NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 1

28 January 2016

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to all students and parents and a special welcome to all the new children and parents who begin at Denman Public School this year. I am sure that the Denman community will make you feel very welcome.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Stephens and I have been appointed as the Relieving Principal of Denman PS for 2016. As you are probably aware, the substantive principal, Mr Bryant has taken leave for 2016 prior to retiring. My substantive position is Principal of Maroota PS and I have held this position since October 2011. Since July 2014 I have been relieving as the Principal of two other schools; Llandilo PS (2014) and Pitt Town PS (2015), which are schools situated in the Penrith and Hawkesbury areas. I recently moved into the Muswellbrook area and I’m so excited about leading Denman PS throughout 2016.

I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible in person. I do have an 'open door policy’ so feel free to call in to introduce yourself. Fortunately I will be able to catch up with many parents, grandparents and community members at next week’s swimming carnival. Since my arrival at Denman PS everyone has been so helpful and welcoming, and already I feel part of the furniture. It certainly won’t take me long to embrace the Denman PS way of life!

We also welcome Miss Beith to the school. Miss Beith will be teaching Year 2 this year and like myself, is very pleased to be working at Denman PS. Some of you may already know Mr Garner, who will be relieving as Assistant Principal this year, as well as teaching Year 6.

CLASS ORGANISATION
The following teachers have been allocated for 2016:
Kindergarten - 22 Miss Kyriakou
Year 1 - 25 Miss Duggan
Year 2 - 19 Miss Beith
Year 3 - 27 Mrs Whiteman (Mon-Tues), Mrs Saunders (Wed – Fri)
Year 4 - 26 Mr Clare
Year 5 - 30 Miss Hassett
Year 6 - 33 Mr Garner

The total school enrolment at present is 182, although this may fluctuate slightly over the next few days.

Mrs Fuiono will teach the Reading Recovery program, as well as teach “Learning Support” programs throughout each day.
Mrs Ballard will teach Computer lessons and the “Learning Support” program each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Mrs Jones will teach Library lessons each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. She will also be working with our Kindergarten students on Wednesdays and teaching “Learning Support” programs throughout each day.
Our Learning Support Officers are Mrs Butters, Mrs Whitten, Mrs Hayne, Mrs Hagan, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Barnes, Mrs Smith and Mrs Cross.
**UNIFORM SHOP**
The uniform shop will open at 8.30am for 30 minutes each Tuesday and Friday during 2016.

**INVOICES FOR SCHOOL FEES**
Your child’s invoice for their text book fees and their school tuition fees will be distributed next **Wednesday, 3rd February**. Book fees ($60 per student) need to be paid by **Monday, 8th February** as we commence homework during that week. (Maths Mentals and Spelling) All school fees need to be paid by **Monday, 22nd February**.

**CONSENT FORMS**
General consent forms relating to walking to sport, excursions etc, periodic checking for head lice, and permission for photographs, have been distributed to every child **TODAY**. Please return the forms to your child’s teacher **as soon as possible**.

**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.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
The canteen will continue to open only three days per week. (MONDAY – WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY) **It will not open until next Monday, 1st February**.
The roster next week is as follows;
- **Monday 1st Feb** - Pauline Frater & Chantel Blake
- **Wednesday 3rd Feb** - Kate Cummings and Kristy Watson
- **Friday 5th Feb** - **No Canteen at school**. Only the Swimming Carnival canteen run by Lee Mills and Julie Fabar will be operating.
The Term 1 canteen roster will be updated and included with next week’s newsletter.

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**
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| Thursday 28th Jan | - Students Years 1 to 6 return
- Kinder Best Start testing
- No Assembly                      |
| Friday 29th Jan   | - Kinder Best Start testing
- House meetings and swimming nominations
- no canteen                          |
| **Next Week**     |                                                                         |
| Monday 1st Feb    | - Kindergarten students commence
- Canteen open                        |
| Tuesday 2nd Feb   | - Newsletter                                                   |
| Wednesday 3rd Feb | - Class information letters distributed/School fee and book fee invoices
- distributed to parents, canteen open |
| Thursday 4th Feb  | - Captains Induction Morning Tea, 11am and Assembly, 11.30am     |
| Friday 5th Feb    | - School Swimming Carnival, 9.30am (Years 2 to 6). School canteen closed.
- Canteen operating for children attending carnival only. |

**TERM 1 CALENDAR**
Included today is the Term 1 Calendar. Please put this helpful planning document in a prominent place in your house. It does help with organisation.

Kind regards

Joan Stephens
Relieving principal

**SCONE GYMNASICS**
Program bookings for Scone Gymnastics in term one of 2016 are now available to be made on-line. A few key details for the nine-week program:

**Venue:** Scone Youth Centre, 105 Susan Street, Scone, 2337  
**Dates:** February 1 2016 to April 4 2016 (excluding March 28)  
**Bookings:** Online requests are processed via our Client Service Centre with confirmation of bookings sent via e-mail. Please note the initial email sent which recognises a booking submission is not a booking confirmation.

**Scone Gymnastics - Term 1 2016**

- 8-10 years 5pm start [https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/gymnastics-intermediate-0](https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/gymnastics-intermediate-0)

All key booking information is provided on the web-links but for any further queries people can get in touch with our Client Service Centre via phone on 13 13 02

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The boys and girls from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the Denman Public School Swimming Carnival next Friday, 5th February, (more information will be provided next week).

Note: Only PSSA aged students attend the carnival. Some Year 2 students go and some don’t.

**Permission notes** for this school event will be distributed in the next few days.

**Lunch Orders**

A canteen will be operating at the pool on the day. If your child requires a lunch order, please order in the usual way on the morning of the carnival. There will be no pre-paid orders this year.

Food available will include:

- Small Pie $1.50
- Large Pie $3.00
- Sausage roll $2.00
- Sauce 30c Bbq/Tomato (please circle)

Slushies will also be available on the day at a cost of $1 (small) or $2 (large). Please pay separately.

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**SWIMMING 2015 - Please return if you can help … asap**

**CAN YOU HELP** - I am able to assist at the Swimming Carnival on Friday, 6 February as:

- Timekeeper
- Recorder
- Anything

Name ........................................... Signed ..................................................