

NEWSLETTER

4TH JULY, 2025

WEEK 10, TERM 2

PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

On Thursday 26th June our Denman Divas and Denman Dynamite Debating teams travelled to Aberdeen Public School for Round 1 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Both debates were extremely close with strong arguments from all teams.

The Divas - Allirah, Bonnie, Jazmyn and Penny B argued as the negative team for the topic, **"All homework should be banned from Primary Schools."** The team outlined the importance of becoming independent and well prepared for high school. Congratulations to the Divas for being awarded winners of this debate.

Team Dynamite - Claire, Ebony T, Nia and Pippa also argued as the negative team for the topic. **"That every class in Primary School should adopt a dog or cat as a class pet."** The team argued that class pets cause distraction from learning and can trigger allergies. Congratulations to this Year 5 team for winning their very first debate.

We applaud both teams for their efforts. Debating is extremely hard! Teams are only given 1 hour to independently prepare their speeches and students need to improvise and think very quickly to write down rebuttal.

We look forward to our next debates against Muswellbrook Public School.



ROUND 2

On Wednesday 2nd July we hosted Muswellbrook Public School in Round 2 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Unfortunately one of their teams had to forfeit so the Divas missed their opportunity for this round. Our Year 5 team, Denman Dynamite were arguing as the Affirmative Team against a very strong and experienced Year 6 team. The topic for the debate was, "***That Years 5 and 6 kids should do all their schoolwork on a screen instead of using textbooks and paper***". Denman Dynamite stuck to the topic arguing that the environment would benefit, it would better prepare Year 5 and 6 for high school and students would benefit from the online learning resources available. It was an EXTREMELY close debate, and we congratulate Muswellbrook Public Duckies on their win. Next term both teams will complete Round 3 against Scone Public and Round 4 against each other!!!!

TERM 3 DATES
STAFF RETURN - MONDAY 21/7
STUDENTS RETURN - TUESDAY 22/7

2025 SPELLING BEE FINALS

On June 18th, selected finalists from Year 1 to Year 6 participated in the Premier's Spelling Bee Stage Finals. There were 6 contestants from each stage. They each took on the challenge with resilience and perseverance. It is a very daunting situation to stand in front of your peers and parents and spell words on the spot. Congratulations to all students on their effort.



In Stage 1, there were some terrific spellers! To get our champion, we had to delve all the way into some Stage 2 words! This included words such as vanish and asset. Well done to Blake, who was our winner, and Khyan, our runner-up.

Stage 2 spellers displayed commendable skills spelling tricky words like vacancy and qualify. We spelt up to the fourth level and after a tough battle for second place, Billy was crowned our winner and Sadie our runner-up.

In Stage 3, the competition was fierce! We started on some tricky words and worked our way up to Level 4, ending with the words petticoat and bazaar. Well done to Dexter, who was our Stage 3 winner, and Carlin, who was our runner-up.



DRESS AS A CELEBRITY

On Tuesday 17th June, Denman PS became a Hollywood hotspot that was filled to the brim with celebrities. Soccer players, WNRL and NRL players, Olympians, superheroes, singers, movie characters and book characters were everywhere you looked. Thank you to everyone who dressed up for the day and for supporting the SRC, whether it was purchasing one of the treat bags or ice creams, playing Kahoot or just giving a donation, it is very much appreciated. As a school, we raised \$289, which will go towards purchasing some items for the students. Thank you to our families for your continued support of the SRC.



THANKS TO THE SRC AND DPS FAMILIES!





Free



SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS 3D DESIGN & PRINTING

SESSION 1: THURSDAY 10TH JULY, 9:30AM – 11:30AM

SESSION 2: THURSDAY 17TH JULY, 9:30AM – 11:30AM

LOCATION: DONALD HORNE BUILDING 140 BRIDGE ST

BOOKINGS: STEM@MUSWELLBROOK.NSW.GOV.AU

**AGES
10 - 16**



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SHARE OUR SPACE



FREE PROGRAM

- ✓ Perfect for boys and girls aged 5-12
- ✓ Develop fundamental cricket skills in a fun and inclusive environment



Ages 5 - 12



Tuesday 8 July 2025



9.30am - 1.30pm



Rutherford Public School, Weblands St, Rutherford

REGISTER NOW!



Sydney Sixers are proud to be a Share Our Space activity provider.
Share Our Space is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education.

Enquiries: Email Emma.McFayden@cricketnsw.com.au



Free

TELLO

STEM

INNOVATION LAB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS DRONES

**AGES
10 - 16**

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HOLIDAY CAMP



Squash Stars Holiday Camps – Fun, Fitness & Friends!

Looking for an action-packed holiday activity for your child? Squash Stars Holiday Camps are the perfect way to keep kids (ages 6-12 years) active, engaged, and making new friends these school holidays!

