PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Students from Denman PS never cease to amaze me! When I chat to them in the playground, they ask me to join in their games. When I ask about their weekend, they willingly share all the finer details. They ask me for help if they need some assistance. When they approach the office ladies at the front counter, they’re polite, well-mannered and delightful to talk to. They help each other out in the playground, as they learn how to play by the rules and the importance of displaying good sportsmanship. As our students grow, they are developing skills and strategies that will enable them to function well in society. To the parents, I say “Thank you” for raising such beautiful children and to the staff I say “Well done” for preparing our students with life skills, which will stand them in good stead for the future. A great team effort all round! It really is a privilege to lead Denman PS!

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Thursday 18th February, a team of 22 swimmers and their families travelled to Muswellbrook to compete in the 2016 Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. The Denman students all did a fantastic job both in and out of the pool. All the students excelled, with many achieving personal best times and supporting each other as a team. The students looked great in the DPS Swimming Caps and there were many comments made in regards to this, so a big thank you to the P&C for donating these to our Zone Competitors. Another big thank you to our wonderful parents for all your support and assistance on the day, from helping with transport, to time keeping and organising the team, we couldn’t do it without you.

Congratulations to all the Swimmers for a fantastic day! Zone Ribbons will be presented at an assembly, as soon as we have received them.

Well done to Imogen and Indya who have been selected to compete at the Hunter PSSA Swimming Carnival held at Maitland Pool on Thursday 3rd March.

ZONE CRICKET TRIALS
Well done to Mason, Ashton, Lane, Taj, Jed and Brock who trialed for the Zone Cricket team. With many students there to try out, the group was culled to 13 possible/probables. From this group 6 were selected to progress, Congratulations to Jed and Brock who were 2 of the 6 and selected to trial for the regional team. Great work boys!

SCONE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL
The Group 21 Rugby League Carnival will be held on Sunday, 20 March in Scone. We will only be entering teams with enough players. It is a great day to begin the footy season. If your child wants to play for the school on this day, you must return the form below before this Friday, 4th March. If you are able to coach a team, please indicate overleaf.
RUGBY LEAGUE - please return by 4th March (only teams with enough players will be entered)

Name ........................................................................ Class .......... Date of Birth .................

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is/are interested in playing football for the school at the Scone Carnival on Sunday, 20 March.

Name: .............................................. I am prepared to coach the ......year old team.

Signed ..........................................................

BUS PASSES
Parents, please note that if your child travels on the Muswellbrook bus and he/she doesn’t have a bus pass, then your child needs to have a note signed by a parent/carer and myself (principal). Your child will also need to pay $2 to the driver. If you have any queries, please contact the bus company on 6543 3041.

STAR STRUCK 2016 ORCHESTRA
Nominations are now open for musicians interested in performing as a member of the STAR STRUCK 2016 ORCHESTRA. Please ask the office for further information.

Nominations Due: Wednesday March 2nd, 2016 at 4pm
Audition Date: Saturday March 12th, 2016
Audition Venue: Lambton High School

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT NOMINATIONS
The role of the School Council is to operate within the context of the relevant legislation, and the stated policies and priorities of the Government and the Department of Education. The next school 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 parent representatives to fulfill the vacant positions. Nomination sheets have been sent home with this newsletter and they are also available from the office. Nominations will close at 3pm Friday 4th March. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 2 CLASS NEWS
It’s week 6 already and so much has been happening in Year 2! We are learning about healthy food choices and exercise in Health, with some of our favourite foods being fruit, vegetables, chocolate and lollies. Playing on the equipment and playing soccer on the top pitch are our favourite activities.

During writing lessons, we have been learning about nouns and verbs that are used to write sentences and Imaginative Texts. One of our favourite activities after recess is 'Fast Maths', where we are given three minutes to complete forty simple addition questions. It is so pleasing to see all students so keen to improve their level over the term. By far, Science is our favourite lesson. Our topic this term is ‘All Mixed Up’, which sees us mixing different materials. So far we have made a chocolate and rice bubble concoction and slime!

Of course we can’t forget participating in our first school swimming carnival. All students had a great day at the carnival with special congratulations to Indya, Caitlyn and Kaitlyn on reaching zone level. After
participation at this level we now see Indya heading to regional level and the class would like to wish her lots of luck for Thursday.  

Miss Beith

**BANDAGE BEAR/SRC FUNDRAISER**
This Friday 4th March, our students will enjoy an ‘out of uniform’ day in return for a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to the Westmead Children’s Hospital. Thank you for your support.

**TEACH YOUR CHILD TO BE INDEPENDENT**
Thank you to all parents who assist us by waiting at the front of the school in the afternoons. We are encouraging all of our students to keep themselves safe by being in the right place at the right time, and to be responsible for their belongings. At the end of the school day, the first bell rings to indicate the end of lessons. Children then have to pack their own bags and carry them, as they make their way to either the walking lines, the bike lines or the correct bus lines. Our courtyard becomes very congested at this time of day, so please assist us by remaining at the front of the school until your child walks to you. You’ll be amazed at the amount of self-pride your child develops by being independent!

**NITS/HEADLICE**
Can I please ask all parents to check their child’s hair for headlice. If present, please treat accordingly. The only way the school can eradicate this problem is for all families to work together and thoroughly address the issue. Thank you for your support.

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**
- Thursday 3rd March – Year 3 Assembly
- Tuesday 8th March – Newsletter
- Wednesday 9th March – Zone Rugby League
- Thursday 10th March – Year 2 Assembly
- Friday 11th March – Zone Netball

**FRIENDLY KIDS**
- Brodie, Year 1 – for being a kind and helpful student during infants sport.
- Charli, Year 3 – for being kind and always playing happily.
**KIDS CORNER**
Jesse, Year 2
Wonderful Spelling

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**WONDERFUL WORKERS**
3 – Jody, Charli, Jye
1 – Bede, Georgia, Dante
6 – Brayden, Jaclyn, Brock
K – William, Nate, Isabella
4 – Rhyme, Harry, Deakon
5 – Isaac, Rachel, Nicholas
2 – Jesse, Kaitlyn, Jonathan

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
Wednesday 2nd Mar    - Kristy Watson & Mel O’Hara
Friday 4th Mar             - Lee Mills, Selina Yule & Kylie Louis
**Next Week**
Monday 7th Mar          - Simone George & Rona Pierce
Wednesday 9th Mar - Lee Mills
Friday 11th March - Julie McCauley & Kristy Kelman

**THE ‘TELL THEM FROM ME’ STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY**
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school.

**PARENTING CLASS – 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching**
This class has now been postponed until Tuesday 8th March from 10am – 2:30pm. Everyone welcome.

**2016 UPPER HUNTER REGIONAL SHOW**
This event was advertised in last week’s newsletter. Our school will be entering outstanding pieces of art works, that the students are working on in classrooms. If any parent would like to submit their child’s work in
other areas (ie, cake decorating, cookery, needlework, etc), please contact the Pavilion Co-ordinators or the school office, for further information.

Joan Stephens
Relieving Principal