DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 2, Week 10
June 24, 2015

ROADSHOW CONCERT - Tomorrow
All staff and students are looking forward to welcoming the creative team of students from Muswellbrook High School, who will be performing a free concert between midday and 1.00pm tomorrow. Students and staff from Martindale and Sandy Hollow Public Schools will also be joining us. Parents and community members are most welcome to call in and enjoy the entertainment.

BE COOL AND COME TO SCHOOL EARLY ON THURSDAY!
98.1 Power FM is broadcasting live from our school from 7.00am to 9.00am on Thursday morning. Come along with the kids and join in games, competitions, free breakfast and maybe even a chance to speak on live RADIO !!!! Café Mobilita will be visiting as well, and will be selling gourmet coffee and hot chocolate to the grownups - a portion of sales will be donated back to our school. (SO .. bring your money) It will be a huge amount of fun for the whole community, so come along ready for fun, fun, fun!

“RED NOSE” DAY – THIS FRIDAY
We will hold Red Nose Day this Friday, 26 June. All students can come out of uniform with “RED” hair and “RED” clothes. Get your RED hair spray from the Denman Pharmacy. A gold coin collection will be sent to “Sids for Kids” - Hunter Region. Felisha and Jack Nebauer will be selling noses, etc, during the recess break.
* Red Noses will be $2 each, * Red Nose Wrist Bands - $3, * Red Nose Badges/Pins - $2,
* Red Nose Pens - $5, * Stuffed “Red Nose” Animals - from $6

REWARD DAY - This Friday
Reward Day is for all the students who have behaved well throughout the term. Reward Day “activities,” say “thank you” and “well done!” from the staff.
The activities this term are as follows; Years 5 and 6 – Bowls (1.15 to 2.45) Year 3 and 4 - a movie and indoor activities Infants - a movie and a treat

FRIENDLY KIDS
Ella - for being a lovely caring friend to a classmate in the playground Kyle, Year 4 - for always co-operating with his friends and playing games by the rules

WONDERFUL WORKERS
4 – Colbei, Cohen, Kyle
K – Georga, Keira, Theo
2 – Charli, Jody, Remmi
5 – Isabella, Elise, William
6 – Hunter, Phoebe, Abbymae
1 – Matilda, Darcy, Jonathan
3 – Bella-Rose, Reegan, Riley

OUTSTANDING SPECIAL DAY
Many thanks go to Two Rivers and Ben Dearnley for providing such valuable experiences for our students last Friday. The students thoroughly enjoyed the sculpting workshops and field trip.
YEAR 2 CLASS NEWS
WOW, we are already at the middle of the year and what a busy time we have had. We enjoyed having Miss Mepham teach us for a few weeks at the start of the term and she even brought in some baby chickens to help us study informative types of text. We have learnt so much about chickens, frogs, spiders and even our meal worms have taught us about change and growth. We have watched them transform from worms to beetles this term and we have found it both interesting and disgusting. We have had some fun in maths with Miss Hassett opening a little shop in our classroom so we could learn about money and we even went outside to measure our school to help learn about length. We had a great time looking at the sculptures at Two Rivers on Friday and are now keen to make some sculptures of our own. Thankyou to all the parents who attended our parent/teacher interviews and we hope you have a relaxing 2 week break. Miss Hassett

WRITING FOCUS
I hope you have been enjoying reading the student writing published and sent out with the newsletter each fortnight. Please check out the double-sided sheet in today’s newsletter.

INTERVIEWS
Only two classes to go! Thank you to all the parents who attended an interview during the past two weeks. Interviews take place in the administration block. Please bring your child’s profile.

Interview dates are as follows; Wednesday, 24 June - Year 6 & Thursday, 25 June - Year 1

DANCE FESTIVAL - Tickets are now on sale
Tickets will be sold ONLY through Panthers Newcastle. Please phone 49266200 or go to Panthers Newcastle (King Street) to purchase your tickets. TICKET PRICES are a flat fee of $18. The mixed group performance, Years 3-6, is on Monday, 20 July, commencing at 6.30pm and finishing at approximately 8.15pm. The girls group performs on Tuesday, 21 July. We wish our performers all the best on the stage! Mrs Whiteman

SCIENCE DISCOVERY CHALLENGE
Last Thursday, Year 6 travelled to the Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre to participate in the University of Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge. Over 200 senior primary students from public and private schools throughout the Upper Hunter competed in an exciting range of challenges and competitions, including our favourites – Earthquake; Get over It; Mars Buggy and Max Power. Congratulations to the Upper Hunter Small Schools team, who were announced as overall winners of the competition. A special well done to Chelsea, Ashleigh and Renjo, whose leadership, team spirit and encouragement of their team were exemplary throughout the day. Mrs Jones

CREATIVE ARTS CAMP SELECTION
Earlier this year, a number of students from our school were invited to nominate to participate in the Hunter Central Coast Creative Arts Camp, being held at Myuna Bay in Term 4. Congratulations to Maicey (Dance), Phoebe (Visual Arts), Jenna (Music), Amelia (Visual Arts) and Taya (Drama) who have all been successful, and will represent our school at the week-long camp. Mrs Jones

YEAR 3 CAKE STALL
Thank you to all the parents who supplied the scrumptious goodies in Year 3. Thank you also to Milisa Borg, Angela Straney, Jill Cross and Renee Wear who did a fantastic job serving the children. Congratulations go to the children who lined up so patiently and for their wonderful manners.
The amount raised was $101.10 which will go to the SRC. Mrs Saunders

DISCIPLINE INCENTIVES - Our message to the students is “Always try your best!”
Our awards system commences in Kindergarten with gold licences. In Year 1, students receive bronze awards, Year 2 receives silver awards, Year 3 receives gold awards and in Year 4, 5 & 6, well behaved students become eligible for a school "Honour Badge".

