NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 4
16 February 2016

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
As I walk around the classrooms, it is so pleasing to see all of our students working hard in the classrooms and striving to do their best with guidance from the teachers. In the playground our new kindies have settled well into school life, and are learning to play nicely and share toys with everyone. Our students in Years 1-6 have been positive role models in the playground, with many helping our younger students to solve small problems that arise. I find it an absolute delight to spend time with all of our students, who are a credit to themselves, their parents and the school. What a great start to the new year!

GOOD LUCK - ZONE SWIMMERS
This Thursday, 18 February, a group of 22 students will be representing the school at the zone swimming carnival at Muswellbrook. Congratulations on your selection and good luck to; Indya, Imogen, Ashtyn, Kaitlyn, Rachel, Emerson, Sasha, Lucy, Caitlyn, Remmi, Phoebe, Charli, Ashton, Cohen, Ben, Taj, Brock, Jed, Kaide, Darcy, Jo and Ty. We wish them every success. Mrs Saunders will accompany the children during the day. Students are reminded to return their permission note, medical note and money to school tomorrow!

ZONE TENNIS
Congratulations to Will who participated in the Zone Tennis Trials in Singleton last Wednesday. Will played 4 hard games against some very strong competition. Unfortunately he was not selected to go further in the competition but had a fantastic day. Well Done Will!

ZONE CRICKET
Good luck to Lane, Taj, Mason, Ashton, Blake, Jed, and Brock, who will represent the school in the Zone Cricket trials on Wednesday 10th February. All the best and good luck!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday 18th Feb - Zone Swimming Carnival (Muswellbrook pool)
- No Assembly

Next Week
Tuesday 23rd Feb - Newsletter
Wednesday 24th Feb - Rugby League Blitz
Thursday 25th Feb - Year 4 Assembly

WONDERFUL WORKERS
6 – Jed, Alex, Lequisha
3 – Jo, Phoebe, Corey
1 – Max, Luke, Rubie-Lea
4 – Ella, Reegan, Sasha
K – Eddy, Braydan, Keedan
5 – Tully, Declan, Sophie
2 – Zali, Tobey, Hayley
YEAR 4 CLASS NEWS
Welcome back to another busy year. Already the Swimming Carnival has been run and won! The new school captains have been sworn in and have already run an assembly. House captains have been elected and the new kindies are ready and confident enough to face the playground on their own. Their buddies will never be far away though, and every Year 6 student can still remember who their buddy was when they were in Kindergarten.

Year 4 has made a very impressive start. The children are focussed, they listen intently and they are eager. They have done some terrific art work (with paint, none spilled, yeah !), great writing, reading work and fantastic maths work. They are working hard during history lessons and they begin science lessons this week. Keep it up Year 4; I am loving how hard everybody is working.

KIDS CORNER
Declan, Year 5
Fantastic Spelling!

FRIENDLY KIDS
Braith, Year 5
– for being honest and reporting playground incidents.

Caitlyn, Year 2
– for assisting younger students with sports rotations.

UNIFORM SHOP
When purchasing new uniforms, all items must be paid for (cash/cheque only) on the day. The uniform shop will no longer be providing any accounts. Any outstanding accounts need to be finalised this week. Please note that there are no eftpos facilities available. Cheques should be made payable to Denman Public School P & C. Thank you for your support. Please note that the uniform shop will open at 8.30am for 30 minutes each Tuesday and Friday during 2016.

INVOICES FOR SCHOOL FEES
Each family has now received an invoice for their children’s text book fees and school tuition fees. Thank you to the parents and carers, who have already paid their fees for 2016. More than $12,000 has been spent by the school to provide students with textbooks, exercise books, profile folders and homework books. This year, book fees are set at $60 per student and school fees at $25 per student. It would be greatly appreciated if payment of student fees could be paid as early as possible. All fees listed on your invoice need to be paid by Monday, 22 February.

SKOOLBAG APP
Our School has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We ask parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Denman Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.
ST BERNARD’S CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016
St Bernard’s Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2016 Term 2. The program involves instruction and reception of the Initiation Sacraments. First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. We are now inviting all Catholic children who are in Year three or any older children who have not already participated, to join us. Please contact Mrs Angie Carroll on 6547 1274 by 26th February 2016 if you would like your child to participate.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS – Reminder!
It is our school policy to allow parents to photograph and video students at our school events; eg assemblies, excursions, sports days, etc. However, it is the responsibility of the parent who has captured the image NOT to put it on the internet, unless it is their child only or they have parental permission of any other child in the photo or video.
This policy is made in the best interest of every child and if the policy is not followed; the policy may need to be changed to not allow any photos or videos to be taken at any school event!

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT NOMINATIONS
Thank you to all staff and parents who attended yesterday’s School Council meeting. The next meeting will take place on Monday 21st March at 3.30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting we will need to nominate three new parent representatives to hold positions for a 1-year term, as the current representatives will conclude their 2-year term in March. Thank you to those parents, who have held positions on school council for the past two years. Parents, please consider nominating, nomination sheets are available from the office. Nominations will close at 3pm Friday, 4th March. Thank you for your support.

CANTEN ROSTER
Wednesday 17th Feb   - Robyn Thompson & Jenny Pascoe
Friday 19th Feb      - Michelle Owen & Casey Hewitt
Next Week
Monday 22nd Feb     - Angela Barry & Shelly Radcliff
Wednesday 24th Feb  - Kylie Dennis & Mel O’Hara
Friday 26th Feb      - Lee Mills, Selina Yule & Kylie Louis

J Stephens
Joan Stephens
Relieving Principal
Willow Tree Public School

Horse Sports Day

Friday 18th March 2016

7.45am – Start

GEAR CHECK TO BE COMPLETED BY TEAM MANAGERS PRIOR TO THE FIRST EVENT

It is essential team managers liaise with riders prior to the event to ensure gear checks are completed ready to commence official gear check at 7.45am

Team Managers are to collect information packs from the office at 7.15am
Team Managers & Supervising Teachers are required to attend an induction at the office at 7.30am

Venue – Quirindi Showground
$25.00 per student
Entries are to be received by Friday 4th March 2016
Entries are to be returned to:

Kristy McCarthy
Willow Tree Public School
46 Merriwa Road
Willow Tree NSW 2339

For further information contact:

Kristy McCarthy - 0429 471670
Michele Wamsley - 0402 059484

Canteen facilities are available from 6.30am
We appreciate your support

If camping is required, it MUST be pre-arranged with Liverpool Plains Shire Council on 67461755 and the Willow Tree Horse Sports Committee must be advised on - 0429 471670

Further confirmation of your school’s attendance will be advised once all forms are received. Please note: if forms are not received by the due date, entries may NOT be accepted.