

NEWSLETTER

19TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

WEEK 9, TERM 3

2025 UPPER HUNTER INTER-SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Denman Public School proudly hosted this year's Upper Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition.

Students from Scone PS, Aberdeen PS, Muswellbrook PS, Singleton Heights PS, Martindale PS and Belltrees PS came together to present speeches on a topic of their choice.

Ms Kerion Fellowes from Muswellbrook High School adjudicated the competition and was very impressed with the standard of speeches presented.

Well done to Penny, Carlin and Bonnie who hosted the event and fulfilled time keeping duties.



 2025	CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
EARLY STAGE 1	Lakyn Denman PS	Aubrey Muswellbrook South PS
STAGE 1	Connor Scone PS	Danielle Muswellbrook PS
STAGE 2	Lilli-Anne Singleton Heights PS	Ivy Muswellbrook PS
STAGE 3	Harper Scone PS	Naomi Singleton Heights PS





C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !



YEAR 5 MHS TRANSITION DAY

Students in Year 5 got their first taste of high school last Thursday (11th September) when they visited Muswellbrook High School for the annual transition day. Students from Denman PS, Muswellbrook PS, Martindale PS and Sandy Hollow PS came together for a day full of high school experiences. They engaged in many exciting lessons such as fast-paced games in PE, met some of the animals at the MHS farm, participated in an R U OK? Day activity and finished the day with some drama and Shakespeare. Everybody had a great day and Miss Kempster was very impressed with everyone's behaviour and active participation. Thank you to MHS for organising such an exciting day!



HUNTER VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK

On September 12, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 travelled to The Hunter Valley Wildlife Park for our annual Infants excursion. The excitement levels were high as we embarked upon our adventures throughout the day. We learned a lot of interesting facts about a variety of animals. We even saw the oldest female lion in Australia! The animal feeding was definitely a highlight, with some very greedy goats and deer forgetting their manners when taking their feed. They even ate the paper bags!!!

A wonderful day was enjoyed by all. Students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour throughout the excursion!

Here's a few fun thoughts about the day!

I think the white kookaburra was a bit cranky! He squawked at us!

FELICITY

I liked the bird that roared like a lion!

EBONY

I had two favourites. The monkeys and the meerkats!

LAKYN

I liked seeing the monkeys! They were funny.

HUXLEY

The Tasmanian Devils had really sharp teeth.

CHASE

I had a good time feeding the goats! It was messy, but fun.

HAVI

I loved seeing the monkeys and capybaras. I learnt that monkeys can climb really high!

INDY

I enjoyed feeding the kangaroos and seeing the meerkats.

BLAKE

I saw the goats spit and the lion show was cool.

SARAH

A full album of photos from the excursion can be viewed on our Official Facebook Page.



HUNTER ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the students who competed at the Hunter Athletics Championships on Friday 5th September. DPS was extremely well represented, with 9 students competing against students from other zones across the Hunter Region.

WELL DONE TO:

Bonnie - 1500m, 800m and Long Jump, Cohen - Long Jump and High Jump, Penny B - 200m, Nia - 1500m, Jazmyn - Discus, Ruby J - Shot Put, Stella - Shot Put, Oliver D - 800m, Ayla - 100m

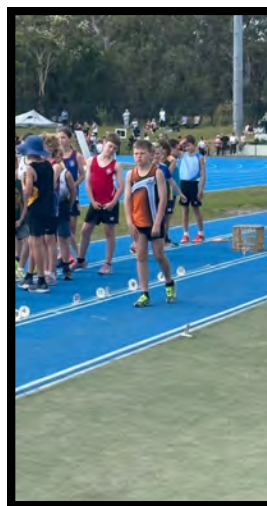
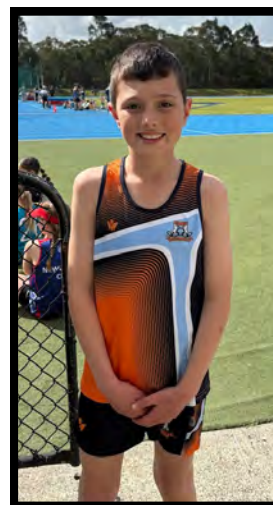
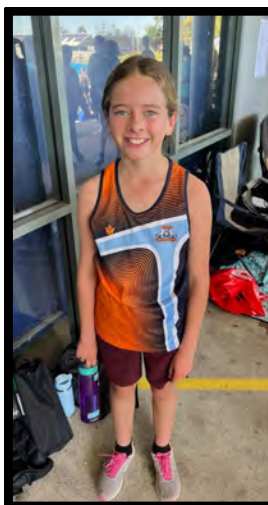
Congratulations on your effort, commitment and outstanding sportsmanship.



