

DENMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Learning and Growing Together in a Caring Environment

NEWSLETTER - Term 2, Week 3

FAREWELL MISS ALLISON

From next Monday, 19 May, Miss Allison will be “Instructional Leader” at Merriwa Central School. This is a great promotion for her. Unfortunately, staff and students will miss her teaching our Year 4 class. On a positive note we are pleased to have employed Miss Peters to teach Year 4 for the rest of the year. Miss Peters has been a regular casual teacher on staff since November last year. During the past two weeks, Miss Peters has spent a number of days at our school preparing with Miss Allison and the Year 4 students to ensure a smooth transition. Thank you to both teachers.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

A very successful stall was held last Thursday. Our thanks goes to Casey Apps, Germaine Ball, Ainsley Ball, Sonia Barnes, Snezana Bellotti, Chantel Blake, Felisha Nebauer, Sue Coombes, Rachel Dearnley, Milisa Borg, Robyn Dominic, Julie Faber, Paula Hunt, Kristy Watson, Jaymee Wilton and Kim Wolfgang for helping on the day.

Thanks also to Jo Betts who helped to set up on Wednesday afternoon. We would also like to thank Barbara Wilson for donating the fabulous covered coathangers and Kristy Watson for donating the wonderful wrapping paper and ribbon.

We hope all Mums were treated to a lovely day on Sunday!

Kim Wolfgang

FRIENDLY KIDS

Lauren, Year 1 – for always being kind and helpful to classmates
Nicholasn Coll, Year 5 – for helping a staff member pull a lot of “bindies” out of a student’s hands and knees

WONDERFUL WORKERS

4 – Ashtyn, Harris, Mason,
3 – Phoebe, Braith, Isaac
1 – Phoebe, Jeb, Charli
K – Layla, Dash, Lucy
5 – Ashleigh, Jonte, Nicholas
2 – Cooper, Patrick, Harsimran
6 – Ashleigh, Wade, Nadia

NAPLAN TESTING

Today our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in the National Assessment language and writing tests. Tomorrow will be a reading test and there will be a numeracy test on Thursday. We wish the students in these classes every success.

LIBRARY HELP

You can help your school by assisting with the covering of library books. If you can help, please contact the school office on 65472491 or let Mrs Thurston know at school.

LET'S CLOSE THE GATES

Parents, students and teachers are reminded to close the gates around our school to make safe each and every student at our school. Your assistance is much appreciated!

YEAR 1 CLASS NEWS

Welcome back to term 2 and what a busy term we have ahead! The children are all enjoying the new sports rotations, where they are learning game skills to play cricket, basketball and t-ball. We have already done two rotations and will move on to the next sport this week.

Public speaking has started this week, and thank you to the parents who have already helped their child prepare their speeches. I look forward to hearing them over the next few weeks.

Last Thursday, the children enjoyed learning about responsible pet handling, and how to deal with scared and angry dogs, as well as how to approach friendly dogs the correct way.

We have started our new HSIE unit, 'Workers in the Community', and we join with year 2 on Monday afternoons for this. In Science we will be observing changes in our environment, and have taken lots of photos with our XOs. Our XOs are being used almost every day in class to play games during reading groups, publish stories in writing, and 'have a chat' if we have spare time.

The children in Year 1 were lucky to be able to receive these as part of the 'one laptop per child' government initiative, and ours, along with a set for year 5, were funded by the SRC and P&C. The children are learning to use them well and they thoroughly enjoy the time they spend on them.

I look forward to catching up with all of you for parent/teacher interviews this term, see you then!

Mrs Fuiono

NRMA - Science & Road Safety Day - Friday 23 May

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program delivered by NRMA Motoring & Services as part of its commitment to road safety.

Our school was chosen to take part in this free program that will visit 100 schools across NSW and ACT and educate 40,000 students.

This program looks at road safety from a science perspective so that children better understand the forces that act on humans when in motion so that road safety messages such as "Wear your seatbelt" or "Wear your bike helmet" become more relevant. Children are asked to bring their bike helmets in on the day, decorated for fun.

