DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 9 March 25, 2015

SCHOOL PHOTOS - THIS THURSDAY, 27 March
Envelopes for school photos must be returned with correct money to the class teachers this Thursday, 27 March. (On the day of the photographs) Please return your envelopes even if you do not want any photographs. The family photo package is priced at $20.00 and envelopes are available at the office. The photo sessions for classes will commence at 9am.
Full school uniform is 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.
*Captains, House Captains and SRC photos will be taken between 8.30 and 9am.

GRANDPARENTS’ ASSEMBLY
Last Thursday saw a large crowd of grandparents, parents, members of the Denman Senior Citizens Association and friends visit our school to celebrate Senior Citizens Week. It was a very exciting time for all students, because many had family members in the audience who came to watch them perform. All classes displayed wonderful dancing, singing and roll playing.
Well done boys and girls, it was very entertaining!
A BIG thank you to the grandparents and family members who supported our celebrations!
Thank you also to the parents for cooking and supplying our guests with a delicious morning tea.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Lachlan, Year 4 - for excellent sportsmanship at lunchtime touch footy
Darcy, Year 1 - for picking up rubbish to keep our playground beautiful

WONDERFUL WORKERS
K – Ada, Heidi, Alex
6 – Jorja, Tayla, Nicholas
2 – Brodie, Amelia, Samuel
4 – Braith, Ben, Tully
3 – Lizzie, Leo, Bella-Rose
1 – Kayleigh, Talia, Latisha
5 – Brayden, Isabella, Ashtyn

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS – Reminder not to post concert photos on “Facebook”
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!

SENIOR CITIZENS’ MORNING TEA
Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who cooked and helped set up and/or clean up at last Thursday’s Senior Citizens Morning Tea. Much appreciated. It was a great morning tea, concert and a huge crowd!
MUSWELLBROOK HS OPEN NIGHT - TONIGHT
Parents of all prospective Year 7 students for 2016 are invited to attend an information night commencing at 5.30pm in the school library/MPC. The evening should conclude at 8pm. There will be an information forum, a tour of the school, displays, food and entertainment.

YEAR 6 CLASS NEWS
We are drawing towards the end of an extremely busy Term 1. Year 6 students have been studying a text called “Dragon Keeper” by Australian author, Carole Wilkinson. The class has done studies of ancient Chinese culture, art and lifestyles, and has also worked on improving their imaginative writing techniques.

In Mathematics, we have been studying 3D shapes, decimals, fractions and percentages and have been completing daily speed challenges to improve our basic fact recall.

Tomorrow, Year 6, commence their official journey towards secondary education with a bus trip to Muswellbrook to participate in the first Open Day for Year 7 students, 2016. Every student has chosen a number of elective subjects to try throughout the day, including food technology, Science and even a bout of jousting against the secondary staff! It will be an exciting day and a wonderful introduction to the programs offered by Muswellbrook High School.

It has been an amazing term, although I can’t quite believe it is almost over. Thanks to every student in my class for their efforts, their enthusiasm and for the fun we have shared this term. Mrs Jones

EASTER CELEBRATIONS – REWARD DAY
On the last day of this term, Thursday, 2 April, we will be holding an end of term rewards day to celebrate the children’s enthusiasm and hard work throughout the term.

We are excited to announce that we will be holding an Easter Hat parade following the school assembly, which you are warmly invited to stay for. Every child is asked to prepare an Easter hat and/or costume at home and bring into school on the day. There will be participation certificates for every child who enters, as well as some special awards and prizes. However, the emphasis is on fun and imagination. Everyone will be recognised for their efforts!

There will also be a special parade for any parents, grandparents or other community members who would like to share their imaginative and creative skills to create and wear their own Easter Hat - it would be very exciting to have you join us!

We will also be holding a games tabloid as part of the Rewards Day, which will be organised by the staff. Each child will receive an ice-cream cone, with thanks to the P&C and the SRC.

All children are allowed to come to school in sensible casual clothes on this day - please remember that sandals and thongs must NOT be worn, except in the parade. Mrs Jones

YEAR 5 CAKE STALL
Year 5 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; Katie Calvert, Casey Hewitt, Julie Hagan, Ms Borg and Miss Hassett for serving at the stall.

