PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Great excitement was experienced by all last Friday when the new fleet of iPads arrived. Thanks to a very generous donation from our local Godolphin/Darley team, the school has now been able to complement 21st century learning by purchasing these educational resources, which will benefit all students. Within the next week or two, most classes will be learning how to integrate these learning tools into their teaching/learning programs, hence allowing our students to develop knowledge and skills, which will enable them to become student-centred learners. This will occur once they learn how to think creatively and critically, communicate effectively, work collaboratively, cooperate and problem solve. The Denman School Community is very grateful to the Godolphin/Darley team for their very generous donation.

STARSTRUCK AUDITIONS
We are absolutely delighted to announce that the Senior Dance Group were successful in their audition for Starstruck. Well done to everyone involved! Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday May 26th and I look forward to seeing a polished performance in coming months.

CRICKET
Yesterday the school cricket team competed in the first round of the PSSA Cricket Knockout against Merriwa PS. The team spirit shown by the boys was wonderful to see and Denman PS won the game convincingly within the first four overs. We look forward to hearing the result of the next round.

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations and well done to Imogen and Indya who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival last Thursday 3rd March. Both girls raced well and were against some strong competition after tough qualifying times set at Zone. Imogen placed 10th overall in the Senior Girls 50m Butterfly and Indya placed 4th in the 8 years Girls 50m Freestyle. It is a great achievement to have 2 students proudly represent Denman Public School at regional level and we are very proud of your results.

ZONE RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
Good luck to the 10 boys from year 5 and 6 who will attend the Zone Rugby League Trials in Muswellbrook tomorrow. Please remember to take your hat, drink bottle, lunch and medical notes with you on the day.

ZONE NETBALL TRIALS
This Friday 11th March our school Netball team will be travelling to Singleton to compete in the Zone Netball Trials. Please make sure all notes and the PSSA levy of $1.50 is returned to school by tomorrow. Good luck girls!

SCONE RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL
We are still in need of players for the Scone Rugby League Carnival held on Sunday 20th March. Please contact the school by tomorrow if you are interested in playing. It is a fun day designed to give school students a taste of playing a great sport and being active with friends.

BANDAGE BEAR FUNDRAISER
Over $185 was raised for Westmead Children’s Hospital last Friday. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

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.
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Last Friday all students and staff joined together to clean up our school. It was great to see everyone getting involved and the school looked magnificent afterwards. Thanks parents for supplying gloves for the students to wear, your support is much appreciated.

P & C/SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS
Please support our P & C fundraising efforts by selling raffle tickets. Booklets are being sent home to each family today and the prize is an Easter hamper. Tickets cost $1 each and the winning ticket will be drawn on Thursday 24th March. Please return all tickets (sold and unsold) & money to the office by Tuesday 22nd March. The next P & C meeting/AGM will take place on Monday 14th March in the staffroom at 5.30pm. The next School Council meeting/AGM will take place on Monday 21st March in the staffroom at 3.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend. There will also be a canteen meeting on Friday 11th March at 2pm.

YEAR 1 CLASS NEWS - Mrs Duggan, Classroom Teacher
Year 1 students have been busy in Term 1 so far. In English, we have been reading the book Sebastian Lives in a Hat and learning all about how to write great sentences. We have been really enjoying our reading groups each day and I thank everyone that has come in to help us so far this year. Sport has been really fun too, as we have been participating in Tabloid sports with Kindergarten and Year 2, and we have also been practicing our catching and hopping, which we are getting really good at! We are very interested in our Science unit, Schoolyard Safari where we have been looking at the small animals and insects that live in our schoolyard, and we even went on our own Schoolyard Safari! In History, our topic is Families Past and Present, where we have been discussing how families lived in the past and how those families were similar or different to our own. We are really looking forward to all the great things ahead of us and have made an excellent start to the year.

KIDS CORNER
Bella-Rose, Year 4, Great Drawing

WONDERFUL WORKERS
2 – Lucy, Layla, Darcy
1 – Toby, Haydon, Theo
5 – Noah, Jordanna, Lane
K – Ashleigh, Ruby, Archie
3 – Remmi, Amelia, Connor
4 – Bella-Rose, Leo, Thomas
6 – Cayden, Hayley, Georgia

CALANDER OF COMING EVENTS
Wednesday 9th March – Zone Rugby League
Thursday 10th March - Year 2 Assembly
Friday 11th March - Zone Netball
Thursday 17th March - Seniors Assembly

Joan Stephens
Relieving Principal