

# NEWSLETTER

29TH FEBRUARY 2024

WEEK 5, TERM 1

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to our Week 5 Principal Award recipients.  
Well done to Eden and Pippa.



## YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS



### CONNIE CONFIDENCE

Rose B - Demonstrating a confident approach with challenging tasks in Numeracy, and supporting her peers during the lesson.



### PETE PERSEVERANCE

Acacia M - Displaying outstanding persistence and determination to refine her skills in PE.



### OSCAR ORGANISATION

Alice J - Displaying exceptional organisational skills in all aspects of her learning, and in her role in the end of day assembly.



### GABBY GET-ALONG

Ebony B - Demonstrating kindness and patience to support her Kindergarten buddy.



### RICKY RESILIENCE

Huxley S - Displaying amazing strength of character to adjust to school routines. A fabulous start to Kindergarten 2024.





# K i n d e r g a r t e n

It's been a great start to big school with students developing lots of skills to support their learning. The Year 5 buddies are providing great support in and out of the classroom. We are so proud of you all!

Now that's  
concentration  
Huxley!

The glue is  
sticky but fun -  
Finn

I love learning  
my letters -  
Savannah

I like playing  
with friends -  
Quade







I like to read in the class - Havi

Kalarney & Mia - happy little learners!

Just dance with Indi & Teyana

Great work with Arlo & Violet





# WONDERFUL WORK

Kindergarten

Frankie

Kindergarten are learning to identify and plot details when listening to stories. With support, Frankie drew what happened in the beginning, middle and end of 'the pout pout fish'.

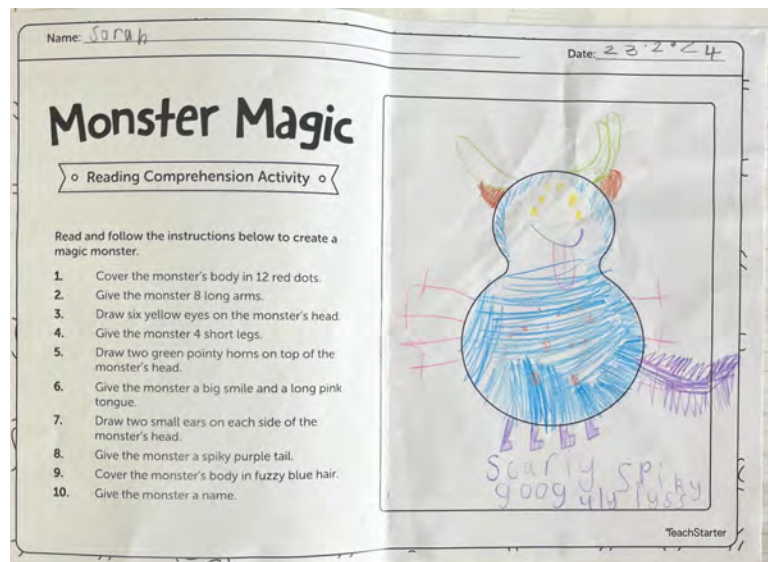
Well done Frankie!



Year 1

Sarah

Year 1 have been practising their reading comprehension skills. Sarah followed the instructions and visualised what the monster would look like from the text. Well done Sarah!



# WONDERFUL WORK

Year 2

Jacoby

Year 2 created an artwork with textas and crayons, influenced by Valentine's Day. Jacoby took great care in his work to keep it neat and demonstrated his creativity by changing the lines used compared to the example. Well done on a vibrant, unique artwork, Jacoby!



Year 3

Isla-May

Year 3 have been learning about creating tension in narratives. Using her own imagined characters and setting, Isla-May wrote a tension filled paragraph taking inspiration from Fantastic Mr Fox. She met the success criteria by using adverbial phrases and descriptive language. Excellent work Isla-May!

Whithout warning Mr Fox and the smalles fox Edith heard a car door slam and heavy footstaps coming towards the barn door. the animal's froze motionless. Their eyes pricked. Mr Fox told them to stay quite so he could ~~heer~~ <sup>hear</sup> ~~heer~~. The footstaps kept coming closer. Mr Fox pointed towards two of the largest dragon wings on the top shelf so they had to ~~climb~~ climb as fast as they could. "Quick!" said Mr fox. Hide behind here and quickly climbed up the shelf. They ~~at~~





# WONDERFUL WORK

Year 4  
Nia

Year 4 researched The Great Barrier Reef during technology to further their understanding of the themes explored in our class novel. Students were given questions to research and answer before using Canva to design an informative poster. Nia did a wonderful job creating a bright and colourful poster. Well done Nia!



