NEWSLETTER - Term 2, Week 7

SYDNEY EXCURSION
Thank you to all the parents and teachers who gave up their time to take Year 5 & 6 to Sydney last week; - Mrs Ball, Mr Limon, Mr Hewitt, Ms Caddis, Miss Hassett, Ms Borg, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Butters and Mr Bryant. The parents, teachers and our bus drivers, Geoff and Mal, made sure that everyone had a great time. The boys and girls also ensured they enjoyed themselves by being co-operative and sleeping well at night (9.30pm to 6.30am each night). Well done.
We visited the Opera House, The Rocks, Sea Life Aquarium, Imax theatre, Maritime Museum, Australian Museum, Hyde Park Barracks, Justice and Police Museum, Taronga Zoo and the Aquatic Centre. We also walked over the Sydney Harbour Bridge and enjoyed a trip on the Ferry. We had a fantastic time watching the State of Origin, even though most of us were disappointed with the end result on Wednesday night. Everyone had a great time, clocking up over 30kms of walking over the four days. An excellent effort by all!

STUDENT REPORTS – will be distributed next week
Student Reports containing profile work samples for Semester 1 will be distributed to parents of students in all classes next Wednesday, 10 June.
In every report, students have a comment on their progress in each subject and are marked on an achievement scale A to E: A - Outstanding B - High C – Sound D – Basic E - Minimal
A mark of “C” means the student's performance is sound at grade level. Most students receive Cs. There will be very few As, some Bs and students working below grade level will receive a D or E. Kindergarten students are marked - Above, At or Below grade.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Jake, Year 6 – for displaying politeness and maturity on the Sydney excursion.
Tenahya, Year 6 – for showing kindness and care for others on the Sydney excursion.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
3 – Sean, Patrick, Lizzie
1 – Indya, Diego, Kayleigh
2 – Samuel, Amelia, Lillian
K – Bailey, Ella, Haydon
4 – Phoebe, Kye, Lachlan

INTERVIEWS
The Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted during the last two weeks of this term as set out below. Please return your “Preferred” interview time request sheet this week and teachers will then confirm your allocated interview time before interview day. Times for interviews will be given on a first in basis. Your attention to this process is appreciated.
Interview dates are as follows;
Tuesday, 16 June - Year 3
Wednesday, 17 June - Year 5
Thursday, 18 June - Year 2
Monday, 22 June - Kinder
Tuesday, 23 June - Year 4
Wednesday, 24 June - Year 6
Thursday, 25 June - Year 1
YEAR 5 CLASS NEWS
Wow, what a term Year 5 are having!! We have been exceptionally busy over the last 6 weeks, with little time to spare. We worked hard on our exposition and narrative writing for the first 4 weeks and have now started researching either China or Japan. We then have to use our research to convince the rest of the class that our country is the pick of the two. We have completed our Naplan tests and cheered extremely loud when we were all done, learned some fantastic new skills in Sport with Mr Pitt, had our first lessons with the teachers from Muswellbrook High and finally went on our excursion to Sydney. We don’t think we have ever walked so much, especially as on Day 1. We have almost finished listening to the entertaining speeches that have been presented this term and are looking forward to beginning to practice for the Spelling Bee which will be later next term. Music has been a success this term, thank you to Mrs Jones for teaching us percussion and helping us prepare for our assembly item.

Ms Borg

“RETURN OF THE BULLY” - payment and permission notes needed! 
The “Return of the Bully” performance will be held this Friday, 5th June at 1.50pm. The cost is $2 and all permission notes and moneys are due by tomorrow, Wednesday, 3rd June. This presentation will be most valuable in equipping students with important life skills.

If you have misplaced this note, it can be obtained from the school office.

P&C COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD – noms needed this week!
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 (acts of kindness to a neighbor eg mowing the lawn), and/or is involved in any external organisation (Scouts, Charity, 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 winners each term will be decided by an impartial member of the community (names of nominees will be withheld).

Nominations are due by this Friday 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".

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES & EXCURSION FEES
Invoices for unpaid school fees and excursion fees will be distributed in the last week of Term 2. If you have any outstanding amounts owing, please pay as soon as possible.

If you are in need of assistance please contact the school office. Mrs Stair

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

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 Miss Boyle
CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 3.6 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 5.6  - Renee Wallace & Lee Mills
Next Week
Monday 8.6  - LONG WEEKEND
Wednesday 10.6 - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 12.6  - Michelle Owen & Casey Hewitt

P & C NEWS
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 15th June and will start at 5.30pm.
I hope to see you there!       Jo Betts

FAMILY ENERGY REBATE
Families can receive up to $150 back towards your energy bills. Please apply online before applications close at midnight Tuesday, 16 June, 2015.

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. 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

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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
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.
UNDER 10 KNIGHTS KNOCKOUT
Our Under 10s rugby league team will participate in the Under 10s Knights Knockout to be played at Waratah Oval Outer Ground 2 Newcastle, this Thursday, 4 June. The draw has been changed so 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; 9.40 v Pelaw Main PS, 10.20 v St Paul’s Gateshead, 11.00 v Tenambit PS, 12.20 v Branxton PS and 1.40 v Anna Bay PS. We wish the team all the best; Ashtyn, Lane, Cohen, Noah, Ethan, Mason, Braith, Miles, Ben, Kye, Taj, Freddy, Ashton and Max. Miss Hassett

CALENDAR
Tuesday 2.6  - ETC Science Test, 9am
Thursday 4.6  - Year 1 Assembly, 11.15am
- Under 10s Knight’s Knockout, depart 7.30am
Friday 5.6   - “Return of the Bully” Performance, 1.50pm

Next Week
Monday 8.6  - QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND
Tuesday 9.6  - Athletics for Sport
Wednesday 10.6 - Aboriginal Cultural Lessons
- Reports Distributed to all classes
Thursday 11.6 - Kinder Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 12.6 - Out of Uniform “Pirate Day”
- Boys & girls touch matches v Aberdeen PS at Denman, 10am

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND
Students and teachers are very excited about the “long weekend” this weekend. Enjoy the time off. School resumes on Tuesday, 9 June.

HEALTH TIP    -   Milk
Milk is a good source of calcium, which gives children healthy bones and teeth. It is recommended that children have three serves of calcium rich foods a day. A glass of milk, a slice of cheese or a small tub of yoghurt, are each considered one serve. Due to the high energy needs of babies and toddlers, reduced-fat milk is not suitable for children aged less than two years. However, from the age of two years, drinking too much milk can reduce a child’s appetite and contribute to excess energy consumption. Therefore reduced-fat milk is recommended for children two years and over.

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<td>2 years and older</td>
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ENROLMENTS 2016
So far the following have indicated possible enrolment for Kindergarten next year, 2016: Archie Thrift, Keedan Blake, Nate Morrison, Hamarni Rolfe, Reeve Statcoole, Koby Buchanan, Neil Westgate, Charlotte Head, Jade Vincin, Ruby Radcliffe, William Betts, Eddy Whiteman, Braydon Smith, Gloria Hollingshed, Ashleigh Wright and Shioh …

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.........................
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