DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 3, Week 1 15 July 2015

WELCOME BACK
I hope you had an enjoyable winter break with your family. Term 3 looks busy yet again, full of many enjoyable educational, sporting and cultural activities. Such activities are scheduled on our Term 3 calendar, which is included with today’s newsletter. Please put the calendar in a prominent place so that you can refer to it frequently.

KNIGHTS KNOCKOUT FINAL
We wish all our Open’s football team the very best of luck today at Hunter Stadium. They play Anna Bay Public School in the Knights Knockout Final. Go Denman!

NAIDOC ASSEMBLY
This Thursday, 16th July, is our annual NAIDOC week assembly. This assembly will be run by our Aboriginal students. We will have a special guest from the Wanaruah Land Council in attendance and our Aboriginal students will also perform an item at the assembly. The item is something they have been working on during the cultural workshops last term. Both our school dance groups will also perform at the assembly, in preparation for the Hunter Schools Dance Festival. We look forward to seeing many parents at this assembly as we acknowledge NAIDOC week as part of our Aboriginal Education Program. Mrs Fuiono

FRIENDLY KIDS
Cory, Year 2 - for playing kicks with a new friend at lunch time.
Heath, Year 3 - for assisting the duty teacher without being asked.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
1 – Katie, Rory, Caitlyn
6 – Tayla, Jorja, Liam
K – Payton, Ada, Phoenix
2 – Remmi, Jody, Charli
4 – Beau, Max, Tully
5 – Georgia, Tara, Hayden
3 – Rhyme, Georgia, Deakon

OUTSTANDING COMPUTER RESULTS
This year 19 Denman students sat the Australian Schools Computer Test along with 500,000 students Australia wide. Skills in word processing, graphics, multimedia, internet, email, databases, spreadsheets and computer problem solving were assessed. Congratulations to the 3 students who have received distinction awards. Your skills were assessed in the top 10% in the state. Congratulations to: Taya (Year 6), Emerson (Year 5) and Rachel (Year 4) for achieving their distinction awards. Congratulations also goes to the eight students who were awarded credits (top 25%): Jenna (Year 6); James and Isabella (Year 5); Tyla, Braith and Phoebe (Year 4); Ashton and Deakon (Year 3). Great work and well done!
YEAR 1 CLASS NEWS
Welcome back to term 3. I hope you all had a great holiday. The children were full of exciting stories today, so I am assuming you did. The year is half way through and we are going to be just as busy this term as we were last term. We have the public speaking finals, spelling bee and a cake day to look forward to. We also have the infants’ excursion to the Shortland Wetlands Centre in September, as well as a school dance in week 10. Education Week is in week 3 and you are all invited to visit our classroom on open day. I look forward to seeing you all then.
The children will continue to work hard with many different learning experiences in Science with the unit Up, Down and All Around, and the History unit Describing Time. Their PD/H unit this term is called ‘Medicines and Me’ and they will learn all about medicines, and the correct way for them to be used. We are continuing to make good use of our XOs and are becoming very good at navigating our way around the different apps that we use. The children would love to share their work with you all during education week. See you then!
Mrs Fuiono

HUNTER DANCE FESTIVAL
Next Monday and Tuesday, 20 & 21 July, both of our school dance groups will perform at the Hunter Schools Dance Festival at the Newcastle Panthers Club.
The boys and girls will come to school, as usual, and leave from school at 12 noon on Monday and 10am on Tuesday for rehearsals in Newcastle. They will stay on and perform at night commencing at 6.30pm. Tickets can be purchased at Panthers on the night if you don’t already have them.
Each night, at the end of the performance, parents can collect their children from the holding area.
We wish both dance groups every success and enjoyment on the big stage.
Mrs Whiteman

RED NOSE DAY
The SRC held a Red Nose Day on the last Friday of Term 2. It was fantastic to see most children come to school dressed in red to support this very worthwhile cause. Thank you to Felisha Nebauer and Jack Nebauer for selling the red noses, etc, to our students. The SRC forwarded $127.30 as a donation to the Hunter SIDS research foundation. Well done!

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE
The statewide Premier’s Spelling Bee Challenge has been taken up by our students. Our school “Spell Off” will be conducted on Thursday, 3 September. There are three divisions; Years 5/6, Years 3/4 and Years 1/2.
To help students prepare, each class will have a list of words to learn. These words will make up the weekly spelling lists and be tested each day in class. Lists will be sent home in week 3. Please take this opportunity to improve your spelling and you may become our school’s “Spelling Champion”.

