DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 2, Week 5

GATS PROGRAM at Muswellbrook High School
We received the exciting news last week that five of our students have been selected to participate in the 2015 Gifted and Talented Students (GATS) project at Muswellbrook High School. Each student will complete a project over a 5 month period, which will then be presented to a judging panel. Projects being prepared by our students are as follows:
Tenahya – “I am making an album with 5-6 well known songs, and I will be singing the backing tracks.”
Taya – “I am going to write a book about the things my Grandma has taught me. I am excited to share my Grandma’s knowledge with everyone in the community.”
Maicey – “I am studying choreography and documenting my journey through a year of dance. I will be choreographing a dance to perform at the final night, and I will also present a booklet about my journey.”
Jenna and Amelia – “We are working together to create a book of myths from Greek, Egyptian, Irish, Norse and other mythologies. We both love Greek myths and want to improve our knowledge.” Jenna will be writing the myths and Amelia will be illustrating the book.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Jaclyn, Year 5 – for handing in lost property in the playground.
Lucas, Year 2 – for kindly offering to move equipment to a safe area.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
4 - Noah, Lane, Taj
5 - Jed, Lucy, Jasmine
6 - Liam, Joshua, Hunter
2 - Taylor, Jeb, Jody
1 - Tobey, Tali, Latisha
K - Alex, Max, Talen
3 - Georgia, Bella-Rose, Sasha

GRIP Leadership
Yesterday a group of 14 Year 6 students (Amelia, Ashleigh, Jorja, Emma, Maicey, Tallulah, Taya, Jenna, Hunter, Nicholas, Liam, Joshua, Brodie and Vadym) travelled to Newcastle to participate in the 2015 GRIP Leadership conference. The students learned valuable leadership skills, including standing up rather than back, why generosity is so important, how to pay it forward and make an impact, and four steps to being the best leader possible.
All students wish to thank Mr Bryant for allowing them to have such a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in their own and others’ lives. Mrs Jones

YEAR 4 CAKE STALL - cross off Tuesday, 2 June
Year 4 will be holding their cake stall this Wednesday, 20 May at recess and not the 2nd June. Remember to bring your 10c, 20c and 50c coins to buy a delicious treat or two. Year 4 would appreciate any parental assistance with the stall. Mr Clare

KINDER CLASS NEWS
Term two is certainly proving to be a very busy one, with all students working hard.
In English, the book “Rosie’s Walk” by Pat Hutchins, is being looked at in-depth. The students have had opportunities to view the digital, animated version. They are enjoying the associated activities such as learning that the whole story is only one sentence long, and that much of a story can be told through the use of illustrations. We all think that some of the illustrations are very funny! The students have also produced art and craft work relating to the story, participated in writing relating to the story, as well as joining the dots from one to thirty to make pictures of the fox and Rosie, the hen. Many students are now confidently starting to use known sounds, independently, to produce a recount in writing activities.

In mathematics, everyone has been practising to count to add two groups of objects, counting back to take objects away from a group, and learning about repeating patterns. We have also been practising to count to thirty, fifty and one hundred by singing songs with all the numbers displayed colourfully on the smartboard.

The science unit for this term is titled “What’s It Made Of?” The students are learning to name the different materials that things are made of such as wood, metal, plastic and glass. They are also learning about how the surfaces of these feel. In history, the students are continuing to learn about their own family history. Over the coming weeks, a note will be sent home for parents/carers to fill in some details to help your child/children further compile their family history.

Again, thank you so very much to the parents and grandparents who turn up every week to listen to the students read. Ms Kyriakou

NAPLAN TESTING

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students for the excellent application to their Naplan tests last week. With all the hard work behind them, we now wait on the results due early Term 4. Thank you to both class teachers, Mrs Saunders and Miss Borg, for the preparation and support of the students in the lead up to and during the tests.

SYDNEY EXCURSION

Next Tuesday, 53 Year 5 and 6 students, along with 9 staff and parent assistants, will descend on Sydney for 4 days and 3 nights of educational and entertaining experiences and opportunities. We will visit the Sydney Opera House, walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, participate in sessions at the Police and Justice Museum, visit Taronga Park Zoo and the Sydney Aquarium, as well as many other amazing activities.

Please finalise all payments for this excursion as soon as possible, and remember that ALL medication must be handed to Mrs Jones in a clearly marked ziplock bag on the morning the excursion departs.

“RETURN OF THE BULLY” PRESENTATION

The second performance in the “Bully Trilogy” will be presented on Friday, 5th June at 1.50p.m. Titled “Return of the Bully”, the cost will be $2 per student and the note for this will be sent home on Monday, 25th May. Due to years 5 and 6 going on their excursion the following day, these students will be re-issued with the note on Monday, 1st June where necessary. The final payment will be due on Wednesday, 3rd June. This performance is being heavily subsidised by the P. and C. and it is highly recommended that ALL students attend.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

Kindergarten will walk to the Denman Library on Wednesday, 27th May 2015 to participate in National Simultaneous Story Time. As in previous years, a nominated book is read right across the nation at every public library at 11am. The book chosen this year is “The Brothers Quibble” by popular children’s author, Aaron Blabey. I’m sure Kindergarten will have a wonderful time. Mrs Ballard

FREE OFFICE SOFTWARE

Students are now able to download Microsoft Office for free at home via their DEC portal. This includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote. These programs can be very useful for school projects and homework.