Date:	TUESDAY, 15th JULY FROM 9am
Location:	MUSWELLBROOK SQUASH CENTRE
Cost:	FREE (If payment required through QR code then club will reimburse)

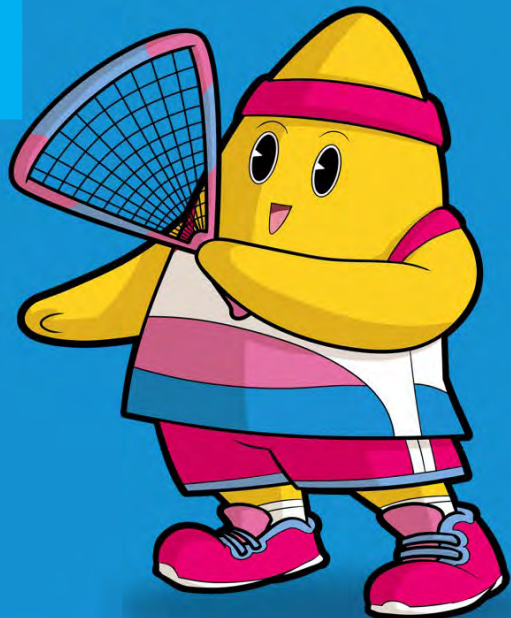
What's in store?

- Enjoyable squash games
- Exciting skill challenges
- Fun activities
- Loads of laughter & memories!

No experience needed—just bring energy and a smile!

Spots are limited—Register Now!

Give your child the chance to try something new, stay active, and have a blast these holidays.



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Aboriginal Art and Games Workshop

Discover, Create, and Play Together

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY!

Date: Monday 7th and Friday 11th of July School Holidays

Time: 10am-3pm

Location: Wanaruah Land council Muswellbrook

RSVP: (02) 6543 1288 Limited spots Ages 6-12



PLEASE BRING YOU'R OWN LUNCH AND WATER BOTTLE



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS **LEGO** ROBOTICS

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Hunter Wetlands Centre

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Duck Discovery Walk

Everyday of School Holidays

Learn all about DUCKS as you waddle around our interactive trail!

Cost: FREE with Entry



Book
Online

After Dark Guided Tour

Mon 7th, Mon 14th and Wed 16th at 6.00pm

When the sun goes down the wetlands animals come out! Join our EXPERT GUIDE on this very special after-dark tour of the wetlands spotting all our nighttime wildlife!

Cost: \$5 kids \$10 adults (suitable for 5years+)



Reptile Encounters

EVERY Wed, Sat & Sun at 11am

We've added EXTRA Reptile Encounter shows for the school holidays! Meet & learn about our reptile residents!

Cost: \$5pp plus Entry

PLUS

BBQ PICNICS
PLAYGROUNDS
DIP NETTING
GUIDED WALKS
BIKE TRAILS

Lego Day



Fri 11th July at 10am & 11am

Unleash your creativity at this special animal-themed Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO[®] session.

1 hour session

\$12 per child includes entry (5years+)

Book
Online





TERM 3 CALENDAR 2025

Children's Mobile Playgroup

0-6 years of age

July 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	<u>21st</u> McCullys Gap	<u>22nd</u> Denman	<u>23rd</u> Gundy	<u>24th</u> Merriwa	<u>25th</u> Cassilis
2	<u>28th</u> Murrurundi	<u>29th</u> Moonan	<u>30th</u> Rouchel	<u>31st</u> Hebden	<u>1st</u> Wingen

August 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	<u>4th</u> McCullys Gap	<u>5th</u> Denman	<u>6th</u> Gundy	<u>7th</u> Merriwa	<u>8th</u> Cassilis
4	<u>11th</u> Murrurundi	<u>12th</u> Moonan	<u>13th</u> Rouchel	<u>14th</u> Hebden	<u>15th</u> Wingen
5	<u>18th</u> McCullys Gap	<u>19th</u> Denman	<u>20th</u> Gundy	<u>21st</u> Merriwa	<u>22nd</u> Cassilis
6	<u>25th</u> Murrurundi	<u>26th</u> Moonan	<u>27th</u> Rouchel	<u>28th</u> Hebden	<u>29th</u> Wingen

September 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	<u>1st</u> McCullys Gap	<u>2nd</u> Denman	<u>3rd</u> Gundy	<u>4th</u> Merriwa	<u>5th</u> Cassilis
8	<u>8th</u> Murrurundi	<u>9th</u> Moonan	<u>10th</u> Rouchel	<u>11th</u> Hebden	<u>12th</u> Wingen
9	<u>15th</u> McCullys Gap	<u>16th</u> Denman	<u>17th</u> Gundy	<u>18th</u> Merriwa	<u>19th</u> Cassilis
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9.30 am– 12 noon
Toy Box 6543 4877
email– toybox@uhcs.org.au
facebook– Toybox Uhcs

Does your child have
a safety network?

5 Trusted adults they can talk to about anything.
Trusted adults who will always believe them.



To learn how to educate
your child in Body Safety go to:

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