NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 3

10 February 2016

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We have had a very busy start to the year, in fact the ‘Term Calendar’ is full already and it’s only Week 3! You’ll be please to know that all students have now settled into their new classes and they are working hard. It's really pleasing to see everyone in full school uniform so “thank you” to all parents and carers for your support in helping us to maintain high standards.

Last week we welcomed Miss Elizabeth Bate, the Principal of Muswellbrook High PS, together with two prefects to our school to present badges to our School Captains, Vice-Captains and House Captains. Prior to the Captains Induction ceremony, all parents, staff and guests enjoyed a delicious morning tea and I would like to thank the parents who organised this. I congratulate all of our leaders who were nominated by their peers to hold these leadership positions. Well done everyone involved!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016

Even though it was a cloudy and chilly day to be in the water the swimming carnival was fantastic! All children swam their best, cheered on every swimmer, were well behaved and enjoyed being at the carnival.

Thank you to all the amazing parent helpers on the day, without your help we would not be able to run a carnival as successfully as we did. Thank you to those who helped set up and pack away all the heavy equipment.

Our point score totals were higher than ever, with any student swimming in a race receiving a participation point for their house. Congratulations to Rosemount who were the winning house on the day with 208 points. 2nd – Callatoota, 185 points, 3rd – Arrowfield, 102 points and 4th – Richmond Grove, 96 points.

Congratulations to each swimming champion and runners up. The results are as follows:
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<td>Junior Boys</td>
<td>Ashton - 27 points</td>
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<td>Indya – 28 points</td>
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<td>11 years Boys</td>
<td>Cohen – 30 points</td>
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<td>Ashtyn – 33 points</td>
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<td>Senior Boys</td>
<td>Jed – 21 points</td>
<td>Brock – 16 points</td>
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<td>Imogen – 36 points</td>
<td>Emerson – 19 points</td>
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Children in the school team to compete at the zone carnival, to be held in Singleton on Thursday 18th February, will receive a permission note and information this week. Ribbons for our carnival will be handed out to students at a later date.

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

- **Thursday 11th Feb** - Year 5 Assembly
- **Friday 12th Feb** - Swimming training
  - Class sport

**Next Week**

- **Monday 15th Feb** - School Council Meeting – 3.30pm
- **Tuesday 16th Feb** - Newsletter
- **Thursday 18th Feb** - Zone Swimming Carnival
  - No Assembly
- **Friday 19th Feb** - Sports Presentation

**WONDERFUL WORKERS**

1 – Phoenix, Ada, Keira
3 – Brodie, Samuel, Daniel
K – Harmani, Archie, Shiloh
2 – Caitlyn, Kayleigh, Diego
6 - Sophie, Imogen, Lucy
4 – Blade, Harry, Rhyme
5 – Abbylea, Phoebe, Nadia

**YEAR 5 CLASS NEWS**

Year 5 have been very busy already and its only week 3! We have welcomed a few new faces this year but they have fitted in well and we are beginning to all fall into routine. We all had a great time at the swimming carnival on Friday and it made us very excited for all the sport to come throughout the year. We are preparing for NAPLAN by studying persuasive texts in English and are trying to come to terms with have 32 spelling and revision words each week! We are excited to start our Science unit, Desert Survivors, and our History units Establishing the Colonies and Colonial Settlement. We have LOVED helping our new kinder buddies and enjoy seeing them becoming more independent each day. We can’t wait to see what the rest of the year has in stall for us!
The Big Day

It was a beaming summer’s morning and I had woken from my deep sleep. I had been dreaming about today my whole life and I had arrived early for my big day, so that I could warm up. As I sat in the room others looked around, I am not sure if they knew who I was or what I was doing there but they were about to find out.

I got ready to go out onto the court. I was dressed and extremely pumped. I knew that if my team won today that we would go down in history. The announcer announced my name and I ran out and got into position. The buzzer went, I went out and received the ball. I went to throw the ball to my team mate but them the other team stole the ball.

I knew that it was my entire fault that the other team got the ball and I had to make it up to my team. So this time when the buzzer went, I ran up, grabbed the ball and tried to pass it and this time it went to my team. I then ran into the circle and my team mate passed the ball back to me, I caught it and I took the shot, it hit the hoop swirled around the silver hoop six times and then…

The ball went in the hoop, the score was then 1-0 our way and we won. OMG! We won because of me everyone carried me around chanting my name. It was so amazing!

By Imogen

FRIENDLY KIDS

Georgia, Year 1 – for being a wonderful buddy to Kinders on Friday

Georgia, Year 6 – for being a great helper at the School Swimming Carnival.

P & C NEWS

The following comments were put forward in our suggestion box:

Instill a water filtration system for the children to refill water bottles.
Response: There are sufficient water bubblers provided around the school for children to use and refill water bottles if necessary. On hotter days, if children find the water is hot, they should run the bubblers for a small time to ensure the water is cool before they drink from the bubblers.

Change the times of recess/lunch breaks. Allow longer time at recess for children to eat and play, then reduce the lunch break later in the day.
Response: it would be difficult for the canteen volunteers to have lunch orders prepared in time for recess. Also the whole school timetable is centred around these set breaks, so one change will affect everyone's daily routine, which can be very unsettling for everyone.
**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 8.30 am for 30 minutes each Tuesday and Friday during 2016.

**THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to Ian Holmes for co-ordinating the installation of a ramp at our school over the Christmas holiday break. Andrew Bailey also needs to be thanked, as he spent many hours constructing and building the ramp, along with Sam. The staff and students are so appreciative of your help and support. Many thanks.

**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.

**MORNING TEA HELPERS**

Thank you for a wonderful morning tea last week. Thank you to Chantel Blake, Simone George, Lynda McIntyre, Lee Mills, Snez Bellotti Renee Wallace, Linda Wilson, Rona Pierce and Kim Wolfgang. New families, kinder parents, staff, captains and their families certainly enjoyed the occasion. Later this term in Week 8, we will have another morning tea for the senior citizens.

**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**

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**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**!

J Stephens  
Joan Stephens  
Relieving Principal