To install, go to https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/get your child to enter their username and password (the same as the one they use at school) to open their portal. Once in the portal, go to “learning” and click on Microsoft Office 365 to begin the download. Mrs Ballard
KIDS CORNER - Georgia, Year 3 - Excellent Report Writing

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 20.5 - Lyn Barry & Sue Coombes
Friday 22.5 - Julie Faber & Clare Thrift
Next Week
Monday 25.5 - Germaine Ball & Pauline Frater
Wednesday 27.5 - Lee Mills & Jaymee Wilton
Friday 29.5 - Milisa Borg & Julie McCauley

CANTEEN NEWS
We will be selling HOT CHOCOLATE at recess and assembly time again this Thursday.
SPECIAL ***** A cup of hot chocolate will cost $1.

UNIFORM SHOP
It’s time to clean out the cupboards and get rid of any old or unwanted uniforms.
We need more second hand uniforms and would appreciate any donations.
Trading in second hand uniforms is conducted each Friday from 8.30am.

UNIFORM SHOP
The main school uniform shop is open for sales each Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.30am.
For winter we have; Full tracksuits - $55, Jackets only - $35, Pants only - $25
Grey long pants for boys - $20 Maroon long pants for girls - $20 Long sleeve polos - $20
Fleecy V-neck jumpers - $25 Hats and Caps - $10 Scarf - $6

HELP NEEDED
We need volunteers to cover books for the reading room. We have ordered some amazing new
books and would like to invite parents to offer to help cover these so we can get our reading room
up and running as soon as possible. If you are able to cover books at all please see Miss Boyle in
the Reading Recovery room, your help is very much appreciated if you can spare some time.

BOOK SALE
I have recently gone through the library’s book collection and have decided that some of the books
need a new home. These books will be sold for up to 50c each on Thursday, 21st May, in the library
at 2nd half lunch. Come and grab a bargain!

SRC OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
The SRC will be holding an out of uniform day this Friday, 22nd May. All students are asked to come
out of uniform in blue or green, or wear something related to our “Under the Sea” theme. Students
are also asked to bring a gold coin donation. All monies raised will go to Stewart House.
OPENS KNIGHT’S FOOTBALL KNOCKOUT
Our opens rugby league team will participate in the Opens Knights Knockout to be played at Waratah Oval 1 Newcastle, this Thursday, 21 May. We will be leaving Denman at 7.30am to arrive ready for our first game at 9.40am. We are guaranteed five games in our pool. The games are as follows: 9.40am v Tea Gardens PS, 10.40 v St Patricks Cessnock, 11.20am v St Michaels Nelson Bay, 12pm v Waratah PS and 1.20pm v Edgeworth Heights PS. If we progress into the quarter final it will be played at 2pm and then the semi-final to follow at 2.30pm.
We wish the team all the best; Vadym Vezdenetskyi, Renjo James, Jayden Blanch, Hunter Ball, Nicholas Coombes, Brodie Holstein, Jake Betts, William Stair, Jed Collins, Brock Cummings, Harris Lacey, Nicholas Collins, Lequisha Yule, Hayley Duggan and Joshua Heuston.

715 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Check
Hunter Medicare Local has been visiting the towns of Denman and Muswellbrook, visiting Schools, Medical Centres, Pharmacies and Allied Health Services with the message to be shared with our Aboriginal community:
Go to your local doctor and have your 715 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health check done to keep your entire mob healthy and safe.
The 715 health check is a good way to pick up any risk of chronic disease and is for anyone ages 0-100yrs. If you would like any more information on what or where you can have your 715 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health check please contact;
Jennifer- Indigenous Health Project Officer on 0419 713 539

CALENDAR
Wednesday 20.5 - Year 4 Cake Day, 11am
- ETC Computer test, 9am
Thursday 21.5 - Year 2 Assembly, 11.15am
- Knights Knockout, Opens
Friday 22.5 - SRC “Out of Uniform” Day, “Under the Sea, Blue and Green” Day
Next Week
Tuesday 26.5 - Year 5 & 6 Depart for Sydney
- No Athletics for Sport
Wednesday 27.5 - Aboriginal Cultural Lessons
Thursday 28.5 - NO ASSEMBLY
Friday 29.5 - Year 5 & 6 Return

JELLY BABIES MONTH
Our school is supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, by selling Jelly Baby merchandise throughout the month of May.
SRC members will be selling items during the first half of lunch each day, to raise funds to help find a cure for Juvenile Type 1 Diabetes. Some of the items available include packets of jelly babies ($2.00), pens ($5.00) and jelly baby pins ($3.00 and $10.00).

P&C COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD
The Community Spirit Award aims to recognise students of Denman Public School who have demonstrated leadership, made a significant contribution, and/or overcome difficulty or adversity to achieve excellent results. The Award celebrates young people who have shown awareness of others, initiative, energy and encouragement. If you know of an outstanding young person who contributes to our school, local, or global community, please nominate them for the Community Spirit Award. Any Denman Public School student, who has demonstrated (in the previous 3 months) a significant contribution to others, and/or is involved in any external organisation (Scouts, a registered Charity, a volunteer group) is eligible for the award.
Nominations can be from any student, staff, family or community member, and all nominees will receive a Certificate of Acknowledgement. The winner each term will be decided by an impartial member of the community (names of nominees will be withheld).
Nominations are due by Week 6, and the Award will be presented at the school Assembly in Week 8 of each Term. Nomination forms are available from the School Office, and completed forms are to be returned in a sealed envelope marked “P&C Community Spirit Award”. The successful student will receive a Certificate of Achievement and further recognition at Presentation Night.

Kim Wolfgang