DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 2, Week 3
May 6, 2015

MOTHERS' DAY STALL - Helpers needed
Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held this Friday, 8 May commencing at 9am.
 Presents are priced between $2 & $8. We need plenty of helpers to wrap the presents, so please come along if you have a little spare time. Helpers are needed and new mums are most welcome. Parents, if you do not wish your child to buy from the Mother’s Day stall, please send a note.

NAPLAN TESTING
Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the National Assessment.
Next Tuesday, 12 May, the students will sit Language and Writing tests. Wednesday will be a Reading test and there will be a Numeracy test next Thursday, 14 May.
We wish the students in these classes every success.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Layla, Year 1 - for always being friendly and co-operative with her class mates
Cody, Year 5 - for being friendly and smiley in the playground with younger students

WONDERFUL WORKERS
2 – Jye, Conner, Toby
K – Keira, Theo, Heidi
3 – Ella, Deakon, Morgan
6 – Brodie, Jayden, Tasmyn
5 – Imogen, Brock, Kaide
4 – Declan, Abbylea, Ben
1 – Layla, Darcy, Jonathan

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Our Public Speaking program starts this week. Teachers will have already sent home instruction about public speaking within their class to explain how parents can help.
Over the next 3 weeks, each child in every class will be required to construct a speech!
Students will need to practice their talks at home and in class. Please encourage your child to prepare for this by helping them to select a topic of interest and by listening to them practice.
Students need to speak in a loud, clear voice, maintain eye contact with their audience and speak for 1 or 2 minutes for infants and 3 to 4 minutes for primary students.
Palm cards are acceptable, but the ultimate aim is to speak without any prompts.

BOOK CLUB - Last Chance
Leaflets were handed out last Friday. Orders are overdue! Last chance to order is TOMORROW.
Please put order form and payment in an envelope marked “Book Club” (please make sure child’s name is on order form) If paying by cheque please make it out to Scholastic. Mrs Stair

SCHOOL FEES & EXCURSION FEES
Invoices for unpaid school fees and excursion fees were distributed last week to remind people.
Please pay any unpaid fees as soon as possible.
If you still have not paid book fees please do so asap. Mr Bryant
YEAR 2 CLASS NEWS
Year 2 have had a great start to what is shaping up to be an extremely busy term. During the first week back we spent some time looking into ANZAC day and the importance behind this significant event. We had a fantastic time making some ANZAC biscuits in class and enjoyed eating them as well. Last week we began our Little Athletics rotations and learnt a lot about our technique when sprinting, which will be really helpful at our first Athletics Carnival next term. We also enjoyed our first visit from Jasmine and Whalen who taught us some really interesting things about Aboriginal culture and had a great time listening to some bush poetry from Hartin and Marco. This term we are looking into informative types of texts and are learning about a range of animals in our literacy units. We have also welcomed thousands of new pets to our classroom for our Science unit, called ‘Watch it Grow’, where we will be studying the lifecycle of mealworms. Next week we are starting our Public Speaking, so please continue to practise your speeches at home in preparation for this. We have also begun practising our assembly item which will be in week 5 so we hope to see you there.

Miss Hassett

SKOOLBAG APP - Has almost everything our website has and more!
Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “Denman Public School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Once you have downloaded and opened up the application, Click on more and then pick which groups you would like notifications for, example year 5 & 6 Excursion or their class group.

Ms Borg

SCHOOL PHOTOS
It is expected that photo packages should be available around week five of this term. Photographs were taken of each class, a “grade” photo of Years 6, family photos, captains & sports captains and individual photos. If you did not return your envelope but wish to order photos, please contact A-One Fotomakers Hunter on telephone 4954 0499, visit their website at www.aonefotomakers.com.au or email info@aonefotomakers.com.au

Focus Week

STRANGER DANGER

If you meet a stranger on the way to or from home:
♦ Speak only if spoken to
♦ Be polite
♦ Make room for others on the footpath
♦ Do NOT speak to or go with a person in a car

If you feel uncomfortable or worried … TELL A TRUSTED ADULT

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS – Reminder not to post any 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!

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL
On arrival at school, all visitors should report to the school front office, so that staff are aware of your presence in the school. All visitors should sign in and out in the visitor’s book which is located in the office foyer. All volunteers in the school, even regulars, must sign in at the office when they arrive. Parents and caregivers wishing to meet with the principal or a staff member, need to arrange an appointment prior to their arrival at school.

Mr Bryant
KIDS CORNER - Morgan, Year 3 - Great History Assignment

The Australian War Memorial

The Australian War Memorial is Australia’s National Memorial to the members of its Armed Forces and supporting organisations, who have died or participated in the wars of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Australian War memorial is in Canberra, the capital of Australia and was opened in 1941. It was listed as a Heritage site on the 25th April 2006. It is a Cultural site.