YEAR 7 2016 ENROLMENT FORMS
Please note that enrolment forms for Year 7 placement at Muswellbrook High School in 2016 are past due. These forms MUST be returned to the school by the end of the week.
KIDS CORNER - Colbei, Year 4 - Excellent Art Skills in Perspective

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 24.6  -  Kylie Dennis & Lee Mills
Friday 26.6  -  Chantel Blake & Renee Wallace

Next Term
Monday 13.7  -  Nil (pupil free day)
Wednesday 15.7  -  Lyn Barry & Sue Coombes
Friday 17.7  -  Lee Mills & Kylie Dennis (Athletics Carnival)

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen roster for Term 3 is included with today’s newsletter. Many thanks go to those parents who help at canteen during the first half of the year. Much appreciated. If you and/or a friend can help at canteen, please let Mr Bryant know.

CANTEEN NEWS
Reusable insulated lunch bags ($10) are now in stock at school. The bags are on sale at the office and uniform shop. Lee Mills

P & C NEWS
The P&C will be holding a canteen on the day of the Athletics Carnival with lunch orders available. Please return your lunch orders (included with this newsletter) by this Friday, 26 June. There will also be chips and drinks available for purchase on the day, but DO NOT put them on your lunch order.
Lee Mills and Kylie Dennis will run the canteen on the day, but any mum or dad who can lend a hand for a while will be greatly welcomed.

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY" RAFFLE
The P&C is holding a "Christmas in July" raffle. More books of raffle tickets are available from the office. A book of tickets has 5 tickets for $1 each.
Please feel free to offer tickets in this great raffle to friends and family and if you would like more tickets, please call at the Office. The Raffle will be drawn on July 30th, 2015.
1st Prize Apple MacBook-Air computer donated by Coolmore (value $1500)
2nd prize is a Gift Hamper, including Two Rivers Wines (value $90)
3rd prize Gift Hamper (value $60).
Thankyou to Coolmore and Two Rivers for their kind donations. Kim Wolfgang

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.
Students will be starting the 10 week Premier’s Sport Challenge this week. The challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school, incidental activities including walking the dog or washing the car and weekend physical activity.

During this program we will also be selecting a **Sporting Challenge Champion** each week. The champions will feature in the Term 3 newsletters to recognise their excellent efforts in the program. **Please encourage your children** to actively engage in physical activity and help their class to work towards special award levels. 

**SPORTS UNIFORM MONITORING**

Parents and students know by now that I am closely monitoring what students are wearing each Friday. Girls are reminded that check shorts are only for Monday to Thursday - **NOT** Friday. Remember - **No Check Shorts and No Footy Shorts**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

The school holidays commence at 3.00pm **this Friday, 26 June**. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Tuesday, 14 July**.

**CALENDAR**

- **Wednesday 24.6**
  - Year 6 Interviews
  - Aboriginal Cultural Lessons
  - MHS Roadshow, 12 noon

- **Thursday 25.6**
  - Year 1 Interviews
  - **NO ASSEMBLY**

- **Friday 26.6**
  - 800 metre races, 9.15am
  - **Out of Uniform Red Nose** day & Reward Day
  - **Last Day of Term** - Enjoy Your Holidays

**Next Term**

- **Monday 13.7**
  - Staff Development Day, staff only

- **Tuesday 14.7**
  - **Students Resume**
  - Knights Knockout Final, bus departs at 8.30am

- **Thursday 17.7**
  - Naidoc Week Assembly, 11.20am

- **Friday 18.7**
  - Athletics Carnival, Denman Football Oval 9.30am

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Teachers will return to school on **Monday, July 13**.

They will be involved in school development meetings. Term 3 **school organisation and planning** will take place in the morning and **classroom organisation and planning** in the afternoon.

**HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB**

**Thursday 9th July, 10am-2pm** at the Anglican Parish of Denman Church Hall.

Theme: Recycling, Repurposing and Reusing- “Caring for God’s Creation”. Kids will enjoy creating craft, playing games, friendship, having fun and food. Morning tea and lunch provided. Catering for ages 5-12. Gold coin donation. Parents are welcome to sign in their children and stay or sign in their children and drop off. This event will be fully supervised. For more information phone 6547 1149.

**UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Robogals Newcastle is hosting four days of science, engineering and IT activities for Years 4-8 students at the University of Newcastle's Callaghan campus. The activities will be open to both boys and girls, and will run from 9:15am to 1:05pm on Tuesday 30 June, Wednesday 1 July, Thursday 2 July or Friday 3 July. For further information or to register, please go to: [www.robogals.org](http://www.robogals.org)

**HEALTH TIP** - **Environmentally friendly snack foods**

Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, mangoes, pieces of melons, nectarines, peaches or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick, easy, environmentally-friendly snack. No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus it tastes delicious!