EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS
School community members from our school were acknowledged for their achievements and contributions to education at the district ceremony at Muswellbrook High School last week.

Jenna - for excellence in music and academic achievement
Amelia - for displaying great skills in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits; and contributing to the school's core values
Miss Hassett - for continually demonstrating great skills and attitude in classroom teaching and the organisation of sport
Allan Sommerville - for excellence in the coaching of students in our school chess program
Germaine & Peter Ball - for excellent support and commitment to volunteer work over a number of years; particularly in the canteen and sport
Mrs Whitten - for outstanding dedication to the support of disability students and the welfare of all students and staff. Congratulations to all award winners, the recognition is well deserved!

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS
The Public Speaking Finals for 2015 were held last Tuesday. There were many entertaining speeches. Congratulations to all the finalists.

Congratulations to all the grade winners as follows;
Kinder - Laila
Year 1 - Caitlyn
Year 2 - Phoebe
Year 3 - Patrick
Year 4 - Will
Year 5 - Imogen
Year 6 - Jenna

The overall public speaking winner will be announced on Presentation Night at the end of the year.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Amelia, Year 2 - for always offering to help the staff in her own time
Morgan, Year 3 - for including other students when they needed a friend

WONDERFUL WORKERS
3 – Patrick, Leo, Sean
2 – Amelia, Blake, Jody
4 – Phoebe, Kyle, Max
5 – Codon, Elise, Isabella
1 – Kayleigh, Diego, Matilda
K – Dawson, Haydon, Georgia
6 – Joshua, Jenna, Emma

YEARS 3 AND 4 EXCURSION
The Year 3 and Year 4 excursion to Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Camp will be from Wednesday, 19 August to Friday, 21 August. (In two weeks' time)

Activities will include; canoeing, archery, bush walking, cooking damper and giant swing. A list of clothing and other needs for camp will be sent home as a reminder this week.

Those who have not returned all their notes or money please do so asap and no later than this Friday, 7 August. Mrs Whiteman & Mr Clare

“JEANS FOR GENES” DAY
The "Out of Uniform" day, held last Friday, raised $115.00 for the Medical Research Institute.

Thank you to everyone who participated in “Jeans for Genes” as it is a very worthy cause.
YEAR 5 NEWS
Year 5 have had a very busy start to Term 3. We started the term by welcoming Mr Davies into Year 5 and he will be working with us for the whole term. Although we have been busy with Sport and Chess, we have started the term very settled and prepared to work hard!
This term we will learn about Sea Life and develop our writing in Literacy as well as practising our editing skills. We have begun our preparations for the Spelling Bee, with all students enjoying the opportunity to participate daily in learning the new words. In Science, we are working with Mr Davies to learn about Light. This term will see us have our first trip to Muswellbrook High as part of the transition program to High School. We have also started our Maths Groups in which we are developing our problem solving skills and are enjoying Dance with Mrs Whiteman for CAPA.
This week sees us starting Dynamite Fitness for Sport which will really put our fitness to the test but we are looking forward to it!
Ms Borg

WELCOME MR DAVIES
Mr Nicholas Davies is in his fourth year at Newcastle University and will complete a 10 week internship at our school on Year 5 this term.

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.

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 next week. More tickets are available from the school office.
The "Christmas in July" hampers are on display in the school office, come in and have a look at the prizes. Thank you to Coolmore and Two Rivers Wines for your generous donations. Kim Wolfgang

YEAR 2 CAKE DAY
Many thanks to all the Year 2 parents and children who provided many beautiful cakes, jellies, biscuits and slices for the cake stall. The sum of $190.00 was raised for the SRC.
Thank you to Milisa Borg, Julie Fabar, Lee Mills, Casey Hewitt and Robyn Thompson for serving at the cake stall. Kim Hassett

BASKETBALL REPORT
Last Wednesday, 29 July, a senior girls and senior boys basketball team went to Maitland for a Basketball Gala Day. Every student had a fantastic day and it was great to see both teams cheering each other on. The sportsmanship and behaviour that the students displayed throughout the day was outstanding!
The senior boys’ team consisted of Jayden, Jed, Jake, Vadym, Brodie, Nick, Renjo and Will played 4 games on the day. Their first game was against a strong side from Nulkaba PS. The boys managed to score 3 goals but were unfortunately beaten 24-6. The boys were outstanding in the second game and won a close contest against Ashtonfield PS 9-7. The third game was tough and we were beaten by a very competitive team from Telarah PS. The boys had a forfeit in game 4 so they played a friendly game against Nulkaba PS, who they played in the first game. They showed a huge improvement from the beginning of the day!
The senior girls’ team was made up of Lequisha, Ashtyn, Tasmy, Amelia, Lily, Sophie, Lucy and Chelsea and they played 2 games on the day. The first game was against a strong team from Tenambit PS and despite their best efforts, were beaten 30-0. Tenabit made it to the Grand Final! The girls started much stronger in the second game and developed good team work. They improved on the first game to score 2 goals but were beaten by a tough side from Thornton 21-4.
Thank you to our cheer squad, Mrs Whitten for coaching and parents who drove. Mrs Ballard

