



SANDY HOLLOW SNIPPETS

"Creating Future Leaders"

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NAIDOC WEEK

This year NAIDOC week will be celebrated from the 5th to 12th July. However, at school we will be celebrating it next week. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The National NAIDOC theme for 2015 is -
*We all Stand on Sacred Ground:
Learn, Respect and Celebrate*

This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

So what will we be doing?

Students in years 2 – 6 will be participating in two video conferences next week. The first one – called Create Your Australian Flag – will encourage students to explore Indigenous culture and art from various regions. Students will then create a flag that includes elements from their own heritage as well as Indigenous culture.

The second one – called Language on Tumbir and Sacred Land Sculpture Workshop – will allow students to explore this year's theme. They will produce a sculpture that allows them to reflect on sacred places of their own.

All students will also be involved in completing some Aboriginal artworks.

Student Reports

We are currently finishing off students reports for semester 1. They will be sent home later next week. We will organise interview times early next term.

DATES TO REMEMBER

P&C Meeting **Thurs 18th June**
2pm in the Music Room
All Welcome

Science Challenge **Fri 19th June**

Last day Term 2 **Fri 26th June**

Canteen Next Monday
Katie Roberts

Next Toybox
Monday 13th July
Claim the Date

♦ **Students return for Term 3 -**
Tues 14th July



Extra Curricula

Last Sunday Andrew Harris travelled to Armidale representing the Denman Amateur Swimming Club to compete in the New England North West Area Short Course Championships. It was held in the indoor pool of the Armidale School (TAS).

Competitors from as

far as Wee Waa, Moree, Narrabri, Lightning Ridge, Dorrigo, Gunnedah, Glen Innes, Inverell, Muswellbrook, Scone, Tamworth, Macksville and Boggabri were represented as well as Armidale. Andrew won a gold medal in the U9yrs Boys 100m Freestyle, a



silver medal in the 8yrs Boys 50m Freestyle, a silver medal in the 8yrs Boys 50m Butterfly, a bronze medal in the 8yrs Boys 50m Breaststroke and 4th in the 8yrs Boys 50m Backstroke. Well done!

Thank you!

To Mrs Michelle Walker who took our picnic blankets home and washed them after Pittman Cup. Very much appreciated!

Weekly Awards

- Nicholas Terrell - improvement in writing.
- Andrew Harris - for having a go.
- Rowdy Walters - working hard to catch up in his maths investigation.
- Harry Thompson - thinking mathematically in his investigation.
- John Ward - great work in phonics.

Workers of the Week

K/1/2 - Reagan Turner and Austin Adams.

3/4/5/6 - Hunter Marsh, Jake Pike, Kristy Walker and Cambell Hinze.

Student of the Week



Amy Thompson - displaying school values and assisting with younger students.

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Course: Triple P Seminar Series

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Time: 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Where: 18 June 2015

Denman Children's Centre, Ogilvie St, Denman



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