Year 5  
Ebony

Year 5 have been listening to the book, 'The Wild Robot' in writing lessons this term. Ebony carefully created this artwork based on the story and included some important characters. Fantastic work Ebony!



# WONDERFUL WORK

Year 6

Alice

*Year 6 have been learning to create pixel artworks in a Spreadsheet. Alice found and recreated a picture of a clown using pixels. Great work Alice!*



## **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The challenge is now open and students have until **Friday 23rd August** to log all books read during this time.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will complete this challenge as part of their classroom literacy and library program.

Students in Year 3 to Year 6 will need to log their own books. A total of 20 books must be read from either the Year 3-4 list for Stage 2 and the 5-6 list from Stage 3. All students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate. Those completing the challenge for the 4th time will receive a Gold certificate and those completing the challenge for the 7th time will receive a platinum certificate.

**Log onto the website for more details (students use their existing DoE login and password):**

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



2024 Premier's

**reading  
challenge**





# SPORTS REPORT

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The final results from last week's Swimming Carnival have been recorded. It was a much closer contest between the house groups this year. Congratulations to Arrowfield who finished in first place, their fourth consecutive title!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS		
1ST	ARROWFIELD	173
2ND	ROSEMOUNT	148
3RD	RICHMOND GROVE	103
4TH	CALLATOOTA	59
CONGRATULATIONS!		

## ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Thursday 22nd February, 20 students travelled to Scone pool to compete at the Upper Hunter Zone Swimming Carnival. The DPS swimming caps made the team look very professional and every person swam their absolute best.

Staff and spectators from other schools across the Upper Hunter commented on the fantastic team spirit Denman had with constant cheering and words of encouragement for each other throughout the entire carnival.

Congratulations to Bonnie for placing 3rd in the 11yrs Girls Butterfly and to Nia, Ebony T, Ranelle and Rhiannan for placing 3rd in the Junior Girls Relay.

Thank you to Mrs Stair for all your hard work entering results for the Upper Hunter Schools on the day and to Mrs Whiteman for your organisation. A special thank you to the parents for helping with transport, setting up and packing up.

It was a great day and everyone who attended were great representatives of our school.

## UHPSSA RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

Good luck to our Stage 3 students who are attending the Upper Hunter Rugby League trials on Friday. We wish you all the best of luck. Please return all Steve Simpson Rugby League and League Tag notes to the office as soon as possible.





**SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY**

***Due to the expected high temperatures on Friday, a decision has been made to postpone Clean Up Australia day activities in Denman.***

On Monday 4th March students will participate in the program, supported by Tracy Ward, Sustainability Officer from Muswellbrook Shire Council.

**KINDER - STAGE 2 - SCHOOL GROUNDS****STAGE 3 - LOCAL COMMUNITY**

***Please bring your hat and a pair of disposable gloves.***



## TERM 1 - 2024

Friday 1/3	Upper Hunter Rugby League trials
Monday 4/3	Clean Up Australia Day (rescheduled due to hot weather)
Tuesday 5/3	Year 5 assembly
Thursday 7/3	Out of Uniform Day - Opposite Day Dress as something you're not! (Eg. You could dress as a teacher, an animal, an old person... whatever you like!) POWER FM BReakfast - from 7.00am
Tuesday 12/3	Year 4 assembly Debating Workshop - Singleton

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Half Day Public Holiday**  
**Friday 5th April - Week 10**







Artwork by Sami Bayly

NSW Department of Education

# 2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



**Key dates  
for students  
in K-10:**

Challenge opens  
Monday 26 February

Challenge closes  
for student entries  
Friday 23 August

Digital Partner



Supporter





Dear parents and carers

It's been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.

The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

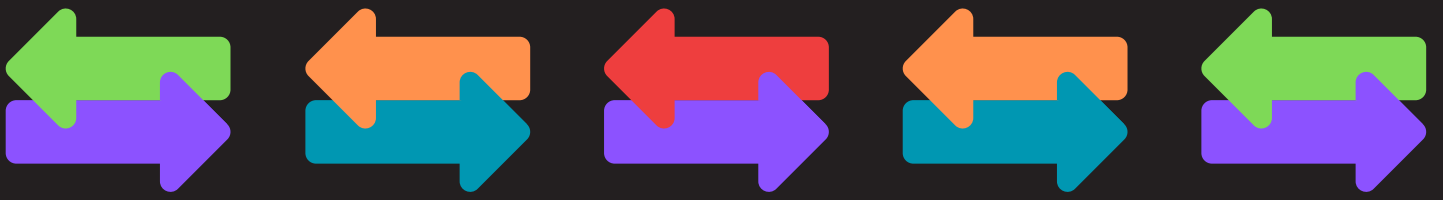
If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

