



25 January 2013

Principal
Sandy Hollow Public School
Golden Highway
Denman NSW 2333

Dear Principal

Workshops for parents and supervisors of learner drivers

An important component of the Graduated Licence scheme is that all learner drivers complete a minimum of 120 hours supervised on-road driving experience prior to presenting for their provisional P licence.

The Road Traffic Authority is holding a **FREE** two hour workshop for the **Muswellbrook** area to offer practical advice to parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers. These workshops provide information about:

- Understanding the new laws for L and P licence holders
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
- Supervising learner drivers

WEA Hunter on behalf of the RTA will be conducting the workshop as follows:

Day: Wednesday
Date: 20th February 2013
Venue: Police and Citizens Youth Club
Address: Corner Carl Street and Martin Lane, Muswellbrook
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

It would be appreciated if you could bring the workshop to the attention of your staff and parent organisation.

Please find attached a small advertisement for inclusion in your school newsletter if possible. Also is enclosed is a selection of posters and flyers for display in the foyer or other appropriate locations around the school.

Bookings are essential and all enquiries should be directed to Debbie Burton or any Administration Staff at WEA Hunter on 4925 4200.

Thank you for your assistance.

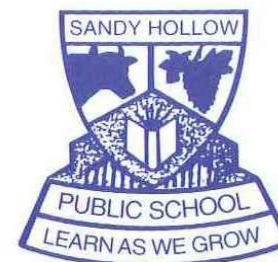
Yours sincerely

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Denman Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Hugh Higgins, Amelia Harris, Amy Thompson, Sam Thompson and Taylor Byfield on their wonderful efforts at Denman Public School's swimming carnival last Friday. From all accounts, they swam well and have qualified for Zone in a number of events. Amelia did a wonderful job in thanking Denman at the end of the day. The Zone swimming carnival will be held next week – Thursday 21st February.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have finished for the time being. It was great to see many students show improvements in their skills over the five days. It is most important that all students have the opportunity to continue practising. The fifteen lessons they participate in at school during the year are not enough for them to consolidate their skills. Students need to continuously practice these vital skills in order to become confident swimmers. Once again, thank you the Tanya Penfold for providing instruction.

School Counsellor

Warren Freeman will be visited our school on Tuesday, and will continue to visit throughout the year. He will be reviewing students that he saw last year. If any parent wishes to speak with him, please do not hesitate to contact the school for an appointment.

Asthma Training

All staff will be updating their asthma qualifications this Thursday via video conference. In order to be an asthma friendly school, at least 60% of staff have to be involved in the training. If any parents are interested in being involved, please do not hesitate to contact the school prior to the session.

Connected Classrooms Lesson

Next Monday the students in years 2-6 will participate in a lesson using the connected classroom. They will learn about being persuasive with Laurine Croadale. This will be an interactive lesson, so students will be able to ask questions as the lesson goes along. They will have many opportunities to work individually and in groups. This session will provide an introduction to our persuasive writing unit.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Knights visit Wed 20th Feb

Zone Swim Carnival Thurs 21st Feb

Swim Fun Carnival Merriwa 26th Feb

Canteen Monday 18th - Nicola Field
Monday 25th February - Shannon Wallace

Next Toybox - Monday 25th February

Claim the Date
Gymnastics begins Week 7 - Thurs 14th March

Teacher Professional Learning

Next Tuesday, Mrs Martin and I will be attending training in Muswellbrook. We will be completing Module 2 from the Every School, Every Student initiative. This training will directly impact on Mrs Martin's role in the school. I will be replaced by Christina Cavalot for the day. The following day, I will be attending the first Invermein Principal's Network meeting. This year we will be focusing specifically on numeracy and the new curriculum. It is a great way to ensure consistent implementation and judgement across our small schools. I will be replaced by Christina Cavalot for the day.

Absentee Notes

A reminder to all parents, that you must ring the school or send in a note explaining why our child was absent. This must happen within 7 days of the absence. After this time, the absence is marked as unjustified, regardless of the reason. Further information regarding attendance will be sent home later in the term.

Christina Darlington
Principal

Music Lessons with Rachel Dearnley

Music lessons commenced this week. If you would like your child to learn the guitar or piano, please see Ms Bullock for details. The school has guitars for hire if you require one.



Class News 3-4-5-6

The students have started the year with a personal development unit to help them think about what they expect this year, what their goals are and how they should behave. They will move onto thinking about rules and why we have them and of course rewards and consequences for following/not following the rules.

Reading groups are up and running. If any parents can spare 30 mins in the mornings to listen to children read, your assistance would be most welcome.

In writing, we are reviewing punctuation, phrases and clauses, simple and complex sentences and using adjectives and adverbs to increase reader interest. We will shortly move onto persuasive writing.

There have been some changes to spelling this year. Students in 4-5-6 will not receive a weekly spelling list, but will rather participate in activities based around a sound of the week. They will be involved in brainstorming, learning to chunk, editing skills and spelling games incorporating the sound of the week. For homework, they will receive a find-a-word or a crossword based on the list of words brainstormed in class. Spelling will be assessed through a dictation task on Fridays.

We are going to continue using the iMaths investigative approach to teaching mathematics. Not only is this program based on the new national curriculum, it explicitly teaches students to apply their mathematical knowledge to problem solving tasks.

In HSIE we are studying a unit called Who Will Buy? The students are currently learning about what are needs and wants and how do we satisfy them. We are hoping to participate in an excursion to some local industries later in the term.

A reminder that all students need to come to school prepared to start the day. All students in 4-5-6 need a red pen, blue pen, lead pencil, scissors, ruler, eraser, glue stick, coloured pencils and textas. It is very disruptive to stop lessons and wait for students to find, beg or borrow equipment from others, sometimes not returning same. I thank parents in advance for ensuring their child is organised to start the school day.

Those students who wear glasses need to ensure they bring them every day and get them out of their bags ready to start the school day. This is also part of being organised.

Last, but not least, homework is due in on Friday every week. Homework handed in late will not be marked until the following Friday as there simply isn't enough time during the day on Mondays to catch it up. Students who do not satisfactorily complete homework will be expected to catch it up in their own time. I am available during the week to answer any questions students may have about their homework.

Please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours if you have any concerns regarding your child's education.

Christina Darlington
Principal and Class Teacher

P & C Meeting

Don't forget the first P&C meeting for the year, will be held next Thursday, 21st February in the Old Library at 2.00pm. We will hold a short AGM, and then move onto a general meeting. All parents are welcome to attend.

SECOND HAND SCHOOL CLOTHES GOOD CONDITION

\$5 per item

- ♦ 3 x L school shirts
- ♦ 2 x size 12 long school pants
- ♦ 2 x XL school shirts

Please contact Katie McLean on
0477 869 455

Extra Curricula Activities

Amelia and Andrew Harris and Amy and Sam Thompson competed at Tamworth and at Werris Creek last weekend as members of Denman swimming club.

Pictured below is Andrew, who had an extremely successful day. Congratulations.

Full results next week.



We encourage the children to let the school community know of any extra curricula successes.

Additions and Attachments

- ♦ Uniform order form.
- ♦ Clothing for sale.
- ♦ Some receipts.
- ♦ Term calendar.
- ♦ Teaching learner drivers flyer.