Parent Workshop- Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe and so we would like to invite you to a workshop at 2.15PM in the School Hall where we will review the key road safety messages that were covered on the day and also learn more about what you can do to keep your children safe on the road.

Mrs Fuiono

STUDENT REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Student Reports containing profile work samples for Semester 1 will be distributed to parents of students in primary classes on Tuesday, 10 June and infants classes on Thursday, 12 June.

The Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted during the last two weeks of term.

Teachers will send home details of the interviews **next week**.

Please return your "Preferred" interview time request sheet by Friday, 30 May.

Teachers will then confirm your allocated interview time before the class interview day.

HEALTH TIP - Kids Love "Rewards"

- Praise healthy habits. This may be snacking on fruit, drinking water and being active.
- Use treats like stickers, special games and outings, hugs and praise.
- Avoid using food as a reward.

STARSTRUCK EXCURSION

The students in our senior dance group will be performing in "**STARSTRUCK**" this year.

If you would like to see them perform at the matinee on Friday, 13 June please return the slip below.

Students in Years 2 to 6 have received a note inviting them to participate in an excursion to see the show. Students need to return their note and money by Friday, 23 May.

The cost is \$35 per person; this includes bus fare and the performance ticket. All money needs to be in an envelope, clearly marked with permission note, and sent to the office.

"Star Struck" Note – return with \$35 before Friday, 23 May

I give permission for my son/daughter Year

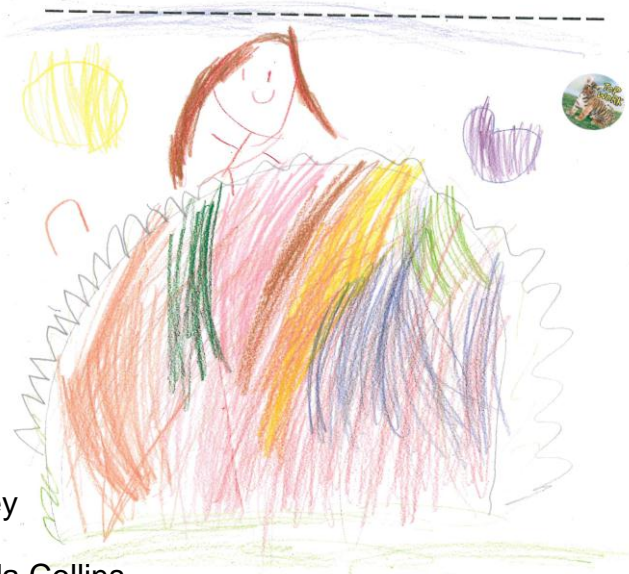
to travel to the Newcastle Entertainment Centre to watch "Star Struck" on Friday, 13 June.

I understand that transport will be by bus.

Signed.....

My name is Lucy.

I walked over my pop's bridge.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 14.5 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
 Friday 16.5 - Lyn Shepherdson & Julie McCauley

Next Week

Monday 19.5 - Louise Stokes-Chapman & Amanda Collins
 Wednesday 21.5 - Germaine Ball & Chantel Blake
 Friday 23.5 - Renee Wallace & Simone George

BOOK CLUB

Orders are due back by **tomorrow** Wednesday, 14 May.

Please put order form and payment in an envelope marked "Book Club" (**please make sure child's name is on order form**) If paying by cheque please make it out to **Scholastic.** Wendy Stair

DENMAN CATTLE SALES

The roster for the next cattle sale to be held next **Friday**, 23 May is as follows:

Workers: John and Ann East **Cooking:** Ann East and Chantel Blake

UNIFORM SHOP - *Get your winter uniforms now before it gets cold!*

We now have **maroon tights**; size 4-6 or 7-10, \$10 each. We have 5 pairs of each at the moment, but if needed, we can get more.

The school uniform shop is open for sales each **Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.30am.**

Any **outstanding uniform debts** need to be paid ASAP. Sandy Russell, 0418572265

JUNIOR BASKETBALL - **Come and try "Aussie Hoops"** - Still time to join !