The Australian War Memorial has 3 parts:

The Commemorative area, which includes, The Hall of Memory which has all the names of the soldiers that died in wars, and the Tomb of the unknown Australian soldier.

The Memorial’s galleries and museum and the Research Centre which holds all the records.

It is widely regarded as one of the most significant memorials of its type in the world.

I believe this site is important to the Australian people, so they don’t forget the people who have died in wars.

CANTENE ROSTER

Wednesday 6.5 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 8.5 - Renee Wallace & Lee Mills

Next Week

Monday 11.5 - Amanda Collins & Kerri Brown
Wednesday 13.5 - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 15.5 - Angela Barry & Julie McCauley

P & C NEWS

The P&C will hold their next meeting next Monday afternoon, 11 May at 5.30pm.
Hope to see you there! Jo Betts

STEWART HOUSE 2015 DONATION DRIVE

Thank you to the many families who have donated a $2 gold coin to the “Stewart House” charity. Stewart House provides happy, healthy holidays for many New South Wales public school children. Please send back your $2 gold coin and you will go into the draw for a family holiday worth $4000. Please return all envelopes and money by Monday, 18 May (Week 5). Mr Bryant

UNIFORM SHOP

- Get your winter uniforms items now before it gets cold.

The 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

Also the clothing pool of GOOD second-hand uniforms is open each Friday at 8.30am. Christine

STAGE PRODUCTION

Are you between 8 & 15?
Have you ever been interested in acting, learning about lighting, sound or set design?
Anyone interested in being involved in a stage production in Denman, please contact Kim at pmw8112@mail.com and leave your name and contact details. Thanks, Kim

JELLY BABY 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). Mrs Jones

HEALTH TIP - Kids Love “Rewards”

- Praise healthy habits. This may be snacking on fruit, drinking water and being active.
- Use treats like stickers, special games and outings, hugs and praise.
- Avoid using food as a reward.
PSSA NETBALL MATCH
Last Thursday, Denman PS hosted Scone PS in a game of netball held at the DPS school court. All the girls played extremely well against a very competitive team. Denman was defeated 45-2. All girls showed great sportsmanship and perseverance throughout the game. Well done to Emerson, Ashleigh, Tenahya , Tallulah, Tasmyn, Imogen , Isabella, Lucy, Sophie and Tara on a great game.
A big thank you to everyone who helped prepare the court and to all our supporters on the sidelines. An extra special thank you to Rhiarne Hagan who was referee for the day. Good luck to Scone in their next round.                        Mrs Whiteman

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY
Lequisha, Jed, Ashlyn and Remmi will compete in the Hunter Region Cross Country Championships at Broadmeadow Racecourse this Friday, 8 May.
We wish them all the best!                        Ms Borg

PSSA TOUCH FOOTY TRIALS
Last Wednesday, Tenahya, Jed and Harris travelled to Aberdeen to participate in the zone touch footy trials. In freezing conditions, all three students demonstrated outstanding skills, with both boys combining with the Broke Public School team, and Tenahya playing with the very competitive Scone Public School team. All teams played three games during the evening, before possibles and probables were selected.
It was exciting to have Tenahya and Jed named to play in their respective possibles versus probables matches - whilst neither were selected in the final team, both students should be proud of their fine efforts, their team work and their sportsmanship.
We are now looking for a parent or community volunteer who would be willing to help out with coaching the school touch teams for the upcoming PSSA knockout competition. There is some exciting talent at our school, and with a little guidance and practice, the teams have the potential to achieve good results. Please contact Ms Borg for further information.                        Mrs Jones

CALENDAR
Thursday 7.5  - Year 4 Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 8.5  - Hunter Area PSSA Cross Country, Broadmeadow
            - Mother’s Day Stall, 9am

Next Week
Monday 11.5  - P&C Meeting 5.30pm
Tuesday 12.5 - NAPLAN, Language/Writing
              - MHS GATs Launch, 5pm
Wednesday 13.5 - NAPLAN, Reading
                 - Aboriginal Cultural Lessons, Waylan Boney
Thursday 14.5 - NAPLAN, Numeracy
               - Year 4 Bird Watching, Excursion, 9.15am
               - Year 5 Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 15.5  - MHS Placement Test, 9.30am

ENROLMENTS 2016
So far the following have indicated possible enrolment for Kindergarten next year, 2016: Archie Thrift, Keedan Blake, Nate Morrison, Hamarni Rolfe, Reeve Stacpoole, Koby Buchanan, Neil Westgate, Charlotte Head, Jade Vincin, Ruby Radcliffe, William Betts and Eddy Whiteman … If your child may be an enrolment in 2016, please complete the details on the return slip below.

NOTIFICATION OF ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
1. Name ........................................... DOB............... Phone No..........................
Address ............................................... Parents Names ........................................

2. Name ........................................... DOB............... Phone No..........................
Address ............................................... Parents Names ........................................