BOOK WEEK IS NEXT WEEK - 17 August to 21 August
The theme for Book Week this year is “Books light up our world!”
We will have a “Stop, Drop and Read” morning on Tuesday, 18 August at 8.30am, in the library for parents to come in, have a read, a coffee and a chat. We hope to see you there. Parents are able to have a look at the Book Fair afterwards.
Classes have been studying the short listed books in the various categories during their library lessons. We will hold a Book Week assembly, hosted by Year 2, on Tuesday 18th August, and the winning books of the Children’s Book Council of Australia will be announced during the assembly. This year, there is NO book character parade. Mrs Jones

DENMAN LIBRARY VISITS (70 years of Book Week)
Library visits to Denman Library the week after Book Week have been booked for Tuesday 25th August, for our students to participate in a visit by author, James Roy. James is an Australian writer who writes primarily for young adults and children and is a well-known and popular visitor to schools and festivals throughout Australia, where he conducts author talks and readings. He will be sharing stories and thoughts on this very special Book Week occasion, celebrating 70 years of this event. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will visit the Library from 10am, and Years 3 and 6 will be there from 11-11.40am. Mrs Jones

BOOK FAIR
On Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19, and Thursday 22 August, our school will be hosting a Book Fair in our school hall. You are invited to come and purchase some books for your children before school, at lunch time or after school on these days. Children will be given an opportunity to look at the books during library lessons in that week, and write a ‘wish list’ of books they may like to purchase. Our school’s goal is to sell 300 books, and we hope to achieve this, with your help. Every sale at the Book Fair benefits our school, so join us in making our Book Fair a big success for Denman Public School library and help encourage your child’s love of reading.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Rory, Year 1 – for being a kind friend and helping younger students in the playground.
Jenna, Year 6 - for kindly giving up her time to assist a kindergarten student with a very big task.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
K – Luke, Phoenix, Talen
1 – Darcy, Zali, Indya
2 – Shaneka, Cordyelia, Jye
3 – Blade, Sasha, Heath
4 – Rachel, Ashley, Jordanna
5 – Imogen, Sophie, Brock
6 – Jake, Maicey, Chelsea

DISTRICT PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL
Jenna, Imogen, Patrick and William will represent our school at the District Public Speaking Finals to be held at King Street Public School, Singleton, on Wednesday and Thursday this week. These students were our grade winners and they will be competing against other students in the stage 3 (Wednesday) and Stage 2 (Thursday) finals. Good luck to all of them!
YEAR 4 NEWS
The excitement is building. This time next week we will be packing our bags and doing our umpteenth check in readiness for the year 3 and 4 camp to Lake Keepit. Soon I won’t have to answer questions like "How big are the rooms?", “How many toilets are there?”, “Do we have a TV?”, “Are there fish in the lake?”, "How high is the giant swing?" Just one last time, the answers are big, heaps, no, yes and telegraph pole height. In other news, we had our first session of Dynamite Fitness last week and enjoyed it immensely. The beep test and the planking were easy! I hardly raised a sweat. Year 4 love their percussion sessions with Mrs Jones and lately we have been doing in-class challenges in both maths tables and spelling, getting ready for the upcoming Spelling Bee. Good luck to Will, who this week will be competing in the regional public speaking competition. Mr Clare

YEAR 3 & 4 EXCURSION
Year 3 & Year 4 will depart on their excursion to Lake Keepit next Wednesday, 19 August at 7am. Parents please bring your child to school by 6.30am so that bags, toilets, medications, etc can be organised before leaving.
On Friday, all students were re-issued with the list of what to pack. Please start attending to that this week. Please also make sure all belongings are well labelled with your child’s name.
Any outstanding excursion payments need to be paid by tomorrow, 12th August.
The students will arrive home next Friday, 21st August at between 4.30 and 5pm.
Mrs Whiteman & Mr Clare

CHANGE OF DATE!!!
Due to the year 3 and 4 excursion next week, the whole school assembly, hosted by year 2, will be held on Tuesday 18th August. Please remember to let all grandparents and visitors, who normally attend our assembly, know of this change.

HOMEWORK CLUB
The school Aboriginal Education Committee has provided funds to employ Mrs Lyn Shepherdson to conduct a “Homework Club” for Aboriginal students each Monday afternoon from 3.15 till 4.15pm. Please ensure that your child has their homework with them if they are going to stay at school.
Mrs Fuiono

P&C RAFFLE - Extended until Tuesday, 18 August
Please remember to sell and return your P&C "Christmas in July" raffle tickets by the end of this week. More tickets are available from the school office.
The "Christmas in July" hampers are on display in the school foyer, come in and have a look at the prizes. Will be selling tickets in Ogilvie Street this Thursday 13th, if anyone would like to come along and help out.
Kim Wolfgang

INFANTS’ EXCURSION – Early Notice
This will take place on Tuesday, 1st September, and will be to the Hunter Wetlands at Shortland. It will involve Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students. The cost will be $20 per student. The note (excursion details, permission note and medical note) will be sent home with each student next Monday, 17th August.
The permission note, medical note and payment of $20 will be due NO LATER than Wednesday, 26th August.
Miss Kyriakou

ATHLETICS RIBBONS
The second and third place getters from our school athletics carnival were given their ribbons at Monday’s recess assembly. The first place getters, along with the children who placed at the zone carnival will be given their ribbons at this Thursday’s whole school assembly.
Ms Borg

BOOK FAIR
Our schools Book Fair will be held from Tuesday, 18 August until Thursday, 20 August.
If you can help us conduct our Book Fair, please complete the form below and return to your child’s classroom teacher. Mrs Jones

Book Fair Help - Please return asap
Name___________________ Day__________ Time: Before School / Lunch Time / After School
KIDS CORNER - Imogen, Year 5

CANTEEN ROSTER

**Wednesday 12.8** - Lyn Barry & Sue Coombes
**Friday 14.8** - Milisa Borg & Julie McCauley

**Next Week**

**Monday 17.8** - Germaine Ball & Pauline Frater
**Wednesday 19.8** - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
**Friday 21.8** - Julie Faber & Clair Thrift

CANTEEN NEWS

*Parents*... Don’t forget to get a coffee, tea or hot chocolate ($2) at the canteen next Tuesday when you come to the school Book Week assembly.  

