EDUCATION WEEK
Education Week is a statewide annual event that celebrates public education in NSW. The achievements of public education and local schools are highlighted during the week, with an emphasis on our students, our educators and the communities that support them. Every student, every voice is the 2019 Education Week theme. It is an important message that underpins our ambition within the NSW Department of Education to every student being known, valued and cared for, and gives us the opportunity to reflect on the valuable role student voice has in creating engaged citizens who will thrive beyond the school gates. Mr Garner, Mrs Fuiono and Mrs Druitt will join the Denman Public School Education Week award recipients and their families at the Muswellbrook Community of Schools’ Education Week Ceremony at Muswellbrook High School on Thursday evening.

Congratulations to our 2019 award winners:

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YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

**CONNIE CONFIDENCE**
Lauren
Encouraging her peers at Hunter Dance Festival

**PETE PERSEVERANCE**
Thomas
Persevering in the Hip Hop Dance Class

**OSCAR ORGANISATION**
Rory
Organising himself to complete additional homework

**GABBY GET-ALONG**
Harmony
Inviting others to join her game

**RICKY RESILIENCE**
Amelia G
Persisting after technical difficulties with the microphone during public speaking
MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive merit awards next week.
K – Sophia & Ebony
1 – Matilda & Haylee
2 – Deakon & Sienna
3 – Chris & Dillon
4 – Alex & Ella
5 – Diego & Jonathan
6 – Jye & Cory
Library – Jayda & Angel

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Congratulations to students who presented some fantastic speeches in the Public Speaking finals. We heard some entertaining accounts about Pokemon, motorbikes, brothers, dairy farming, frustrating things in life and so much more!

WONDERFUL WORKERS
K – Tom & Bonnie
1 – Macey & Rylan
2 – Harmony & Zara
3 – Noah & Shiloh
4 – Phoenix & Rubie-Lea
5 – Caitlyn & Abby
6 – Cordeylia & Phoebe

Wellbeing Window
Senior students enjoyed their visit to harvest vegetables for the Denman Farmer’s market last week.
YEAR 5 CLASS NEWS
What a busy start to the term it has been. Year 5 sure has hit the ground running! Speeches were performed very well by all students throughout week 2 and our finalists did a fantastic job at the Stage 3 final on Tuesday.
Over the past 2 weeks, we’ve had class members represent DPS at the Hunter Dance Festival, Denman Community Garden harvest, NSW All Schools Rugby League State Finals and PSSA Zone athletics. The next few weeks will also see students representing DPS at the netball gala day, Education Week awards and touch football gala day. It is pleasing to see so many students willing to step out of their comfort zone and try new things.
This term we are continuing to use VCOP activities to enhance our writing lessons. We have been thoroughly enjoying reading the novel, Wonder by R. J. Palacio. Students are using Prodigy to expand their understanding of mathematical concepts and many students are actually playing Prodigy at home, which is great to see. The students are exploring the use of a green screen and ‘Touch Cast’ software to create their own short movies. They have also started to create their own websites in History which is allowing them to put their technological skills into practice. We have a cricket coach coming to DPS for sport sessions from Week 6-10 which will be a fantastic opportunity for our students. A busy, but enjoyable, remainder of the term lies ahead!

SPORTS REPORT
NSW Rugby League All Schools State Finals
Yesterday, our Under 10s Rugby League team travelled to Penrith to compete in the 10B division of the NSW Rugby League All Schools State Finals. The boys played outstandingly all day. They supported each other and displayed superb team work in every game.
The team had convincing wins in all their pool matches to finish on top of their pool. This meant they then progressed to the semi-final where they fought against a much tougher opponent. In the end, DPS were successful again with an 18-6 win. The boys were ecstatic to have made the final!

After a long day, our team ran onto the field for the final for one last game. The boys were fatigued, but battled on to play a solid game. It didn’t quite go the way we’d hoped, with the final score being 18-12. Congratulations to Banksmeadow Public School on their win. This means that DPS finished runners up and 2nd overall in NSW! What a fantastic achievement for our little school! Congratulations Jonathan, Blaney, Theo, Jade, Bailey, Brodie, Dawson, Tyson, Ajay, Keedan, Toby, Dillon, Braydan, Archie and Eddy. Your school community very proud of you all!
Thank you to the parents for transporting the players and for all your help and support throughout the day. Special thank you Gabe Ballard for coaching the team leading up to this carnival. Thank you to Lindsay Duggan for running water with Gabe during all the games.

Zone athletics
Yesterday, the 16th August, Mrs Collins and Miss Boyle accompanied 36 students to the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival at Alroy Oval, Singleton. Congratulations Conner, Eden, Jake, Isla, Bridie-Lee, Bede, Max S, Riley, Archie G, Heidi, Blake, Rory, Ruby B, Ruby R, Ava, Ada, Georga, Rubie-lea, Gabrielle, Luke, Haydon, Rongamai, Toby C, Remmi, Seth, Kaitlyn, Lucy, Matilda, Lauren, Mercy, Indya, Jo, Diego, Charli Jeb and Cordeylia – You should all be very proud of yourselves! Thank you to all parents who assisted with setting up and providing transport. It was an amazing day and DPS students displayed great perseverance in all events. Results will be published in the upcoming weeks.
SINGLETON NETBALL GALA DAY
Notes for the Singleton Netball Gala Day, coming up on Friday 16th August, were handed out this week. Please return these notes promptly with $2 fee so travel arrangements can be made.

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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