

HSIE unit. This week, we will begin to study Australian celebration through art.

Homework began last week. All students have a homework text book, which will be completed on a weekly basis. All homework is due in on a Friday.

A reminder to all students – please make sure you are prepared for the school day.

It has been very disruptive during lesson time when students do not have the equipment they require for the day. All students in Years 3-4-5-6 need:

- A lead pencil
- Blue and red pens
- A ruler
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Coloured pencils and textas

Mrs Darlington

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 16th February at 2pm in the Old Library. It will be an AGM where elections will be held for all office bearers. This will be followed by a general meeting where we will be discussing the school annual financial statement, current school budget and possible expenditure of P & C funds. All parents are invited to come along.

Emailing the Newsletter

Due to the increasing cost of printing our usually very colourful newsletter each week, we are going to begin emailing it to those parents who have supplied us with an email address. It will go out in Adobe PDF format, and should be able to be opened in either that format or with "word". Parents will be advised the week before, when emailing will begin.



Sandy Hollow Swim Team

Office Hours

Once again this year Mrs Rose is only in the office 7 days per fortnight, due to our numbers.

Would parents and community members who come to school and find the office unattended, PLEASE GO TO THE CLASSROOM and sign in.

Thank you.

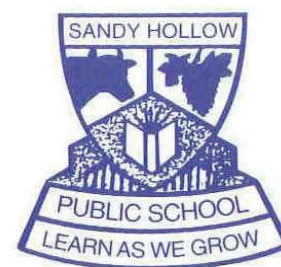
Additions and Attachments

- ♦ Some receipts.
- ♦ Denman Sandy Hollow Junior Rugby League Football Club registration information.
- ♦ Tristar Medical Group information.
- ♦ WEP flyer
- ♦ WEA hunter "Workshops for Parents and Supervisors of Learner Drivers"
- ♦ Education Tax Refund Receipt holder and information.

Muswellbrook Netball Association's Registration Days 2012.

25/2/12 and 10/3/12 at Muswellbrook Market Place
Between 10am and 2pm.

Also at our open day on the 17th March at
Karoola Park Muswellbrook.



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15th February, 2012

Can you believe we are already into Week 4? Already the term is jammed packed with activities. This week we have music continuing with Rachel on Tuesday and Wednesday, swimming on Friday, scripture starting on Thursday and World of Maths Road show next Monday.

This week is census week with the Department. Our current enrolment is sitting at 46. That means our current allocation of two teachers and seven office days (per fortnight) will remain as is.

As we say a sad farewell to the Kemp family who have been able to finally leave, we welcome two new students Natasha and Codi Marsh. Both girls have been welcomed into the school by the student body and I'm sure they will make lots of friends very quickly.

Denman School Swimming Carnival

Last Friday Taylor Byfield, Amelia Harris, Hugh Higgins, Amy Thompson and Emmett Scott represented our school at Denman School's Swimming Carnival. Results are as follows:

9yrs girl – Amy Thompson 1st in 50mtrs freestyle, 2nd Junior Girl 50mtrs breaststroke, 2nd Junior Girl 50mtrs butterfly and 3rd Junior Girl 50mtrs backstroke.

10yrs girl – Amelia Harris 1st in 50mtrs freestyle, 1st Junior Girl 50mtrs butterfly, 1st Junior Girl 50mtrs backstroke and 3rd in open aged girl 100mtrs freestyle.

10yrs girl – Taylor Byfield 5th in 50mtrs freestyle, 6th Junior Girl 50mtrs breaststroke and 5th Junior Girl 50mtrs backstroke.

11yrs boy – Hugh Higgins 5th in 50mtrs freestyle, 5th 50mtrs breaststroke and 6th in open aged boy 100mtrs freestyle.

12yrs boy – Emmett Scott 1st in 50mtrs freestyle, 1st in Senior Boy 50mtrs butterfly, 1st in Senior Boy 50mtrs breaststroke, 4th Medley 4 x 50mtrs, 5th open aged boy 100mtrs freestyle.