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

ETC Tests  (Please return with money by this Friday)
I would like ................................................................. Year ........................... to attempt the following tests: (Please circle)

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KIDS CORNER - Tully, Year 4 - Great Neatness and Sloped Handwriting

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 25.3 - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 27.3 - CANTEEN CLOSED
Next Week
Monday 30.3 - Amanda Collins & Kerri Brown
Wednesday 1.4 - Christine Bailey & Katrina Bone

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen is closed this FRIDAY 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 and the Turner family for their kind donations. Please leave any eggs or other Easter items in the basket at the office by this Friday 27 March.
We have had a great response from the school community and many families have already sold their tickets, come to the office for more and returned the money – if you would like more tickets in this yummy raffle, please call at the office.
All tickets need to be returned, sold or unsold by March 31st.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
School breaks up next Thursday, 2 April and resumes on Tuesday, 21 April.
Staff will return to school on Monday, 20 April for a training and Term 2 planning.

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

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.

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.

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Mr Bryant

Allan Doak
ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to the following students who will participate at the Zone Cross Country at Karoola Park, Muswellbrook this Friday, 27 March:
12 years - Brodie, Jayden, Nicholas, Tenahya, Lequisha & Tayla; 11 years - Jed, Josh, Harris, Imogen, Emerson & Lucy; 10 years - Miles, Lane, Mason, Ashtyn, Kate & Latoya; 9/8 years - Ashton, Taj, Max, Remmi, Ella, Georgia & Sophie. Miss Hassett will accompany the team. Best of Luck!

STEVE SIMPSON SHIELD
The Steve Simpson Shield seven-a-side football knockout is scheduled for this Thursday, 26 March. Our first match is at 10.21am. During the day we will play against Ellalong, Lockinvar and Woodberry Public Schools plus a final with a bit of luck. We leave by private vehicles after photos from 8.30am to 9.20am.
Best of luck team - Hunter, Nicholas, Jayden, Jake, Joshua, Vadym, Brodie, Brock, Will, Jed and Lequisha.

CRICKET MATCH - Tomorrow - Wednesday !
Denman plays against King Street Public School tomorrow in round two of the NSW PSSA cricket knockout at Denman, on our school oval commencing at 10am.
All the best to Nicholas, Hunter, Jayden, Joshua, Vadym, Jed, Brock, Mason, Harris, William, Lane, Taj and Ashton. Mr Bryant and Mr Floyd will accompany the team.

LADIES LEAGUE TAG
Ladies …. If you wish to get fit and have some fun, you should try League-Tag !
We train each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 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

CALENDAR
Wednesday 25.3 - Cricket match against King Street PS at Denman, 10am
- MHS Open Day for Year 6 students
Thursday 26.3 - School Photos, 8.30am - Captains, House Captains and SRC
- Steve Simpson Shield, Cook Park, Singleton, 10.21am
- Year 1 Assembly, 2pm (Please note the changed time)
Friday 27.3 - Zone Cross Country & ETC Closing Date

Next Week
Tuesday 31.3 - Aboriginal Cultural Program launch, 11.15am - Cultural Performance
Thursday 2.4 - Kinder Assembly, 11.15 and Easter Hat Parade, 11.45am
- Reward Day tabloids
- Last Day of Term

***YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY - Change of Time
Due to the school photographs being taken this Thursday, 26 March, the Year 1 assembly will be held after lunch, commencing at 2pm

ANZAC DAY MARCH
Once again students from our school will take part in the Anzac Day March on Saturday, April 25. (The end of the first week after the holidays)
School Captains will attend the church service commencing at 11am at St Matthias, Church. The march will commence at 11.45am beginning at the St Matthias Church Hall in Palace Street. Students wishing to march please send back the slip below.

ANZAC DAY MARCH - Please return to class teacher on or before 2 April.
My child/children ………………………………………………………………………. will participate in the 2014 Anzac Day March.     Signed ………………………………………