Denman has started "Aussie Hoops" basketball at the Denman Basketball Stadium. Play starts at 3.45pm and continues until 4.45pm. The comp is for primary school age girls & boys and goes for 18 weeks in term 2 and term 3. Most of all it is about having **FUN.** Aaron - 0418975880

ENROLMENTS 2015

We will welcome the following students to Kindergarten in 2015; - Luke, Max, Payton, Keira, Rhes, Cianan, Dante, Haydon, Heidi, Theodore, Hamarni and Alex so far.

If your child, or you know of a child, who may be an enrolment in 2015, please complete the details on the return slip below. Rod Bryant, Principal

NOTIFICATION OF ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Name DOB..... Phone No.....

Address Parents Names

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER - OFF TO STATE !

Ashtyn has achieved highly coming in third (out of 59) at the Hunter Area cross country championships at Newcastle last Friday. Ashtyn will now represent Hunter Area at the State Championship in Sydney later in the year.

Josh made his second trip to the regional championships, this time running mid-field, but is keen to win his way back next year to improve on his previous placings.

Both students have represented us well and can be very proud of their achievements.

PSSA NETBALL MATCH

Last Wednesday, Denman PS hosted Scone PS in a game of netball held at the new school courts. All the girls played extremely well but we met a hot team and were defeated 29-6. During the 3rd quarter, our team played fantastically going head to head with Scone in shooting and drawing the quarter 2 all. All girls showed great sportsmanship and perseverance throughout the game.

Well done; Emily, Chelsea, Kathrine, Ashleigh, Tenahya, Tenika, Tasmyn, Millie and Tallulah on a great game .

A big thank you to Miss Borg for scoring and Miss Hassett for coaching on the day while I was referee. Good luck to Scone in the next round.

Miss Lewis

KIRKLAND CUP SUCCESS

Last Tuesday the **under 10s** football team travelled to Singleton to play in the Kirkland Cup. The boys played all of their matches demonstrating good sportsmanship and skill.

The first game was a tough fought match against St Mary's resulting in a loss 4-0. The team then went on to a convincing win against Branxton 24-4 resulting in a 2nd place in their pool. In a consolation play-off match against Aberdeen they were defeated 8-4. Well done to our try scorers on the day Darcy, Brock and Jed. Also, congratulations to Jonte who was presented with the match ball by our coach for being player of the day.

Thank you to Bruce Turner for coaching the side and Ryan Cummings for assisting on the day. Congratulations on an outstanding effort and a fantastic day boys!

Miss Allison

The opens football team also travelled to Singleton to play the Kirkland Cup.

In our first match against Singleton Heights, we were slow to start and only managed to have a 4 all draw. Luke was our only try scorer.

In the second match we had a win against St James 16-4. Luke and Kobe scored two tries each. The Denman Devils looked like they were ready for a big day.

We had five try scorers in the third game against Branxton, winning 20-0. Well done to; Zac, Brodie, Daniel, Luke and Kobe. We were rewarded with a place in the final.

Before the final, the team warmed up well and Jay gave us some last minute advice. Every player had a job to do and they did it well to win the final 16-nil. Try went to Luke, Kobe, Mac and Daniel. Daniel was player of the day after scoring two tries. (His first two ever!)

Thank you to Jay Shepherdson for coaching us, Steve Reddish and Miss Borg for helping out. Well done to all the boys on winning the Kirkland Cup in 2014.

Hunter

CALENDAR

	Wednesday 14.5	- NAPLAN reading test
	Thursday 15.5	- NAPLAN numeracy test
		- No Assembly
	Friday 16.5	- Primary sport rotation
Next Week	Monday 19.5	- Starstruck Rehearsal
		- Computer ETC test
		- School Council 3.30pm
		- Touch Trials, Aberdeen, 4.30 to 8.30
	Tuesday 20.5	- Open Knights Knockout
	Wednesday 21.5	- Captains & Nominees, leadership course, Newcastle
	Thursday 22.5	- Year 5 Assembly, 11.15am
	Friday 23.5	- NRMA Day, activities all day (No Sport)

MERRIWA HORSE SPORTS

The Merriwa Horse Sports will be held on **Monday, 11 August**.

Could parents interested in their children competing on the day, please contact me asap, so we can get the entries in as soon as we can. Entry fee is \$20. Katie Calvert 65472043