DENMAN SCOUTS GROUP - Today’s children, tomorrow’s leaders!

Denman Scout Group invites you to come along and try scouting. We meet each Monday night. In a few weeks’ time we will have a movie and pizza night at the community garden. Scouting is open to both boys and girls. Joey’s - 6 years to 8 years, meet 5pm to 6pm. Cub’s - 8 years to 11 years, 4.30pm to 6pm. Denman Scout Hall is located in Bell Street just past the football oval. Any enquiries, please call Sonia Barnes on 0408 064 529.

WOOLWORTH’S EARN and LEARN PROGRAM 2015

We have had lots of completed sheets placed into the Collection Box in the school’s administration entry area. Thank you!! It’s great to see so many families support the school in this initiative. We are always able to redeem the points for many great resources, which benefit all students in the school. This will run until 8th September, so please, keep them coming in. Many thanks, Kate Jones

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 **Wednesday, 3 September**, commencing at 12 noon. There will be three divisions; Years 5/6, Years 3/4 and Years 1/2. Don’t forget to practice the lists which have been sent home for each class.

BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students and Year 1 students who received their Gold Licences and Bronze Awards last term. **Silver Awards** will be presented to Year 2 students at their assembly on **Tuesday next week**. **Gold Awards** will be presented to Year 3 students at the Year 3 assembly in week 7 (Thursday 27th August). **Honour Badges** will be presented early in Term 4 to worthy Year 4, 5 and 6 students.
SINGLETON NETBALL GALA DAY

Next Friday, 14 August, Denman Public School will be taking junior and senior netball teams to participate in the Singleton Netball Gala Day. We now have enough umpires for the day, thank you to Macey Collins, Halle Brown and Lucy Hylen for volunteering their time to umpire for us. If students haven’t returned their permission notes, please do so as soon as possible.  

Ms Borg

MERRIWA HORSE SPORTS

James attended the Merriwa Horse Sports yesterday and had a great time on his horse “Bliss”. James came 4th in the 10 years boy rider category and 5th in the flag race. Well done, James!

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Four chess teams (Kings, Knights and two Rookies teams) competed in the Upper Hunter Primary Schools chess Gala Day at Denman RSL club last Thursday. The Kings, Nicholas, Hunter, Vadym and Patrick won 17 out of 24 games, with Nicholas winning 5 out of 6 of his games. The Kings were unsuccessful in gaining a place in the finals. The Knights, Brodie, Ashton, Jayden and Hayden won 21 ½ out of 24 games, with Jayden winning 5 out of 6 games. These boys finished well ahead on points, beating some Kings teams on the day. The ‘old’ Rookies, Harris, Ethan, Jake and Liam won 24 out of 28 games, with Harris winning all 7 of his games. The ‘young’ Rookies, Harsimran, Tyla, Ella and Vinnie won 25 out of 28 games, with Vinnie winning all 7 of his games. Well done Harris and Vinnie! The DPS ‘old’ and ‘young’ Rookies had to play each other in the last round and the ‘young’ team won this round, and the overall competition. Both Rookie teams and our Knights team will now go on to compete in the regional finals in Newcastle on 9th November. Well done to all players involved, for some outstanding chess on the day.  

Mr Bryant

ZONE ATHLETICS

On Friday 31st July, 44 students competed at the Zone athletics carnival held at Scone. The following students have been selected to represent Upper Hunter at the Regional Carnival to be held at Glendale on Friday, 28 August;

Taj - 2nd 9yrs 100m, 3rd shot put (junior boys)
Ben - 1st shot put (junior boys)
Hunter - 1st discus (senior boys)
Renjo - 1st 13yrs 100m, 1st 200m, 1st shot put, 1st long jump (senior boys)
Vadym - 3rd 13yrs 100m, 1st high jump, 3rd shot put, (senior boys)
Ashtyn - 1st 800m (junior girls)
Lequisha - 2nd 800m (senior girls)
Emma - 2nd 11yrs shot put
Tasmyn - 1st shot put (senior girls)
Renjo, Vadym, Jed and Brodie - 1st senior boys 4x100 relay

Thank you also to the entire group of Denman students who behaved beautifully and represented our school proudly. 

Ms Borg

CALENDAR

Wednesday 12.8 - District Public Speaking Final
Thursday 13.8 - Year 4 Assembly, 11.15am
- Aboriginal Ed Meeting, 3.15pm
Friday 14.8 - Dynamite Fitness, 9.15 to 1pm
- Singleton Netball Gala Day

Next Week - BOOK WEEK

Monday 17.8 - School Council – 3.30pm
- Little A’s Presentation 11.30am
Tuesday 18.8 - Year 2 Assembly, 11.15
- Book fair in hall, 1pm
Wednesday 19.8 - Year 3&4 Leave for Lake Keepit
- Aboriginal Work Shops
Thursday 20.8 - NO ASSEMBLY
- Book Fair in hall 1pm
Friday 21.8 - Dynamite Fitness
- Year 3&4 Return

THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION

This week our sports challenge champions is: - Abby, Year 1, for being a great sport and always participating with enthusiasm.