NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 2 2 February 2016

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Yesterday we welcomed 22 new kindergarten students to our lovely community school. Many photographs were taken by parents at the front gate and I’m sure many parents had mixed emotions on the day. Rest assured, every student had a wonderful day and were helped along the way by their Year 5 buddies, who did a great job. So did Ms Kyriakou, our kindergarten teacher who slept soundly last night!

There are so many events planned for the forthcoming term. Please keep your eye on the calendar and note any relevant dates in your diaries.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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<td>Captains Induction Morning Tea, 11am and Assembly, 11.30am</td>
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SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ ASSEMBLY
This week our school captains: Imogen (capt), Jed (capt), Ashtyn (vice-capt) and Will (vice-capt) will conduct the first assembly of the year at 11.30am, this Thursday, 4 February.
Special guests Mrs Bate, Principal at Muswellbrook High; and MHS students will induct the captains and sports captains to their positions for 2016. Friendly Kids and class awards will also be presented.

MORNING TEA
A morning tea will be held in the school hall commencing at 11.00am for families of our new students and kindergarten students; and for the families of the school captains and sports captains. Please come along and meet our staff.

SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS
Last week the students elected their new 2016 Sports House Captains and Vice-Captains, who are:
Georgia, Alex (C) – Sophie, Kaide (VC) - **Rosemount**
Amber, Cayden (C) – Noah, Emerson (VC) - **Arrowfield**
Lequisha, Harris (C) – Sharni, Ben (VC) - **Callatoota**
Tara, Brock (C) – Jaclyn, Mason (VC) - **Richmond Grove**
Congratulations and all the best for the swimming carnival this Friday!
FRIENDLY KIDS
Noah, Year 5 - for politely greeting people with a lovely smile.
Jesse, Year 2 - for comforting a sad class member.
Noah, you should be very proud of yourself.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will open at 8.30am for 30 minutes each Tuesday and Friday during 2016.

INVOICES FOR SCHOOL FEES
Tomorrow Wednesday, 3 February, each family will receive an invoice for your children’s text book fees and school tuition fees. 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.
Book fees need to be paid by next Monday, 8 February as we commence sending homework books home next week… So pay the book fee first if you cannot afford both at once!
All fees listed on your invoice need to be paid by Monday, 22 February.

YEAR 6 CLASS NEWS
Welcome back to the new school year and the final year of primary school! Year 6 have hit the ground running, getting straight into Term 1 work. This term we will be studying Marvellous Microorganisms in Science, as well as Australian Systems of Government and Federation in History. Year 6 are also looking forward to the Stage 3 Canberra excursion in Term 2. This year will be a busy year for Year 6 so please ensure that students are keeping up to date with homework and any extra work that needs to be completed at home. I encourage all students to read for a minimum of 30 mins per night or afternoon and continually revise times tables in Year 6. Both the students and I are looking forward to a momentous year at Denman Public School!
Mr Garner

CLASS INFORMATION SHEETS
Tomorrow, all teachers will send home an information package about their class.
Packages contain such matters as; curriculum content, class expectations, excursions, behaviour requirements, homework and general needs. We hope the information will assist you and your child understand the systems used in their class and in our school in general.

Teachers are available to parents when needed before and after school or during release times:
Tuesday; - Mrs Whiteman, 11 to 12pm; Mr Garner & Miss Hassett, 12 noon to 3pm
Wednesday; - Miss Kyriakou, 9 to 11am; Miss Beith & Miss Duggan, 12 noon to 3pm
Thursday; - Mr Clare & Mrs Saunders, 12 noon to 3pm

PARENT HELP IN THE CLASSROOM
Parents and grandparents are most welcome in classrooms at our school. Please fill out the return slip below to your child’s teacher, if you can help. Please return as soon as possible.

I can help with; Class ………………….. Day ………………….. Time …………………..
Class ………………….. Day ………………….. Time …………………..

Name ……………………………………….. Signed ………………………………………..
BIKE RIDING POLICY
In line with the School Bike Riding Policy, the main bicycle safety issues are as follows;
- Bikes and Scooters are better ridden on footpaths NOT roads.
- Infants children (Kinder to Year 2) need to be accompanied by an adult.
- Our school will have a Bicycle Register and students need permission given by a parent.
- All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed.
- Permission may be withdrawn if such rules are broken.
- Skateboards are not permitted.

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 ROSTER
Wednesday 3rd Feb - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 5th Feb - (Swimming Carnival) * Please order in the usual way!
Next Week
Monday 8th Feb - Simone George & Rona Pierce
Wednesday 10th Feb - Lee Mills & Louise Stokes Chapman
Friday 12th Feb - Milisa Borg & Renee Wallace

I would also like to say a huge “Thank You” to all the parent helpers who refreshed our canteen by cleaning and painting namely: Kylie Dennis, Renee Wallace, Germaine Ball, Milisa Borg, Julie McCauley, Mandy Hunter, Rachel Dearnley and Lee Mills.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The boys and girls from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the Denman Public School Swimming Carnival this Friday, 5th February.

Note: Only PSSA aged students attend the carnival. Some Year 2 students go and some don’t. Permission notes have already been distributed, Please return to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

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 indicate)

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

SWIMMING 2016 - Please return if you can help … asap

CAN YOU HELP - I am able to assist at the Swimming Carnival on Friday, 5 February as:
Timekeeper……… Recorder……… Anything …………………………………………………
Name …………………………………… Signed …………………………………………………

Kind regards
Joan Stephens
Relieving Principal