DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL  
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 3, Week 7  
25 August 2015

INFANTS’ EXCURSION *** Reminder !
This will take place next Tuesday, 1st September, and will be to the Hunter Wetlands at Shortland. It will involve kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students. The cost is $20 per student. Copies of the permission note and medical form can be obtained from the school office. Children need to wear full school uniform including a hat and sunscreen. They are also required to bring their morning tea, lunch and extra drinks in their school bag. The permission note, medical note and payment of $20 is due NO LATER than this Wednesday, 26th August.
Please ensure that your child/children are in the school grounds inside the front entrance at 7.45am. The buses MUST depart at 8.00a.m. This will facilitate the opportunity for all students to experience the variety of exciting and interesting activities planned by the Hunter Wetlands personnel. Students will arrive back at school at 4.00pm and parents will have to pick them up from the front gate.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Katie, Year 1 – for helping her friends and always doing classroom jobs
Beau, Year 5 – for being kind to another student when he needed a friend

WONDERFUL WORKERS
2 – Chloe-Ann, Lucas, Jo
K – Keira, Georgia, Theo
5 – Lucy, Kaide, Cody
1 – Hayley, Abby, Katie
6 – Jake, Hunter, Vadym
3 – Ella, Rhyme, Deakon
4 – Sophie, Cohen, Kye

EXCURSION REPORT - YEARS 3 & 4
Last Wednesday, after a cold, chilly and I might add early start, years 3 & 4 boarded the bus to head off to Lake Keepit for 3 days of sun and fun. First stop, Willow Tree park to check whether they do have the best toilets. We arrived around 11am, met Stuart and the crew, settled into our rooms and then went and had lunch. That’s a day’s work there but one group then had rock climbing and another had archery. A glorious dinner of fish, chips and vegies followed by night time activities had us ready for bed at 8:30pm. It was so exciting that some people had to go to the loo 3 or 4 times during the next hour. Up early Thursday, an early morning walk, a huge breakfast, kayaking, lunch, the giant swing, damper making and dinner (lasagne and vegies) had us ready for night activities. Unfortunately, many of the children had droopy eyes at 8pm and were in desperate need of bed. 8:30pm saw lights out and 8:45 saw most of them asleep.
Friday saw another huge breakfast, souvenirs and our final activity, archery. Bags were packed, forgotten clothing was reunited with embarrassed owners and we were on our way to lunch. By golly you eat well at this camp! After that we packed the bus, boarded and had a very quiet and snoozy trip home.
The boys and girls were well behaved, enjoyable company and altogether, a fantastic trip was had by all. Lake Keepit people really know how to look after you.

Mr Clare
YEAR 2 NEWS
It has been a very busy few weeks in the Year 2 room with lots of different things happening this term. From our first athletics carnival to public speaking finals, the Smart Laser Light Show and Book Week; we have still managed to learn about some interesting things in class.

We had fun studying the book ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’. We have been identifying different persuasive writing techniques that are used throughout the book and have written our first persuasive piece to try and convince Miss Hassett that … “Recess should be Longer”.

We have been investigating and experimenting with water in Science and have been focusing on Spelling this term in preparation for the school spelling bee final.

This term we have been doing Music along with our first Art assessment task for CAPA. We have all enjoyed playing different percussion instruments and can now play along with written music.

We are really looking forward to our excursion next week to the “Hunter Wetlands”, so please remember to send in your notes and money asap. Miss Hassett

GREAT SPELLING RESULTS
This year, 20 Denman students sat the Australian Schools Spelling Test along with 600 000 students Australia wide.

Congratulations to James (Year 5), Phoebe (Year 4) and Patrick (Year 3) for achieving distinction awards. Your skills in spelling were marked in the top 10% in the state.

Well done to the 5 other students who were awarded Credits (top 25%); Jenna (Year 6); Emerson and Isabella, (Year 5); Rachel (Year 4) and Ashton (Year 3).

Imogen (Year 5), Josh (Year 4) and Deakon Year 3) were awarded a Merit for being so close to a credit. Well done!

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE
Only one more week until our school “Spell Off” finals are held next Thursday, 3 September, at 10am. Don’t forget to practice the lists which have been sent home for each class.

YEAR 3 SILVER AWARDS
Congratulations to all the Year 2 students who were awarded their Silver Awards last week. This week, Gold Awards will be presented to Year 3 students at their assembly this Thursday. Honour Badges will be presented early in Term 4 to worthy Year 4, 5 and 6 students.

RSL BURSARY
Each year the RSL donate a bursary to one Year 6 student in the district. Students wishing to sit the test in Term 4 must return their permission note by Monday, 14 September or sooner.

This will give the RSL Club enough time to check parent membership.

BOOK WEEK AND BOOK FAIR
Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who attended our Book Assembly last week. Thank you to all those people who supported our Book Fair by purchasing books. So far, the fair has sold more than $2800 worth of books. This allowed the school to purchase books to the value of $650 for the library as commission. Thank you for your support.

