There is a new and colourful addition to our playground… In support of our Positive Behaviour for Learning framework, we have introduced a Buddy Bench. The Buddy Bench is where a child who feels sad, lonely, unsure of what to do, or angry, can sit and be assured that someone will soon sit with them and lend a friendly ear. The friendly listener may be a teacher or it could be another student. We have been discussing in PBL lessons our responsibility to look out for the wellbeing of others. Our School Leaders are particularly supportive of the concept and are happy to chat and point others in the right direction.

PRESENTATION NIGHT
Tuesday, December 8th, 2015

While the finer details are yet to be determined, the discussion with students and staff are leaning towards a musical evening with lots of variety… I’ll leave you to think about that!

The school’s Leadership Team meets each week. The Team consists of our School Leaders and student representatives from Years 3-5. Occasionally, when the subject matter determines, the whole school meets to discuss an issue. This week the “hot topic” has been disobedience. Students must do as their teacher tells them to ensure that they make the most of all their learning opportunities. Unfortunately, it has become a significant problem with a small number of our students. I welcome your input and would be happy to talk with you about specific needs.

Regina
Rock around the clock at Ready 4 School….

Fish parcels with warm green salad, followed by baked cinnamon apples and Greek yoghurt … This week’s menu provided new flavours—dill, cinnamon, basa fillets, pak choy — and new techniques. Jack learned how to enclose fish and seasonings in a paper packet (en papillote), ready for baking, and Alex was diligent in the preparation of the apples for baking. Next week’s curry will introduce some new, aromatic ingredients.
K/1 Corner

Reading and writing for a time each day enables students to reflect critically on information and ideas. In K1, we have been using our writing sessions to reflect on ‘The Pout Pout Fish’ which has been our text this week. This has been a revealing exercise as the students have shared varied feelings and opinions on the same piece of writing.

We received a parcel in the mail this week containing the fruit trees for our garden! These were kindly donated to our school from Fletchers Nursery as a contribution to our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. The students can’t wait to have them planted over the next few days!

Years 2—6
Making Connections

There has been a positive response from those in Years 2-6 who are doing homework. The contract format allows students to express themselves creatively, to think critically about their own knowledge and to communicate in diverse ways about a topic. A new contract will begin on August 17th (Week 6). It’s important that all students complete look-say-cover-write-check of spelling words and read, preferably aloud, every day.

Whilst we fervently pursue 21st Century education, and all the technology that that entails, students still need to be able to read with understanding and to write legibly. From time to time we will be practising handwriting...

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**EVERY DAY COUNTS...**

_A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but..._

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Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

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**Friday Cake Raffle...**

50 cents a ticket to support Student Representative Council.

Friday, July 24th  
Thanks, Julie!

Friday, August 7th  
Jessie Barrett

Friday, August 21st

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Canteen!!

Please have orders and payment at School by Tuesday each week.

Friday, August 7th  
Cherona Mullane

Friday, August 21st

Friday, August 14th  
Nat Young

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This break-down of absences is quite startling... it has become common for students to take a day off routinely for a variety of reasons: to go shopping, to visit friends, to celebrate a birthday... Attendance is not compromised by visits to the doctor or dentist or other appointments that relate to the child’s wellbeing. However, a doctor’s certificate is required when a student is sick for 2 days or more, and all absences must be supported by a signed note.
SKOOLBAG NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc). This makes the app even more accessible to your parent and student community, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up “Skoolbag” in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen.

Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

DENMAN SCOUT GROUP

Denman Scout Group invites you to come along and try scouting. Next Monday 10th August we are having a campfire night and in a few weeks time we will have a movie night and a pizza night at the community garden in the future too. Scouting is open to both boys and girls. Joey’s 6 years to 8 years, meet 5pm to 6pm. Cub’s 7.5 years to 11 years, 4.30pm to 6pm. Each Monday during the term. Denman Scout hall is located in Bell Street just past the football oval. Enquiries to Sonia Barnes on 0408 064 529.

TWILIGHT NETBALL COMPETITION

Get your teams ready NOW for the Twilight Netball Competition.

Competition starts October 12 and finishes December 14
Played at the Rose Point Courts Monday nights from 6pm.
Cost is $300 team registration.
Non registered players from the 2015 season also need to register, $72 senior, $55 junior rego.
There will be a mixed competition offered to 11/12 year olds and 13/14 year olds if enough interest is shown. Girls and boys must be 14 years and over to play senior mixed.

Register online through Netball NSW.
Team registration night is at the Clubhouse on Wednesday September 9.

Jerrys Plains Car Boot Sale and Community Fair

Saturday, September 26th, 2015

Enquiries: Maureen 0413 318 666 after 6.00pm

Principal Contact: Phone: 6576 4018 Mobile: 0488106697
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A typical cow produces about 200 glasses of milk a day.
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