve Simpson Shield, Cook Park, Singleton
**Friday 27.3** - Zone Cross Country & ETC Closing Date

SCONE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all Denman Public School football teams for great play at the Scone Carnival last Sunday. Coaches were pleased with the boys’ and girls’ efforts.
The **Under 8s** team played St James and won 44 - 8. Ella scored 2 tries; Conner 2 tries; Patrick 3 tries; Diesel 2 tries and Taylor and Jo 1 try. In the final, they drew with St Mary’s 12-12 but we won because we scored the first try. Conner was man of the match! Well done! The **Under 9s** were only just powered by Scone Grammar, 22-20. It was a fantastic game to watch, with Taj, Harry and Heath scoring tries. Great effort! The **Under 10s** played a strong game against Scone Grammar, but unfortunately were defeated 12-6 with Taj scoring and converting our only try. All members of the team played an excellent game and should be praised for their effort. The **Opens** took to the field with only 10 players, but despite this played the game with great heart, unfortunately being defeated by Scone Grammar 18-0.
Thank you to the coaches: Peter Ball, Phil Bone, Lillian Hagan and Brendan Watson. We had a great day watching our up and coming football stars and we look forward to watching you play throughout the rest of the season.

Ms Borg and Miss Hassett