Amy, Amelia, Hugh and Emmett swam in the 4 x 50mtrs relay and won this event. They swam against 4 of Denman senior boys' teams and their winning time was 2.58.24. This time should qualify for them to swim this event at zone which is to be held in a few weeks. On behalf of the parents that accompanied all of the above mentioned children, I would like to say what wonderful behaviour they displayed whilst at the carnival and how well they represented Sandy Hollow Public. Emmett also spoke very well over the microphone at the conclusion of the day thanking the appropriate people for organising the event and for inviting us to attend.

Jeannie Harris

DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming at school - Fri 17th Feb

**PLEASE RETURN GREEN PUPIL
RECORD & CONSENT FORMS ASAP**

**P&C AGM and General Meeting
2pm in the Old Library
Thurs 16th Feb**

World of Maths Mon 20th Feb

Cassilis Cross Country Fri 16th Mar

**Canteen Mon 20th February -
Annita Hinze & Nicola Field
Monday 27th - Christine Scott
& Wendy Stair**

Next Toybox - Monday 27th February

Merriwa Swimming Carnival

Last Saturday, Andrew Harris represented the Denman Swimming Club at an inter town carnival held at Merriwa. Andrew placed 1st in the 5yrs boy's 25mtrs backstroke and 1st in the 5yrs boy's 25mtrs freestyle. Well Done!

Homebush Bound

Last Saturday Amy Thompson and Amelia Harris travelled to Narrabri to compete in the Speedo Sprint Heats. They were both successful in gaining a spot in the New England/North West swimming squad which means that on Sunday 11th March, 2012 they will be competing in the Speedo Sprint Finals to be held at the Sydney Olympic Pool in Homebush. Amy will be swimming in the 8yrs girl's 50mtrs freestyle and breaststroke, while Amelia will swim the 9yrs girl's 50mtrs butterfly. They wish to thank Amy's mum Katie for taking them to Narrabri and to Kim Stanford for training them over the past few months for this event.

World Of Maths Road Show

We have chosen to participate in the World of Maths Road Show to assist students with applying the skills they learn in numeracy to everyday situations. Notes went home on Monday and are due back by tomorrow with a payment of \$6 per student.

School Counsellor

This week we will have our first school counsellor visit. Mr Warren Freeman has been allocated to our school to provide this service. He will be reviewing all students who were assessed last year. His next visit will be 13th March.

Invermein

I will be attending the Upper Hunter Teaching Principals Invermein meeting this Wednesday. I will be replaced by Miss Cavalot, with class activities continuing as normal.

Volunteers

All classes require parents to listen to children read. If you could spare some time in the mornings or afternoons, please speak with your child's teacher. We are also seeking parent helpers in the Library.

Survey Coming Soon

In March this year, all parents and caregivers of students enrolled in Kindergarten to Year 6 will be asked to complete an anonymous survey. This survey is an essential part of the Priority Schools Program (PSP). The PSP provide additional funding, staffing and consultancy services to identified schools. Priority schools receive additional resources for literacy, numeracy and participation programs for students.

The survey will be distributed to all families on Monday 5th March 2012. All information provided in the survey is confidential and will not be read by anyone at the school or in the community. All sealed envelopes will be sent off for anonymous computer scanning by the Department of Education and Communities.

We are asking that you complete the survey honestly when you receive it, so you can help us to better meet the needs of your children with an increase in funding in our school.

Book Club

All book club orders are due in this week.

Writing Competitions

There are two writing competitions currently on offer for students in years 5 and 6. Details and criteria are available from Mrs Darlington.

Write 4 Fun – write a short story of 500 words or less or a poem with up to 16 lines.

Entries close 30th March. Enter online at www.write4fun.net

It's Time to Write – write a 400 – 600 word opinion piece on what matters to you. Entries close 4th May. Further information can be found at www.whitlam.org

Cassilis Cross Country

NB: Please note the change of date. The cross country is now **FRIDAY 16th March**. Any one who has said they can drive and now is unable to, please contact the school ASAP. Thank you.

