

We need your assistance...

Have you ever needed Medical care after hours? If so, Hunter Medicare Local would like to hear from you.

The Hunter Medicare Local is consulting with GPs, community groups, aged care providers and hospital emergency departments to assess after hours medical services in your area.

We need to know your experiences so we can have a clear picture of what services may be lacking and to inform future planning and infrastructure.

We would also like to know if you have any ideas or comments about future needs in your area.

Your input will help us to develop, co-ordinate and support after-hours services in your area.

To participate, please go to our website www.hunterml.com.au and click on the link to our regional survey



After-hours is defined as care that is delivered:

- before 8:00am and after 6:00pm weekdays;
- before 8:00am and after 12:00pm Saturdays; and
- all day Sundays and public holidays.

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Additions and Attachments

- ♦ UH Performing Arts Festival flyer.
- ♦ Canteen roster for Term 4.
- ♦ Agenda for P&C meeting 20th September.



Concert

All guitar and piano students will be performing in a concert in Term 4. The concert will be held here at school in the old library on Tuesday 30th October at 3.45pm.

Parents and friends are invited to attend. Please come along to see how far your children have progressed in their musical pursuits.

Rachel Dearnley
Music Teacher
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19th September 2012

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. Students are getting quite excited as the week passes and we get closer to Friday. We have had a very busy term – particularly the last few weeks. I trust everyone will recharge their batteries ready to start the busiest term of the year!

We have a number of activities already planned for the beginning of the term, including a drumming workshop, Year 7 orientation activities at Merriwa Central and Muswellbrook High, Cassilis Sports Workshop, Solar Boat Challenge and Beef Bonanza just to name a few. We will also be finishing off classroom programs and assessing ready for end of year reports.

Students are reminded that there is no pupil free day at the beginning of Term 4, so all students are expected to attend school starting Monday 8th October.

A number of parents have been unnecessarily stressed over the last few weeks, regarding disciplinary action taken at school. Sometimes, students do not always tell their parents the whole story, giving the impression that some students are 'getting away' with bad behaviour. Each incident within the school is dealt with by the teacher on duty. Sometimes this involves a lengthy process, especially when students try to cover up their inappropriate behaviour. Students are dealt with following the school policy which is line with DEC policy. All students involved are given the opportunity to tell their side of the story. If you are concerned that your child has been unnecessarily reprimanded or that other children are not being reprimanded for their inappropriate behaviour, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff at the school. It's best to know all the facts so that

you can make an informed decision rather than becoming stressed over a perception of what is happening within the school.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Thomas and Mia Gillespie and their family to our school and the area.

We say goodbye to Jacob and Ayden Marsh, who have moved to Merriwa.

DATES TO REMEMBER

P&C Meet **Thurs 20th Sept**

Author Visit (M'bk) **Thurs 20th Sept**

Last day of T3 **Fri 21st Sept**

Students return for T4 **Mon 8th Oct**

Canteen Monday 8th October -
Katie McLean

Monday 15th October - Leanne Pike

Next Toybox - Mon 8th October

Claim the Date

Kinder Orientation begins	Wed 10th Oct
Drumming workshop	Wed 10th Oct
Cassilis Sports Workshop	Fri 12th Oct

NAPLAN Results

All NAPLAN results were sent home on Monday. If parents wish to discuss their child's results, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher for an interview. We are only too happy to discuss your child's academic achievements.

Regional Spelling Bee

Best of luck to Abby Cooper, Emmett Scott and Taylor Byfield, who are all competing in the Premier's Spelling Bee. They will travel to Singleton for the event today. I'm sure all their hard work preparing for the event will pay off.

