Dear Parents and Friends,

Here’s hoping all families enjoyed their long weekend!

Walk-a-Ride-a-Thon
This Friday is a special day on our school calendar. Hopefully all students have been able to source sponsors and are managing to prepare their bikes for the big ride.

Parents are reminded that students in K-2 walk the course, whilst those in the primary classes can choose to walk or ride.

P&C Meeting
Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in postponing the date of this month’s meeting. Please mark Tuesday, 16th June at 7pm on your calendar for the next meeting.

Excursions
Many thanks to those who have secured places on this year’s major excursions. Parents are requested to pay the deposit by the end of this week (if not done so already) so that numbers can be secured at each destination. All students are very excited about the opportunities being presented to them this year, as are the teachers. Parents are encouraged to make contact with the school if they have any concerns.

Boys Soccer Gala Day
Best wishes to our team playing at Rotary Park today. Thanks to Mrs M. Werner for coordinating this opportunity and to all parents for their support.

Regional Cross Country
Good luck is wished to Ella Harvey, Annie Harvey, Noah Bradley and Tom Bradley who are competing in Gundagai this Thursday. We hope that the weather is conducive to a great day’s running!

RSL Presentation & Ceremony
Last Wednesday our Stage 3 students had the wonderful opportunity of being invited by the RSL club to help celebrate the 100 years of ANZAC celebrations. This involved attending a special talk with presenters Hon Dr Brendan Nelson - the director of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and the Hon. Charlie Lynn a former major in the Australian Army and Vietnam veteran who is now a trek leader for Kokoda Adventure Treks. Although the speeches varied substantially in content, the students were a captive audience, listening carefully to the men’s experiences. Students then had the opportunity to peruse the display of war memorabilia.

Our school leaders were invited to be involved in a special wreath laying ceremony at the town cenotaph later that day. Our students proudly stood and listened during the brief service.

Netball Gala Day
Congratulations to our girls’ netball team on their success last Friday. There were some very excited students, teachers and parents after the team’s success. The girls will be progressing to the next level.

In perfect netball weather, two highly skilled Edward netball teams competed at the Deni Rams courts in the PSSA Knockout Netball Competition. Both teams took to the courts in the first round against Deni South teams. Unfortunately our B team, consisting of Phoebe O’Neill, Maddi Lavars, Sophie East, Bec Rourke, Lily Green, Tori Charlton, Mackenzie Emery and Ruah Fagiri were defeated. It was a different story with the A team though. In what could only be described as a culmination of great skill and tremendous effort with all the players going 110%, the girls were able to beat Deni South by 1 goal in a nail biter. The three areas of the court worked tirelessly for the whole
game. At one end, the solid defence of Taylor Wilkinson and Kimberly Cartwright rebounded and turned over missed shots. The drive and direct passing in the centre by Molly Shaw, Ebony Behsmann, Georgia McCulloch and Tayissa Nethercote allowed for the shooters, Gabby Clarke and Ella Harvey, to compensate and convert in the ring. The girls then versed Deni North and again combined well to win comfortably. In the final match for the day against the Jerriberrio’s, the team stepped it up another level and were a well oiled machine to take victory comfortably and move into the next round of competition to be played in July.

Well done to all the girls in both teams, for your tremendous effort and great sportsmanship. Many thanks to our parent helpers, Janice Behsmann, Jacki Clarke, Mrs Fasham, Taron Thommers, Natalie Shaw and coach Linda Harvey.

Historical Museum Visit

Last Thursday 3/4DB and 3/4HD went to the Old Prison Museum. It is also called the Deniliquin Historical Society. We split up into groups of friends with Mrs Dann, Mrs Bowie, Mrs Strong, Lisa and Brendan.

Some of the interesting things we saw were old cameras, swords, a model of an old jet, photos of old floods in Deniliquin, a video camera and old typewriters.

We would like to thank Betty and Gordon, who showed us around the museum. We walked back along the river. It was a great day. We got wet!