Special thanks to Mrs Cummings, Mrs Stair and Mrs Morrison for their assistance preparing for Book Week and assisting at the stall. Many thanks! Mrs Jones

Focus Week

BEST USE OF THE LIBRARY

♦ EACH INFANTS CHILD (K-2) IS ALLOWED TO BORROW: 2 BOOKS FOR 2 WEEKS
♦ EACH PRIMARY CHILD (3-6) IS ALLOWED TO BORROW: 4 BOOKS FOR 1 WEEK
♦ ALWAYS KNOW THE TITLES OF THE BOOKS YOU BORROW
♦ ALL CHILDREN SHOULD RETURN THEIR BOOKS ON TIME
♦ IF YOU WANT TO RE-BORROW, TAKE YOUR BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY BEFORE THEY BECOME OVERDUE
♦ LIBRARY BAGS - Children who keep books in a book bag are better at returning them on time.
♦ ‘SPECIAL’ BOOK SHELVES - AT HOME - Children who have a special book shelf are less likely to lose their books or to have overdue books.

MAKE SURE YOUR BOOK IS RETURNED ON TIME
KIDS CORNER   - Chloe-Ann, Year 2   - Great Spelling and Dictation

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 26.8 - Lee Mills & Jaymee Wilton
Friday 28.8 - Milisa Borg & Julie McCauley
NEXT WEEK
Monday 31.8 - Amanda Collins & Kerri Brown
Wednesday 2.9 - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 4.9 - Michelle Owen & Casey Hewitt

CANTEEN NEWS
Parents… Don’t forget to get a coffee, tea or hot chocolate ($2) at the canteen each Thursday when you come to the school assembly. Lee Mills

FATHER’S DAY STALL
We will hold a stall next Friday, 4 September at 9am in the school hall. There will be gifts for all students wishing to purchase. Helpers are required; please contact Kim Wolfgang.

P&C COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD
Nominations are due by Friday, 4 September and the Award will be presented at the school Assembly in Week 9. 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”.

BOOK CLUB
Book club leaflets are included with today’s newsletter and need to be returned by next Friday, 4 September. Please return in an envelope marked “Book Club” (make sure child’s name is on order form) If paying by cheque, please make it out to Scholastic. Wendy Stair

UNIFORM SHOP
The school uniform shop is open for sales each Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.30am.
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

DENMAN COMMUNITY GARDEN
The Kids Garden Club will recommence this “Spring” for 10 weeks each Tuesday from 8 September until 20 November 2015.
If you are aged between 5-15, keen to grow plants for food and fun, are crafty and enjoy digging in the garden … then come along to our Kids Club and learn all about growing plants in a very “Hands On” kind of way!
All tuition, materials and craft activities provided, just bring a bottle of water, gardening clothes, sun hat and sunscreen …. and lots of enthusiasm! The cost is $30. Contact Snez on 0439 956913.
REGIONAL ATHLETICS
The following children will be competing at the Regional Athletics Carnival at the Glendale Athletics Complex this Friday, 28 August.
Renjo James - 100m, 200m, Shot Put & Long Jump; Vadym - 100m & High Jump; Hunter - Discus; Tasmy - Shot Put; Emma - Shot Put; Ashtyn - 800m; Lequisha - 800m; Ben - Shot Put; and Taj - 100m.
The school senior boys 4x100 relay team of Jed, Brodie, Vadym & Renjo will also compete. We wish them the best of luck in their events. Ms Borg

SINGLETON CHESS TOURNAMENT
Next Tuesday, 1 September, 10 teams of three players will represent our school in the Upper Hunter Primary Schools Chess Tournament at All Saints Parish Hall, Singleton. Each student will play at least 6 matches during the day. Congratulations to the following teams;
1 – Nicholas, Brodie, Patrick
2 – Hunter, Vadym, Ashton
3 – Jayden, Harris, Hayden
4 – Jake, Liam, Nick
5 – Ashleigh, Tenahya, Chelsea
6 – Ethan, Mason, James
7 – Tyla, Ella, Lily
8 – Ben, Lane, Reegan
9 – Harsimran, Vinnie, Heath
10 – Freddy, Blade, Rhyme

THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION
This week our sports challenge champion is: - Cory, Year 2
* For always giving sport 100% of his effort and enjoyment. Well done!

CALENDAR
Wednesday 26.8 - Hunter Maths Exam, 9am
Thursday 27.8 - Year 3 Assembly, 11.15am
- Happy Tooth Talk for Infants, 10am
Friday 28.8 - Hunter Athletics, Glendale

Next Week
Tuesday 1.9 - Infants Excursion, Hunter Wetlands, 7.45am
- Chess Tournament, Singleton, 8.30am
Wednesday 2.9 - Aboriginal Lessons
- PSSA Boys Cricket Trial, Maitland
Thursday 3.9 - Spelling Bee Final, 10am
- Year 1 Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 4.9 - Dynamite Fitness 9.30am
- Father's Day Stall, 9am
- Cricket match at Aberdeen, 10am

HEALTHY HINTS - Selecting delicious fresh produce
Some tips on choosing the best fresh fruit and vegetables for taste and storage:
▪ select fruit and vegetables that feel firm, smell nice and look fresh
▪ small or medium size fruit make good choices for children
▪ choose vegetables that snap rather than bend
▪ avoid any fruit or vegetables that are limp, split or feel spongy.

DENMAN LITTLE ATHLETICS
The 2015/16 athletics season will commence on Wednesday, 14 October at 6pm. (1st week Term 4)
Online registration are now open so register online.
There will be two registration days held on 23rd September and 7 October between 4-6pm.
Kids, come along on Wednesday, 23 September because it will be a fun night with numerous novelty events, athletic events and a sausage sizzle. Chantel Blake - 0431204667