YEAR 5 & 6 SYDNEY EXCURSION
Best wishes to parents (Tim Hewitt, Toni Caddis, Germaine Ball and Daniel Limon) and teachers
(Miss Borg, Miss Hassett, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Butters and Mr Bryant) who have given up their time to
take Year 5 and Year 6 to Sydney.
The bus left this morning at 7.30am and by now the boys and girls will have visited the Sydney
Opera House, toured The Rocks and walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. During the next
three days they will participate in sessions at the IMAX Theatre, the Maritime Museum and enjoy a
ferry ride to Milson’s Point. They will also visit the Police and Justice Museum, Hyde Park Barracks,
Taronga Park Zoo and the Sydney Aquarium. I know they will have a GREAT time! The excursion
returns to Denman at 6.30pm, this Friday night.

STUDENT REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS
Student Reports for Semester 1 will be distributed to all students on Wednesday, 10 June.
The Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted during the last two weeks of term.
Please return your “Preferred” interview time request sheet by Monday, 1 June.
Teachers will then confirm your allocated interview time before the class interview day.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Dawson, Kindergarten – for being a
lovely, helpful and kind friend to a class member.
Renjo, Year 6 – for showing great sportsmanship at the Knights Knockout.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
3 – Vincent, Freddy, Peter
K – Dawson, Keira, Ada
2 – Shaneka, Sanita, Jo
1 – Zali, Kaitlynt, Caitlyn
5 – Harris, Georgia, Amber
4 – Ben, Tristan, Latoya
6 – Ashleigh, Amelia, Maicey

RECONCILIATION WEEK AND NATIONAL SORRY DAY
Today is National Sorry Day. It is a day where we acknowledge and raise awareness of the history
and continued effect of the forced removal of Indigenous Australians.
This week is also National Reconciliation Week (May 27 - June 3). During this week, students will be
given opportunities to learn about various aspects of the Aboriginal culture and what reconciliation
means, as lessons with Bareki Knox, our Aboriginal Cultural Educator, will continue tomorrow. In
Reconciliation Week we focus on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise
the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

YEAR 4 CAKE STALL
Many thanks to all the Year 4 parents for providing many beautiful cakes, jellies, biscuits and slices
for the Year 4 cake stall at recess last Wednesday. The sum of $106.00 was raised for the SRC.
Thank you to Kristy Watson, Amanda Thomas, Ashley Reynolds, Denise Reynolds and Kim
Wolfgang for serving at the stall.

Mr Clare
YEAR 6 NEWS
What a busy term! We have had the pleasure of having Dennis, the Little Athletics coach, teach us some pretty awesome skills during sport. We have learned sprinting, shot put, long jump and high jump, all ready for the Athletics Carnival next term. In English we have learned about different types of poems and how to write them. Mrs Jones has been reading us lots of poems by CJ Dennis. In maths we have been learning about metres, centimetres and millimetres, as well as 4-digit multiplication, fractions and potentially misleading data. In art we have been making a dossier about ourselves. We’re sure that by the time you are reading this we will all be having the best time on our excursion in Sydney! Vadym and Taya

“RETURN OF THE BULLY” - School Performance
By now, your child/children should have brought home the note about this presentation to be held on Friday, 5th June at 1.50pm. The cost is $2 and is due by next Wednesday, 3rd June. This presentation will be most valuable in equipping students with important life skills. If misplaced, spare notes for this performance can also be obtained from the school office.

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

HELP NEEDED
We need volunteers to cover books for the reading room. We have ordered some amazing new books and invite parents to help cover these so we can get the reading room stocked as soon as possible.
If you are able to cover some of these books for us, please see the office or Miss Boyle in the Reading Recovery room. Your help is always very much appreciated

715 ABORIGINAL & 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

SRC OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
Thank you to the SRC for holding an out of uniform day last Friday, 22nd May. All the students came out of uniform and raised $114.75 for Stewart House.

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!

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
Ada, Kindergarten

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 27.5 - Lee Mills & Jaymee Wilton
Friday 29.5 - Milisa Borg & Julie McCauley
Next Week
Monday 1.6  - Jo Brammer & Mandy Hunter
Wednesday 3.6 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 5.6  - Renee Wallace & Lee Mills

CANTEEN NEWS ***** SPECIAL $1 per cup
We will be selling HOT CHOCOLATE at recess and assembly time again this Thursday.

CANTEEN NEWS
We will be selling reusable insulated lunch bags for $10. The bags are designed to replace paper lunch bags when ordering from the canteen. These can be used to order your child’s lunch and they can be used on other days as lunch bags as well. They will be great for a rubbish-free lunch.
- The insulated PEVA lining keeps food and drinks hot and/or cold
- The large zipper pocket separates money from contact with food.
- Transparent pocket displays name and class
- Dimensions are approx. 23cm(h) x 19cm(w) x 11cm (d).
Orders will be taken at the office, and lunch bags will be supplied once they come in. They will then be available for sale at the office and uniform shop. Lee Mills

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. Mr Bryant

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. Please send to the office.

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
Christine Bailey
Trading in second hand uniforms is conducted each Friday from 8.30am.
OPENS WIN TAKES US TO PLAY AT THE HUNTER STADIUM

Last Thursday, the opens football team travelled to Newcastle to compete in the Knight’s Knockout. In the first match we competed against Tea Gardens. This was a great game to start the day with as we came home with a strong win 12-0.

Next we competed against St Patricks’ Cessnock. Our game was stronger this time, successfully winning this game 12-4.

With a quick turnaround we faced St Michaels Nelsons Bay. With some fantastic defense we won 8 points to nil.

With fatigue setting in we played Waratah PS. With some strong persistence and perseverance Denman won 16-8.

After a bit of a sugar hit to get our energy levels back up, we played our last game in the pool matches to ensure a spot in the quarter finals. We played Edgeworth Heights PS where all of our players had the opportunity to shine. Winning the game 16-4.

We then progressed to the quarter finals undefeated but so did Wiripaang PS. It was a tough game, but our defensive held together. Winning 12-4.

The last game for the day was the semi-final against Metford PS. Another tough match that resulted in a draw at the final siren. We proceeded into golden point, where we nervously watched and cheered from the sideline as Renjo crossed the line for the win, 16-12.

Try scorers on the day were: Renjo (12 tries), Hunter (1 try), William (1 try), Brodie (2 tries), Jed (3 tries), Nicholas (2 tries), Vadym (3 tries)

We will now be going to Hunter Stadium on the 14th of July to play the final against Anna Bay Public School.

Thank you to Peter Ball for coaching us and Ryan Cummings for helping out. Also a big thank you to all the parent drivers and our outstanding cheer squad! Miss Hassett

CALENDAR

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

Next Week

Tuesday 2.6 - ETC Science Test

Thursday 4.6 - Year 1 Assembly
- Under 10s Knight’s Knockout

Friday 5.6 - “Return of the Bully” Performance

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.

TISSUES – Needed for winter!

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. Please assist us in the control of flu this winter and add tissues to your shopping list this week. Thank you to those parents who have already sent tissues in.