By Sam Blenkiron 3/4DB

Boys & Girls Basketball Knockout

Congratulations to both the boy’s and girl’s basketball teams who travelled to Jerilderie last Tuesday to compete against Griffith North PS in the Riverina basketball knockout.

Both teams performed well on the day and were, exemplary ambassadors for our school. The girls team competed extremely well and came out victors over Griffith North. They will progress to the next round on a date and venue to be advised.

Our boy’s team performed at their best but unfortunately were beaten by the opposition in a very exciting game.

Thanks again to Sacha Jefferies for sharing her skills and expertise as our teams’ coach and to all parents who gave their time and help on the day providing transport or spectator support.

A big thank you also to Michael and Richenda Everett for helping to train both teams for the competition.
Canteen Roster

Tues 9th June  Sacha Jefferies
Wed 10th June  CANTEEN CLOSED
Thurs 11th June Sacha Jefferies, Kylie Green
Fri 12th June  Sacha Jefferies, Sarah Graham, Shirlee Jennings
Mon 15th June Sacha Jefferies
Tues 16th June Sacha Jefferies
Wed 17th June  CANTEEN CLOSED

Wellbeing in NSW Public Schools

The NSW Department of Education has recently released its revised Student Wellbeing Framework.

Wellbeing for schools sets out to enable students to be healthy, happy, engaged and successful.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is committed to creating quality learning opportunities for children and young people. This includes strengthening their physical, social, emotional and spiritual development. Parents entrust their children and young people to principals, teachers and school staff with confidence that schools will deliver on this agenda.

Wellbeing Framework for Schools

The Wellbeing Framework equips schools and their communities to support students at each stage of their development and to do this through quality teaching, learning and engagement.

Schools will achieve this through planning and decision-making at the local level to meet the needs of their students. This work is underpinned by high standards, clear expectations and counselling and wellbeing resources.

Features:
Wellbeing Framework for Schools (PDF, 160KB)
 Behaviour Code for Students (Please find included in this newsletter)
 Supported Students, Successful Students
 Student Wellbeing Literature Review

Strengths-based approach

The Wellbeing Framework for Schools enables schools to build on the individual strengths of students and positions them to succeed and thrive throughout life. The framework compliments a range of education reforms across NSW public schools.

Wellbeing in schools website

This website is the department’s central reference point for wellbeing in schools and is organised around the key concepts of Connect, Succeed and Thrive. The website brings together key wellbeing policies, legislation and resources for public schools.

Source: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/about

Deniliquen High School
Open Evening

Invitation to all 2016 Year 7 Students and their Parents/Guardians

Wednesday 10 June 2015
5.15PM - 7.00PM
Deniliquen High School Hall

All current Year 6 students and their parents/guardians are cordially invited to a special evening at Deniliquen High School on Wednesday 10 June at 5.15pm.

This is an opportunity for parents and students to:

-- inspect the facilities and resources at Deniliquen High School
-- view the courses and programs available to all students
-- meet and talk with staff members
-- meet with current students and see activities they are involved in across the school.

We ask that all parents and students be seated in the Hall by 5.15pm.
Should you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the School on 03 5881 1211.

We look forward to your company.

Intereach Family Day Care

Family Day Care is a quality based childcare service that caters for young babies through to 12 year olds. Family Day Care offers flexible care and education in a safe, secure and stimulating home environment, during standard hours, before and after school, during school holidays and in some cases overnight and weekends.

For parents, Family Day Care offers so much more than a fun, safe place to leave your child. Flexibility, stability, consistency, reassurance and family values underpin our service and are all key ingredients in building happy, well-adjusted children.

Family Day Care is Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) Approved.

For more information or to discuss your entitlement, contact the Family Assistance Office on 136 130.