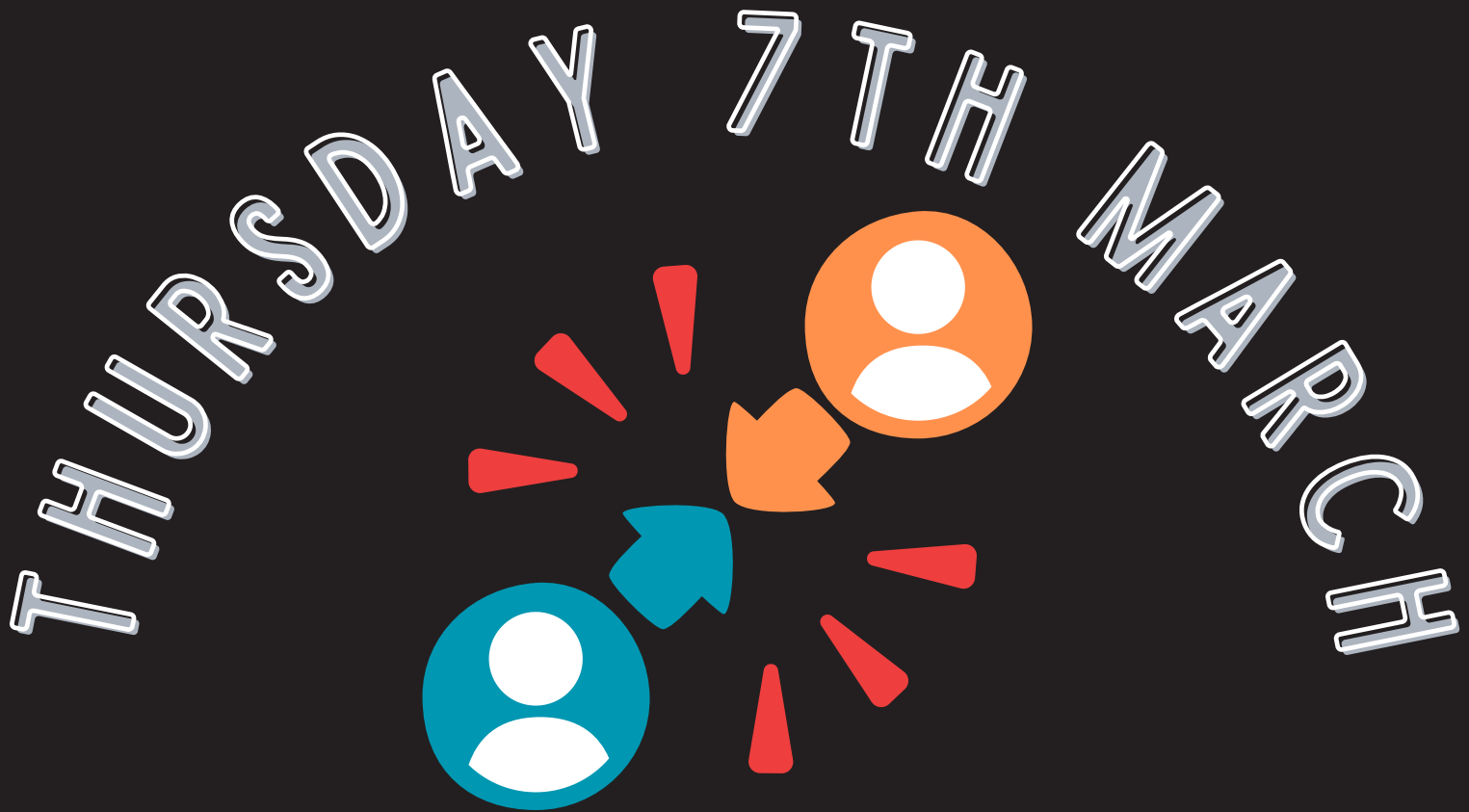
Yours sincerely

Kristen Kime

Denman Public School



# OPPOSITE DAY



## Gold coin donation

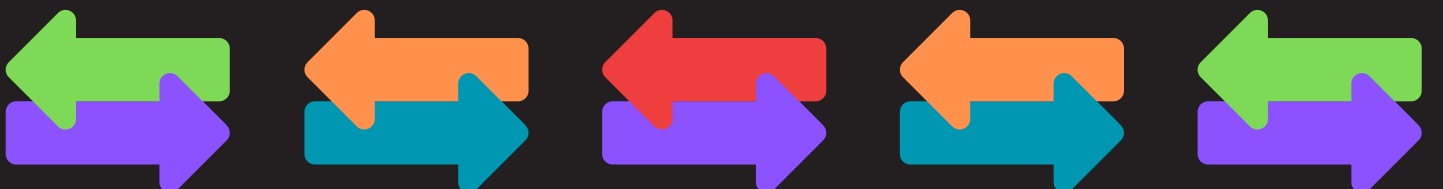
All proceeds support the SRC

LOLLY BAGS & JELLY CUPS - \$1.00 EACH

ICE CREAMS - \$3.00 EACH (LUNCH ONLY)