Christina Darlington
Relieving Principal

Weekly Awards

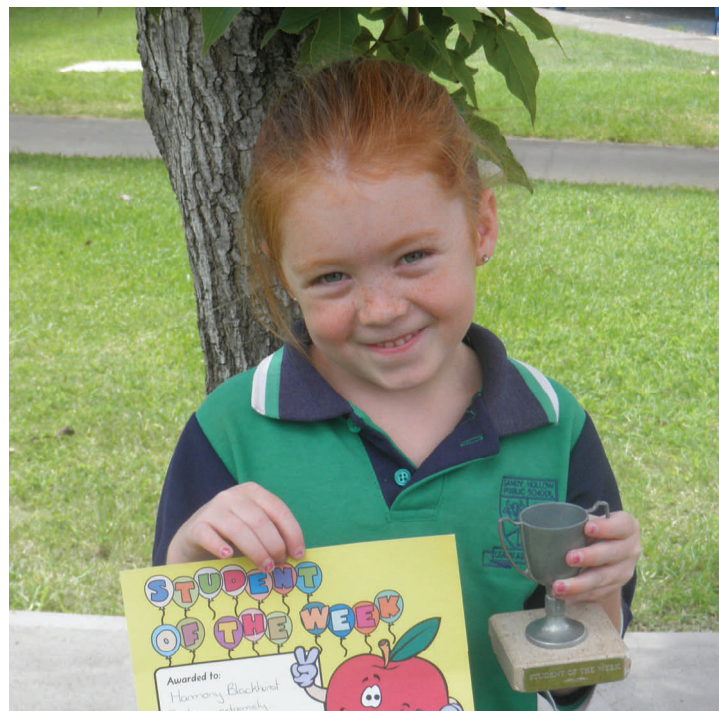
- ♦ Amelia harris - consistent effort.
- ♦ Abby Cooper - working well in all areas.
- ♦ Codi Marsh - working well in all areas.
- ♦ Natash Marsh - showing thoughtfulness towards her new friends.
- ♦ Darcy Wallace - for a dynamite job in number activities.

Workers of the Week

3/4/5/6 - Emily Pike, Georgie Russell and Jessica Neale.

K/1/2 - Matthew Allen and Rhyme Anderson.

Student of the Week



Harmony Blackhurst - for being extremely helpful to her peers.

Muswellbrook Football Club

Muswellbrook Football Club (soccer) will be taking registrations for the 2012 season during February and March, 2012. Detailed information including dates, times and prices is available on the club's website.

www.muswellbrookfc.org.au

3-4-5-6 Class News

Well, we are off to a flying start with class activities beginning, swimming lessons at the caravan park and music lessons with Rachel. Five students also participated in the Denman swimming carnival last Friday.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the class is split, with Mrs Parker taking some of the year 3 and 4 students for group work in literacy and numeracy. This is to ensure smaller groups and more individual instruction for students.

We began the year with a PD unit designed to make students think about what they expect to gain from school this year. We discussed my expectations as a teacher, then all students set a learning goal for Term 1 and a learning goal for the year. We will revisit these as the year goes on.

In literacy, we have started studying a book called 68 Teeth. The students have found the beginning of the story quite intriguing and are looking forward to reading more. In writing, we are focussing on recounts, specifically learning about the role verbs play, by setting the writing in past tense. We have also looked at the importance of time connectives. Students will start writing their own recounts this week.

In reading, all students have started using the new readers that were generously purchased by the P & C last year. They are enjoying the range of topics covered by the books.

In Maths, we have started our new iMaths program. All students have been learning about a range of topics ready to apply their knowledge to problem solve an investigation. Year 4 are investigating going to the movies, Year 5 are investigating how many grains of glitter are need to cover a 24cm star and Year 6 are investigating number codes to unlock the pirates treasure chest. These investigations will continue for another two weeks.

In HSIE, we have started a unit called Australia, You're Standing in it. The students will learn about the country. We have already looked at the states, capital cities and the waterways that surround our country. We had some interesting interpretations of what Australia looked like, when students were asked to draw the outline of the country from memory. Our art lessons are also tied in with our