If you would like to speak with a Coordination Unit Member, contact Intereach on 03 5890 5210.
Behaviour Code for Students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Communities.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education and Communities will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

Source: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/about
This semester in speaking and listening, we have been concentrating on speaking with confidence and listening attentively to others. In reading, we have focussed on the letters of the alphabet and their sound. We have been looking at the initial letters of words to predict a word and pointing crisply at words when reading orally. We have also been using pictures to help predict words in a story. We have been learning to write the letters of the alphabet, copying words from a model and attempting to write simple sentences with minimal assistance. Our L3 engine room is working well and we are making good progress with our reading levels in class. Mrs McGuiness has been conducting guided reading session each day she is available.

During Math session we have been leaning to count to 20 and counting on from given a number. We can read the numbers and can combine two or more groups of objects to model addition. We are learning our 2D and 3D shapes and can compare length and height of objects. We have enjoyed copying and creating patterns with concrete materials. The numerous learning games and activities we have been doing in class have helped us understand these new concepts in class.

The “Staying Alive” unit of learning we have been looking at in Science has been fun. It provided us with the opportunities to investigate the basic needs for survival of animals, including humans and how their senses help them stay alive. We have observed and explored the needs of class pets and compared their needs to our own needs.
Ability Links NSW supports people with disability, their families and carers to live the life they want, as valued members of their community.

It does this through linking people to their community.

Through local Linkers, Ability Links NSW also supports communities to be inclusive.

Ability Links NSW is an initiative of the NSW Governments departments of Family and Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

Contact: Brooke Daniels
Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council
(03) 5881 4891

Making a Fresh Start

Do you want to get back into the workforce?
Would you like some support to:
- Explore your skills
- Work out what else you need to learn
- Develop confidence
- Explore new areas of employment
Join us for a free workshop to help you get that job!

When: Wednesday June 17
Where: Interreach Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Napier & Trickett Sts Deniliquu
Time: 10 am — 3 pm
Cost: Free! Lunch provided
RSVP essential by Monday 15 June
We look forward to hearing from you!

Bookings and Information
Phone: 03 5890 5200
Email: denihub@interreach.com.au
www.interreach.com.au

Electricity Saving Solutions

Want to cut your power bills? We’ll show you how!
Join us for an electricity bill information session with Karen Retra, an independent home energy assessor that will help you to:
- Read your bill correctly
- Understand tariffs and what would work best for you
- Develop strategies to reduce your bill
- Get the most from your solar system
Bring along your electricity bill to find out the best way to cut the amount you pay each quarter.

When: Thursday June 18
Where: Interreach Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Napier & Trickett Sts Deniliquu
Time: 10 am – 11.30 pm
Cost: Free!

Information
Phone: 03 5890 5200
Email: denihub@interreach.com.au
www.interreach.com.au

Community News

Junior Giants 2016/16 Coaches

The Deniliquin Junior Giants are seeking applications from people interested in coaching our junior basketball teams for the 2015/16 tournament season.
For more information or to apply, please contact: Christy Liu on 0447 391 194 by Monday June 15 2016

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Our presenters

Who should attend:
- Families and professionals supporting or working with people on the autism spectrum, including carers, direct support staff, managers, educators, respite staff, supported employment and Allied Health professionals.

Each participant receives:
- step by step, easy to complete forms to help you write your own autism-specific Positive Behaviour Support plan on the day
- specially designed forms and other tools to use at home or work
- access to a broad range of resources including fact sheets, videos, recommended readings, published research documents and many, provided on a DVD at the end of the workshop* (or through a link to access a locked section of the Aspect website)
- help to support the implementation of your PBS Plan, using our Implementation Checklist

You will leave the workshop with greatly increased confidence in your ability to make a difference in environments and situations where there is challenging behaviour.

When: 16, 17 and 18 June 2015
Where: Deniliquin RSL
72 End St
Deniliquin NSW 2710
Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm
Cost: Free for family members and professionals who attend with a family
All other professionals $600.00

Contact: Jodi Woodward
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Aspect Recipe For Success

This autism-specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop uses contemporary evidence based strategies, based on our many years of direct work with families, organisations and people living with autism.
RSL Presentation and Ceremony

Historical Society Excursion - Stage 2