**SENSATIONAL WRITING RESULTS**
Thirteen students competed in the University of New South Wales Writing Competition. The results again showed that Writing is an area that has improved from previous years. This year, students in all grades performed at state average or above. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to Jenna, Year 6, who was awarded a High Distinction, performing in the top 1% in the state. Excellent work!

Congratulations also to Ashton, Year 3, who was awarded a Distinction, top 10%.

Students awarded Credits, top 25%, were awarded to Rachel and Phoebe, Year 4; Emerson and Imogen, Year 5; and Amelia, Year 6.

Congratulations on your impressive results!

**SCHOOL SPELLING BEE FINALS**
Congratulations to all the students who competed last Wednesday in the school spelling bee finals. All the teachers commented on how well the children spelt and were amazed at some of the words that they were able to spell correctly. Well done!

**Results**
- **Stage 1** - 1st – Conner, 2nd – Brodie
- **Stage 2** - 1st – Phoebe, 2nd – Rachel
- **Stage 3** - 1st – Brayden, 2nd – James

Stages 2 and 3 children (1st & 2nd) will now represent the school at the regional finals to be held at King Street Public School, Singleton, next Monday, 14 September. Good luck and keep practising.

**FRIENDLY KIDS**
- Jazmin, Year 3 – helping a staff member with great enthusiasm
- Will, Year 5 – supporting a student and teacher in the playground diplomatically

**WONDERFUL WORKERS**
- 2 – Sanita, Corey, Daniel
- 1 – Lucy, Caitlyn, Kaitlyn
- 5 – Hayley, Alex, Mason
- 6 – Liam, Tayla, Brodie
- 3 – Georgia, Peter, Harry
- K – Max, Riley, Bailey
- 4 – Latoya, Tristan, Braith

**SCHOOL DANCE - NEXT TUESDAY 5.30pm**
Next Tuesday, 16 September, we will hold a school dance at the Memorial Hall commencing at 5.30pm and **concluding at 7.30 sharp**. Admission - $2 per student or $5 per family Drinks - $1, Chips - 50c. The SRC have decided on a “80s” theme. **Leg Warmers and Leggings; Frizzy Hair and Mullets; High Waist Denham and Long Skirts; Taffetta and Ruffled Bubble Skirts; Hyper Colour and Fluro Colours; ….What an era ???**

We will have great music to entertain us with fun games, competitions and prizes to be won.

**DISTRICT SPELLING BEE FINALS**
Good luck to Brayden, James, Phoebe and Rachel who will represent our school at the regional finals at King Street Public School, Singleton next Monday.
As third term draws to a close, the kindergarten students continue to work diligently in all areas. They have also experienced their first “big school” excursion to the Hunter Wetlands, and this week, they will host the school assembly.

In mathematics, everyone is becoming very clever at recognising numbers to 20 and practising to count backwards from 20. They have also been learning about equal groups, equal rows and reading and writing the time on the hour. In English, the students continue to enjoy the opportunity to read to the adults who give up their time to assist in the classroom. Many students are also making a big effort to write about more than two events in a recount, and are also enjoying the challenge of blending words in Jolly Phonics.

Next term’s science unit is titled “On the Move”. The students will learn about the important role that skeletons play in facilitating the movement of living things. They will also look at the different mechanisms that make toys move. In history, everyone has been looking at the personal and family histories of people from different countries and those of grandparents. It is amazing that many older people did not have television sets in their homes when they were children! Next term, the students will be learning about the importance of the different celebrations and commemorations we acknowledge such as birthdays, Anzac Day and Australia Day.

The main focus in personal development this term has been on safe behaviour in regard to medicines. Next term, the focus will be on child protection. Everyone has been practising how to side gallop and perform a vertical jump correctly in P.E. Miss Kyriakou

**YEAR 1 ICE-CREAM STALL**

Today, the Year 1 ice-cream stall raised $158 for the SRC.

Thank you to the parents; Natasha Peachey, Milisa Borg, Sonia Chapman and Chantel Blake; and students; Tasmyn and Hunter; for working on the ice-cream stall at recess.

**INFANTS EXCURSION TO THE HUNTER WETLANDS**

After at least a week of great excitement, the kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students finally got to go on their excursion to the Hunter Wetlands. A beautiful, sunny day for the first day of spring was a bonus! The students were engrossed for the entirety of all the activities.

They got to see specimens such as fish, lizards, snakes, frogs and a baby alligator in the tank room, but the favourite activity was “dip netting”. Some of the little water animals which the students fished out of the lake were gudgeon fish, mosquito fish, damselfly nymphs and blood worms. These became even more fascinating in the wet room where everyone dressed up in a laboratory coat like a real scientist. The students then placed their specimens under microscopes which were linked to monitors. It was especially exciting to see the little animals look big and to watch them move.

Everyone loved using binoculars to view the different bird life during the bush walk, but everyone also LOVED the opportunity to use the play equipment after lunch.

The students are to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour throughout the excursion. Well done K-2 students! Miss Kyriakou

**WOOLIES EARN & LEARN**

The Woolworths “Earn and Learn” promotion ends TODAY.........

Our collection box is in the school’s administration office.

So please send in all your stickers by this Friday, so we can send the stickers away and order some fantastic school resources that we can use in Term 4.

**RSL BURSARY - Last Chance**

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.

**HEALTHY HINTS - Great Lunchbox**

- 1+2+3+ Water
  1. Pack a sandwich, roll or wrap
  2. Add a vegetable and fruit snack
  3. Pick 2 or 3 more healthy snacks
KIDS CORNER - Tayla, Year 6 - Great Project on Cambodia

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 9.9  - Lyn Barry & Sue Coombes
Friday 11.9  - Julie Faber & Claire Thrift

NEXT WEEK

Monday 14.9  - Germaine Ball & Chantel Blake
Wednesday 16.9 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 18.9  - Angela Barry & Renee Wallace
* Kylie Dennis
- Thanks for filing in last Wednesday.
  Much appreciated!