Author Visit

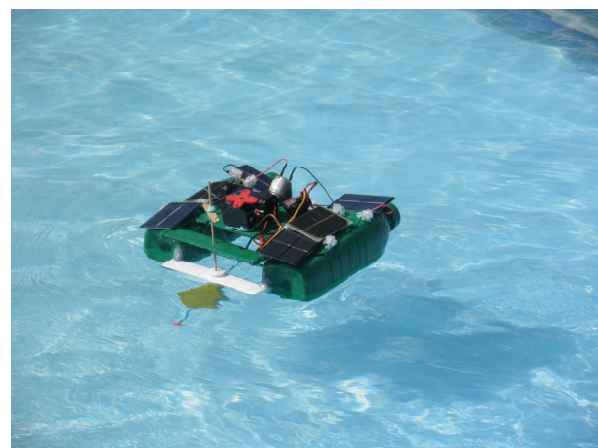
I am pleased to say that all students will be attending the author visit on Thursday. They will travel by bus to Muswellbrook South Public School, where they will meet and work with Terry Denton. Those students who are familiar with his work are quite excited. The students will be accompanied by Mrs Parker and Ms Higgins.

Drumming Workshop

Ms Bullock and some students from Stage 2 and 3 are attending a drumming workshop today in preparation for the creative arts concert being held early next term.

Solar Boat Challenge

Both teams have almost finished their solar boats for the challenge. We are hoping to test them this week at the caravan park to make sure they float and move efficiently in the water. The Solar Boat Challenge day will be held on Wednesday 17th October. Notes will be sent home early next term.



P & C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held this Thursday in the Old Library starting at 2.00pm. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. Rob Farley, School Education Director, will be attending the first half of the meeting.

Beef Bonanza

We hope to finalise our team this week. Any parents who missed the information session can contact the school and arrange an alternate time to discuss the finer issues. Students on the team are encouraged to get their uniforms ready during the holidays to save a last minute rush. The steer will come into school the first week back. We will be attending an education day at Aberdeen on Wednesday 24th October. The actual beef bonanza will be held in Scone starting on Friday 2nd November and running through to Sunday 4th November. A car pool will be organised to ensure all students are able to attend the full event.

Christina Darlington
Relieving Principal

Weekly Awards

- ◆ Emily Pike - Fantastic effort - descriptive writing
- ◆ Emmett Scott - Application in all areas.
- ◆ Tylana Cox - Trying hard to solve multiplication problems.
- ◆ Katie Pike - Working well in all areas.
- ◆ Gracie Russell - Fantastic effort - multiplying 2 digit x 2 digit.
- ◆ Natasha Marsh - Working well in class.

Workers of the Week

3/4/5/6 - Apryl Cotter, Taylor Byfield, Connor Hodder and Jackson Stair.

K/1/2 - Matthew Allen and Tarni Sheen.

Student of the Week



Jackson Stair -
Continued high
achievement in
Mathematics.

The Upper Hunter Performing Arts Festival

This festival provides our local schools with the opportunity to showcase a variety of performing arts.

It is to be held on the 19th October at Muswellbrook High School. We are busy preparing all the children to participate in our performance. As well as our school performance Max Lundie, Emmett Scott, Amelia Harris, Jackson Stair and Chelsea Borradaile have been chosen to be part of the drumming group that will perform at the opening and at the finale of the festival. These children have attended one workshop to learn African movement and drumming skills. They will be attending the second this week in a series of three workshops. For our school performance we would like the children to wear black long pants and a plain black t-shirt and their runners. Some children may not have these articles of clothing, over the holidays you may find you are able to borrow or purchase at BIG W sale. If you are finding it difficult just let me know. There is a morning and evening concert, our school will only be participating in the morning session. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about the festival for each family to pop on their fridge.

Many Thanks
Pauline Bullock



LAST REGISTRATION DAY - DENMAN LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

The last registration day for the Denman Little Athletics Centre's 2012/13 season will be held at the Denman Athletics/Football Oval on **3.30pm - 5pm Wednesday 19 September 2012. In order to avoid the \$20 per child administration fee please ensure you child registers on or by this date.**

Registration costs are: 1st Child \$68, 2nd Child \$58, Subsequent Children \$53.

New registrations to Denman Little Athletics must bring original birth certificate as proof of age (if you have previously been registered at Denman Little Athletics Centre in the past three years you do not need your birth certificate).

Any enquiries to Jenny on 043 983 4847.