DENMAN STUDENTS PERFORM NEXT WEDNESDAY
Next Wednesday, 22 July, students from Year 1 and Kindergarten will perform at the Denman RSL Club, for the local senior citizens. The Senior Citizens are holding their annual “Christmas In July” celebrations and Denman Public School students have been invited to perform.
This is a great opportunity to showcase our students’ creative talents. The children will walk down to the RSL Club at 11.45 to perform at 12 noon.
Mrs Fuiono & Miss Kyriakou

Focus Week

PLAYGROUND RULES

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<td>Children will sit while eating recess and lunch</td>
<td>* Warning * Time out detention * Name written on playground sheet</td>
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<td>No running on the cement or verandahs</td>
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<td>Children will not be allowed in rooms without a teacher</td>
<td>Children who repeatedly break the rules will be given an orange note.</td>
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<td>No bullying, name calling, teasing or swearing</td>
<td>Serious behaviour breeches can be dealt with by instant suspension.</td>
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<td>No fighting, throwing or stealing</td>
<td>Behave well &amp; you will be rewarded with happiness, friends &amp; reward days.</td>
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KIDS CORNER - Payton, Kindergarten - Outstanding Handwriting

CANTEEN ROSTER
Monday 13.7 - Nil (pupil free day)
Wednesday 15.7 - Lyn Barry & Sue Coombes
Friday 17.7 - Lee Mills & Kylie Dennis (Athletics Carnival)
Next Week
Monday 20.7 - Germaine Ball & Chantel Blake
Wednesday 22.7 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 24.7 - Milisa Borg & Julie McCauley

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
At our next meeting on Monday, 10 August at 5.30pm.

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY" RAFFLE
The P&C "Christmas in July" 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

SMOKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
Parents and staff members are reminded that smoking is prohibited within the school premises.
Smoking is not allowed within the schools grounds.

UNIFORM SHOP
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
Any outstanding uniform debts need to be paid ASAP. Christine Bailey

LOST PROPERTY
The basket in the Library is becoming quite full with school clothing. If your child has lost anything, please ask them to look in the Lost Property Basket. As the weather is getting colder, I am sure the jumpers etc... will be needed each morning.
Unclaimed items are placed in the clothing pool at the end of each term.
**800 METRES RACE RESULTS**

Congratulations to the 800 metres placegetters. Results were as follows;
- **Junior boys;** 1st Lane, 2nd Ashton, 3rd Taj – 3:06.50
- **Junior girls;** 1st Ashtyn, 2nd Amber, 3rd Ella – 3:04.91
- **11 Year boys;** 1st Jed, 2nd Joshua, 3rd William - 3:05.97
- **11 Year girls;** 1st Georgia, 2nd Emerson, 3rd Lucy – 3:13.53
- **Senior boys;** 1st Brodie, 2nd Vadym, 3rd Jayden – 3:00.00
- **Senior girls;** 1st Lequisha, 2nd Tenahya, 3rd Taya – 3:48.53

The team score leading into our carnival is Callatoota - 19, Arrowfield - 17, Richmond Grove and Rosemount - 12.

**ONLY JUNIOR FIELD EVENTS**

Because we have so many juniors (8s, 9s &10s), there will be two groups of juniors at all field events. We have already determined our High Jump finalists. Those not in the junior high jumps will have a ball game competition during this time.

Under 11s and 12s will compete in all field events but will not have any ball games competition.

**THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION**

This week our **sports challenge champions** are:
- **Lequisha & Hayley, Year 5**
  - For her enthusiasm for the sport of rugby league and their love of playing rugby league.

**CALENDAR**

- **Tuesday 14.7** - Students Resume
- **Wednesday 15.7** - Aboriginal Workshops, 9am
- **Thursday 16.7** - Naidoc Week Assembly, 11.15am
- **Friday 17.7** - Athletics Carnival, Football Oval, 9.30am

**Next Week**

- **Monday 20.7** - Mixed Dance Group (3-6) performance, Panthers Newcastle, 6.30pm
- **Tuesday 21.7** - Girls Dance Group performance, Panthers Newcastle, 6.30pm
- **Wednesday 22.7** - Years 1 & Kinder go to the Senior Citizens Concert, Denman RSL, 12 noon
- **Thursday 23.7** - Year 6 Assembly, 11.15am
- **Friday 24.7** - Class Sport

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Our Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday 17 July. The carnival will be held at the Denman Football Oval commencing at 9.30am for students from Years 2 to 6.

All boys and girls are to come to school as usual and we will walk up after roll call.

Infants will walk to the oval at 10.30am to begin their age races at 10.45am. Infants will participate in a tabloid of events until 1pm and will walk back to school after their lunch break.

The P&C will be running a canteen for Lunch.

**If any parents are available to help set up, please be at the ground at 7.30am.**

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANTEEN**

The P&C will conduct a canteen at the Athletics Carnival. Lunch orders are available below.

- Chips and drinks; tea and coffee are also available for purchase on the day.
- **1. Please return your lunch orders below by tomorrow, Wednesday, 15 July.**
- **2. Parents please order as well – so we have enough!**

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.

Canteen Committee

Lunch Order – Return slip below with your choice and money in an envelope – **TOMORROW ONLY**

| Name | Class |
|-----------------------------------------------|
| Small Pie $1.50 | Large Pie $3.00 | Sausage Roll $2.00 |

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