FATHERS' DAY STALL

A very successful stall was held last Friday. Our thanks goes to Milisa Borg, Kylie Dennis, Anne East, Lynda McIntyre, Lee Mills, Felisha Nebauer, Natasha Peachey, Alison Turner, Renee Wallace, Ali Westgate, Kim Wolfgang, and Year 6 students Taya and Tasmyn, as well as the Construction Crew. We hope all the Dad’s had a wonderful day.

INTERRELATE - Sex Education Lessons - Early Notice

A special evening program will be presented at Denman Public School on Thursday, 19 November.
Session 1 - “Where Did I Come From?” for Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 will commence at 6pm sharp
Session 2 - “Preparing for Puberty” for Yrs 5 and 6 (Yrs 3 & 4 at parent’s discretion) at 7.15pm
Family Admission: 1 session: $25.00 or 2 sessions: $30.00 (You can pay at the door)
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

P&C NEWS

Our next P&C meeting will be held at 5.30pm next Monday, 14 September. We hope to see more parents attending and participating in our association in the future. Please come along.

DENMAN COMMUNITY GARDEN - TODAY

The Kids Garden Club will recommence today, Tuesday, 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.

TAKE YOUR MARK! SET! ..... GO to Denman Oval on 23rd September between 4.00 – 6.00pm to register for Little Athletics! Kids, come along because it will be a fun night with numerous novelty events, athletic events and a sausage sizzle. Online registrations are now open so you could also register online. The 2015/16 athletics season will commence on Wednesday, 14 October at 6pm. (Week 2 Term 4)
We will hold another registration day on 7 October between 4-6pm. Chantel Blake - 0431204667
GREAT CRICKET WIN OVER ABERDEEN

Last Friday, our school cricket team had a good win against Aberdeen Public School in the third round of the PSSA state knockout. We lost the toss and they batted first.

After a run feast early, 23 runs from 3 overs, a great catch by Josh Heuston halted their momentum. After thirteen overs, Aberdeen was 3 for 41. Early wickets were taken by Mason, Jed and Brock.

After drinks, wickets fell steadily and they finished at 10 for 68 from 21 overs. Jed finished with 4/15 from 4 overs, Hunter took 2/16 from 2 overs and Ashton took 1/6 from 2 overs.

Jed Collins (6) and Nicholas (9) got us off to a solid start putting together a 12 run partnership. Unfortunately both fell with the score on 12. Hunter (40 retired) and Lane (5) came together and produced a winning partnership of 49 runs. At the end of the 17th over, we had past their score with our total at 4 for 70. Well done, this was a great team effort!

Thanks to Al Murphy for scoring, parents for supporting the team and the boys for their 100% effort.

SINGLETON CHESS REPORT

Last Tuesday, Denman Public School teams played extremely well at the Hunter Valley Schools Chess Tournament in Singleton. There were 30 teams in the competition and ten teams were from our school. Congratulations to all our chess players who enjoyed themselves playing chess.

Mt Pleasant A won the competition on 20 points ahead of Denman A on 19 points in second place. Denman teams finished 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 9th through to 15th. Well done!

Star players on the day were Ashton, Year 3 with 8 wins from 8 games. On 7 wins was; Harris, Year 5; and on 6 wins were Freddy, Ella James and Ben.

Early in Term 4, we will conduct our school championships and in early November, three teams will go to the Hunter Championships for Rookies and Knights in Newcastle.

MILO “IN2 CRICKET” PROGRAM

The Denman Junior Cricket Club will be running the “Milo Into Cricket” program again this year. Sessions will be held each Tuesday afternoon from 5-6pm for boys and girls 5 to 8 year olds. The cost is $40 per child. The program will run for the duration of term 4.

Registrations will be held outside Precious Pieces from 3.30pm next Wednesday, 16 September and 11am on Tuesday, 22 September. Brochure included with today’s newsletter.    Gavin Scott

DENMAN JUNIOR CRICKET

Registrations for Denman Junior cricket teams will be held outside Precious Pieces from 3.30pm next Wednesday, 16 September and 11am on Tuesday, 22 September. Costs are $55 for the first child and $70 per family. All players receive a playing shirt.    Vanessa 65473668

THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION

This week our sports challenge champion is: - Lane, Year 4  
* For applying 100% to his batting against Aberdeen last Friday. Well done!

CALENDAR

Wednesday 9.9 - Maths Enrichment Lessons  
Thursday 10.9 - Kinder Assembly, 11.15am  
Friday 11.9 - Dynamite Fitness 9.30am  
- Canteen Meeting 2pm

Next Week

Monday 14.9 - P&C Meeting 5.30  
- The “DE-FACTA” Final, Stage 3, RSL Club, 1.15pm  
Wednesday 16.9 - Aboriginal Cultural Lessons  
- School Dance at Memorial Hall, 5.30pm  
Thursday 17.9 - NO ASSEMBLY  
- Cricket Gala Day, Aberdeen  
Friday 18.9 - Reward Day, “LOUD SHIRT” out of uniform day  
- Last Day of Term

THE “DE-FACTA” STAGE 3 CONCERT

The DE-FACTA final for stage 3 will be conducted at the Denman RSL next Monday at 1pm. There will be singing, dancing, comedy and music. Students will walk down to watch and parents are most welcome to come along as well. In the final are; Jenna, Kalib, Tenahya, the Hot Chicks, Jayden, Coombsy, Amelia, the Base Girls, Ashleigh and Phoebe.    Do Not Miss This !!!!!