NEW SCHOOL RECORD

Congratulations to Bonnie who set a new school record at the Hunter Athletics Championships in the Senior Girls 800m with a time of 2.47.01, breaking Remmi Brown's 2019 record of 3.02.34. Bonnie placed 1st in her heat and 6th overall out of 21 competitors.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !



TERM 3

Monday 22/9	School performance - dress rehearsal
Tuesday 23/9	Denman Library visit - Year 2 Grime Scene Investigation - selected Stage 3 School performance - Evening
Wednesday 24/9	School performance - Matinee School performance - Evening
Friday 26/9	No assembly - last day of term

LAST DAY OF TERM

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

TERM 4 DATES

STAFF RETURN MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER

STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER



HERE IS THE LINK FOR OUR OCTOBER VACATION CARE PROGRAM:

[HTTPS://STNICKS.ORG.AU/OOSH/VACATION-CARE/](https://stnicks.org.au/oosh/vacation-care/)



Busting lunchbox myths!

Marketing and health claims can make choosing everyday foods very confusing.

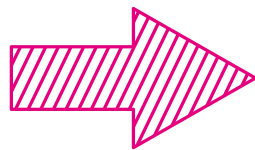
Did you know that whilst a muesli bar contains healthy ingredients, the added sugar and fat make it a sometimes food?

Swap from muesli bars to sunflower or pumpkin seeds, roasted fava beans, wholegrain cereal bites, reduced fat yoghurt or fresh fruit.

**SWAP
FROM**



Muesli bar



**SWAP
TO**



Wholegrain cereal bites

For more lunchbox myth busters visit: www.swapit.net.au/myths



CRICKET NSW

School Holiday Cricket Clinic



Learn from qualified cricket coaches at our Cricket NSW skill development clinic these school holidays

 Ages 5-14, Cricket Blasters and Stage 1 & 2 junior cricketers

 Monday, 29 September 2025

 9.30am - 2.30pm

 Bill Rose Sports Complex

 \$10



REGISTER NOW!

For more information email Tighan.Tosen@cricketnsw.com.au

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Welcome Ceremony On Wonnarua/ Wanaruah Country

SINGLETON



Come join the community in celebrating
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children
'Baby Welcome Ceremony'

Opening Ceremony, Baby Welcome,
Smoking Ceremony & Light Refreshments

Date: Thursday 9th October

Time: 10:30am

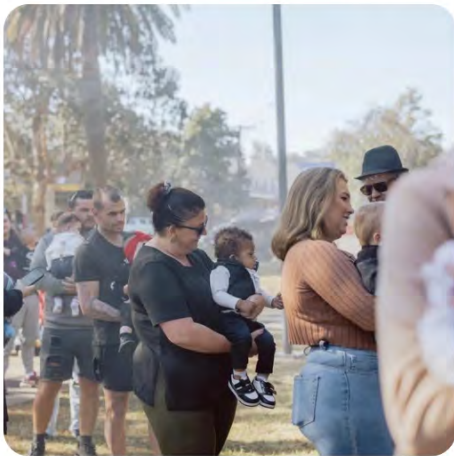
Location: Minimbah Teaching place Charlton
Road Bulga NSW 2330

Everyone is Welcome!



BHP

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children
'Baby Welcome Ceremony'

Opening Ceremony, Baby Welcome,
Smoking Ceremony, Light Refreshments & Coffee
Van

Date: Friday 10th October

Time: 10:30am

Location: Stan Thies Victoria Park
Muswellbrook

Everyone is Welcome!



BHP

FREE

Spring - Event -



Don't miss out
- register now



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Cessnock Public School

SHARE OUR SPACE



FREE PROGRAM

- ✓ Perfect for boys and girls aged 5-12
- ✓ Develop fundamental cricket skills in a fun and inclusive environment

REGISTER NOW!



Ages 5 - 12



Tuesday 7 October 2025



9.30am - 1.30pm



Cessnock Public School, NSW



Sydney Sixers are proud to be a Share Our Space activity provider.

Share Our Space is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education.

Enquiries: Email Emma.McFayden@cricketnsw.com.au



Join us for an action packed day with water balloons, games, social cricket and a vibrant colour run.



**FREE
PROGRAM**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COLOUR BASH!



REGISTER NOW!



Girls aged 7 - 14



Friday 10 October 2025



12.00pm - 4.00pm



Robins Oval, Maitland Park



FREE

For more information email Tighan.Tosen@cricketnsw.com.au