BOOK WEEK
Our schools Book Fair will be held from the Monday, 17 August until the Friday, 21 August.
If you can help us conduct our Book Fair, please complete the form below and return to your child’s classroom teacher. We will have a “Stop, Drop and Read” morning on Tuesday, 18 August for parents to come in, have a read, a coffee and a chat. We hope to see you there. Mrs Jones

Book Fair Help - Please return asap
Name___________________ Day___________ Time: Before School / Lunch Time / After School
CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 5.8 - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 7.8  - Angela Barry & Renee Wallace
Next Week
Monday 10.8 - Chantel Blake & Simone George
Wednesday 12.8 - Lyn Barry & Sue Coombes
Friday 14.8  - Milisa Borg & Julie McCauley

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.
There is a canteen committee meeting this Friday, 7 August at 2pm. Lee Mills

P&C MEETING
All parents are welcome to attend our next P&C meeting on Monday, 10 August at 5.30pm.

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.
Next Monday, 10 August, we are having a campfire night and then 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.

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 are looking for umpires who would be available on the day. If you are available, please let Mr Bryant or myself know.
Teams are being finalised this week and permission notes will go out soon. Ms Borg

TOUCH FOOTBALL
Last Tuesday, the girls touch team participated in the 2nd round of the PSSA knockout against Muswellbrook South PS. The game got off to a quick start with South scoring a try in the first few minutes and continued to be a fast paced game over the 40 minutes.
All girls played well with Ashtyn being Denman’s sole try scorer, losing 7-1.
Thank you to Mr Jones and Mr Davies for helping with coaching, setting up in the morning and to all the parents and grandparents who came along to cheer us on. Ms Borg

CHESS TOURNAMENT
We wish our chess players the best of luck this Thursday at the Denman RSL club.
Kings - Nicholas, Hunter, Vadym and Patrick
Knights - Brodie, Ashton, Jayden and Hayden
Rookies 1 - Harris, Ethan, Jake and Liam
Rookies 2 - Hasimran, Tyla, Ella and Vinnie
ALL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL REPORT

On Monday, 27 July, the opens football team travelled to Sydney to compete in the All Schools State Carnival. The carnival comprised of the best school teams from around the state and with no reserves we knew it would be a challenge. We began with 3 pools games which we won convincingly. Our results were 28-0 against Chatham and Revesby South and 12-4 against Werrington County. This saw us progress as pool winners into the quarter final against Maxville. We were quick to score and with numerous successful conversions we won the game 22-10. We moved through to the semi-final which was against Mascot PS. After watching their quarter final we knew this was the game that would send us home if we didn’t stick together and work as a team. Thanks again to a strong kicking game we won, 24-10. We were now through to the GRAND FINAL against Erina Heights PS at St Mary’s Stadium. With DPS first to cross the line and a successful conversion we showed Erina we were a strong team. The game was back and forth seeing Erina score, which made it very nervous to watch. The players felt the crowd behind them and we scored again but so did they. Unfortunately, after a penalty just off the try line, Erina scored to take the win 16-12.

Try scorers on the day were: Renjo with an outstanding 13 tries, Brock, Hunter and Vadym with 2 tries and Brodie, Josh and Jed scoring 1 try each. Our kicking game was by far the best on the day with conversions from: Hunter (6), Brodie (5), Jed (3), Renjo (1), Lequisha (1 unsuccessful), Jayden (1), Harris (1), Jake (1 unsuccessful), Brock (1 and 1 unsuccessful) and Will (1).

The team should be extremely proud of their efforts as they are now RUNNER UP STATE CHAMPIONS. They played the best football they have played all season last Monday and really showed determination, team work and great sportsmanship. Well Done!

Thank you to the parents for travelling such a long way, for your encouragement and your great cheering from the stands. A huge thank you goes to Peter Ball and Ryan Cummings for their fantastic coaching and support for the entire season. Thank you also goes to Jacob McCormick for his invaluable help running water during the carnival.

Miss Hassett

ZONE ATHLETICS

Last Friday, 44 students competed at the Zone athletics carnival held at Scone. It was a terrific day, with the weather putting on a good show and all of our competitors put in a fantastic effort. Congratulations to all the students who placed highly in their events and to those who achieved personal bests. Further announcements of places will be made when we receive the official results from the carnival. The regional carnival will be held on Friday, 28 August at Glendale.

Thank you to Mr Bryant and Mr Davies for working on the Shot Put all day.

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

Ms Borg

THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION

This week our sports challenge champions is: - Mason Hewitt, Year 5

For always giving 100% effort in all sporting pursuits

CALENDAR

Wednesday 5.8 - Aboriginal Workshops, 9am
Thursday 6.8 - Chess Tournament, at Denman RSL Club
- Year 5 Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 7.8 - Dynamite Fitness, 9.15 to 1pm
- Canteen Meeting, 2pm

Next Week

Monday 10.8 - ETC Maths Test, 9am - Homework Club, 3.15pm
- P&C Meeting, 5.30pm
- Smart Laser Light Shows, 9.55, 11.55 & 1.55pm
Tuesday 11.8 - Year 5 visit MHS for lessons, depart 9.15am
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

MERRIWA HORSE SPORTS

All the best to James and his horse Bliss when he participates at the Merriwa Horse Sports next Monday, 10 August. Best of luck to James and Bliss!