**DRESS AS SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT!**

(Eg. You could dress as a teacher, an animal, an old person...  
whatever you like!)



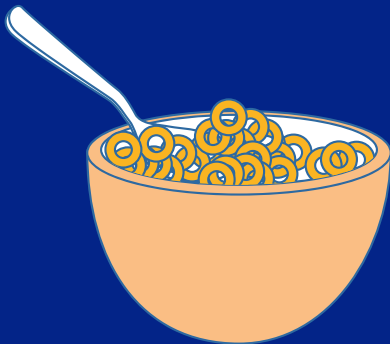




# FROM 7.00AM

## POWER FM BREAKFAST

Thursday 7th March



**We invite students to school from 7.00am to be a part of the morning radio show.**

**PowerFM will be bringing cereal, milk and fruit for kids to eat a healthy breakfast at school.**

**A coffee van will be available for adults to purchase drinks.**

# WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

# DPS STUDENTS AND STAFF INVITE YOU TO **Grandparent's Day**

**WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL (WEEK 10)**

**Morning Tea - 11am to 11.30am**

**We will be hosting a cake stall to raise money for this year's dance costumes.  
Prices for yummy baked goods will range from 50c - \$2.00**



**FOLLOWED BY**

**Class performances - 11.30am - 12.30pm (approx.)**

**(all classes will be performing an item)**

**PLEASE COME ALONG FOR SOME GREAT ENTERTAINMENT.**

**REMINDER - PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CARPARK!**



# April School Holidays

**COST:** \$53 per day

**AGES:** 6 -12 years

**TIME:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

**BOOK NOW**



**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Please remember to bring - water bottle, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, enclosed shoes and a hat!

<b>Monday 15th April</b>	Multi Ball sports, tug a war and dodgeball - Active voucher
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b>	Scavenger hunt, Pickleball & team sports. - Active voucher
<b>Wednesday 17th April</b>	Young inventor day - Science experiments, STEM activities and paper aeroplane making. - Creative voucher
<b>Thursday 18th April</b>	Tie Dye, Puzzles and indoor games - Creative voucher
<b>Friday 19th April</b>	Mini Olympics, indoor soccer & sack races - Active voucher
<b>Monday 22nd April</b>	Cupcake decorating, Jewellery making & board games - Creative Voucher
<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	Messy Day - Dress in your 'messiest' mixed matched outfit, Slime making and outdoor painting fun - Creative voucher
<b>Wednesday 24th April</b>	Gymnastics workshop, indoor soccer and ball games - Active Voucher
<b>Thursday 25th April</b>	CLUB CLOSED - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
<b>Friday 26th April</b>	Disco Party Day - A fun day of karaoke, Disco and Party games

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Dear Families,

Welcome to all of our returning and new families to DPS for a great 2024.

The P&C at Denman Public School is an active, generous and integral part of the school community that co-ordinate many initiatives throughout the year to raise funds for important projects and resources. As our AGM is approaching, we are seeking new members to join our committee. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways you can help benefit our school. With your help, the P&C can do so much more to help better your child's education and many hands make light work!

To become a member of the P&C, an annual fee of \$5 per family is required. The payment entitles you to receive emailed minutes of the meetings and also vote on matters and have your say for so many things that are of importance to the children of the school community. Please complete the form below and return with payment to the front office if you would like to join the P&C Committee.

The AGM is to be held in the RSL Auditorium on the 4th March 2024, 5.30pm with a general meeting to follow directly after. You must be a financial member to vote at these meetings. Meeting confirmations are sent by email once you become financial. Meetings are also available to be joined by Zoom. General meetings are held once a month, 5.30pm at the Denman RSL Auditorium unless otherwise advised. We always welcome new faces and are constantly looking for new ideas and hope to see you join our friendly team this year.

Kind Regards,  
Denman P&C Association



## Denman P&C Association

Denman Public School P&C Membership. Please return slip with \$5 cash payment by Monday 4/3/24

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide minutes to email: \_\_\_\_\_

