Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This term is certainly flying and it is hard to imagine that Easter is nearly upon us. From walking around the school and visiting classrooms I am greatly impressed at how well classes have settled and by the quality work students are producing.

Thanks must go to my hardworking and dedicated staff and supportive parents whose efforts have led to many great and exciting things happening at South already this term.

As I have mentioned on numerous occasions a real strength of our school is the consistent team work and commitment by many to ensure students achieve the highest possible educational outcomes.

Harmony Day Assembly

A reminder that our special Harmony Day Assembly will be held this Thursday 21st March under the COLA commencing at 10.15am. The theme for Harmony Day this year is ‘Many Stories - One Australia!’ Our guest speaker is local dentist Mr Jimmy Patel. There will be student performances and presentation of special Harmony Day honour cards.

The assembly will conclude by 11.00am. Following the assembly, tea/coffee and scones will be available from the school canteen at a reasonable cost.

* There will be no formal assemblies on Friday.

Leadership Day

Next Monday a large group of senior students and Miss Kerry will attend the Deniliquin & District Leadership Day. This year the workshop will be held in the Deni South Hall and provide students with the opportunity to develop skills and values to exhibit quality leadership practices.

Mini-Fete

Each year our school holds a mini-fete to raise funds to support our World Vision sponsored student, who lives in India and also to make a contribution to the Royal Children’s Good Friday Appeal in Melbourne and Steward House in Sydney.

The mini-fete will be held this year on Thursday 28th March.

All classes will be operating various stalls for the students to enjoy and the canteen will have something scrumptious to delight your tastebuds.

2012 Annual School Report

A copy of the Deniliquin South Public School’s Annual School report for 2012 can now be found on our school website www.deniliqsth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au If you are unable to gain on-line access to the school website, please contact the front office to organise a hard copy.

Creative Catchment Kids

Congratulations to Ruby Murphy, Jacob Dawe, Eliza Ford, Liam Hunt, Alec Buckley and Class 5/6 Landale who have been selected by teachers to participate in the 2013 Creative Kids Catchment Program. This year students will attend workshops and be involved in an exciting literacy program called “Catchment Champions”. The first workshop has been planned for Wednesday 10th April at Deniliquin North Public School.

Have a great week, maybe I’ll see you at the P & C meeting this evening at 7.30pm.

Greg Danckert
Principal
**Parent-Teacher Conferences**
The school is this year trialling the running of Parent Teacher Conferences at the end of Term 1, replacing the mid year P/T interviews. Student Reports will still be distributed at the end of Term 2.

**Parent-Teacher Conference Days**
- Mon 8th April 3 Jones, 2 Barry, 1/2 Noyes
- Tues 9th April K Gilchrist, K Waring
- Wed 10th April 4 Lewis, 2/3 Loy, 4/5 Falkiner
- Thur 11th April 6 Peppin, 5/6 Landale, 1 Boyd

Due to Mr Hodgkinson’s absence, Class 1 Higgins P/T conferences will be conducted mid Term 2.

Class teachers will be sending home invitation slips and date reminders later this week.

**Head Lice Season**
Unfortunately at this time of year we seem to have trouble at school with head lice. Attached is some information which may assist in reducing the spread of head lice.

**Head Lice**
**The Facts**
Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.
* about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time.
* anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex or how clean their hair is.
* head lice move from one person’s head to another via hair
* head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
* head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments.

**Treatment**
* daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)

**Tips for Parents in reducing the spread of head lice**
As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.
* regularly check your children’s hair
* teach older children to check their own hair
* tie back and braid long hair
* keep a fine tooth comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

**HELP NEEDED**
Volunteers needed to cover new Reading Recovery books. Greatly appreciated if anyone has any spare time to do this. Please see Mrs Elsbury or call into the front office if you are able to help.

**Sporting News**

**AFL Trials**
Best of luck to the following students Cooper Wallace, Ryan MacDonald, Dylan Mills, Raymond Murphy, Charlie Tasker, Reece Hussey, Cameron Crockart, Ben East and Harry Hillier (reserve) who have been selected to represent Deni South at the Deniliquin & District PSSA AFL Trials at the Rams Oval this Wednesday.

The boys will be endeavouring to be selected in the Deni & District AFL team, which will compete at the Western Riverina Championships in Barooga on March 28th. **NOTE**: South School AFL team will be selected early Term 2.

**State Basketball Reps**
Congratulations to Ryan MacDonald and Reece Hussey who have been selected to represent Riverina at the State Basketball Championships in Sydney in early Term 2. A sensational effort.

**Swimming Trophies**
Mr Bishop would like all swimming trophies returned to the front office so they can be taken to the jewellers to be engraved.

**Soccer Stars**
Cameron Crockart, Cooper Wallace, Liam Romanin and Alec Buckley have all been selected in the Deni & District Boys Soccer team to compete at the Riverina Soccer Trials in Cootamundra this Friday. Matilda Lalor has also been selected in the Girls Soccer team and will travel to Albury next Tuesday.

A fine effort by all players and we wish them well for the Riverina Trials.

**Cricket News**
News has just come through that Deni South will be playing Hay P.S next Tuesday 26th March in Round 2 of the State Cricket Knockout.

The game will be played at Deni South on Gilchrist Oval.

**Netball News**
After numerous training sessions, the South School netball team has been selected.

Congratulations to Georgia Richards, Georgia Denny, Amy Rodda, Grace Jefferies, Riley Marchei, Tiarna Condren, Tessa Bulmer, Elly Blake and Hayley Denny who will represent Deni South at the District PSSA netball trials at Memorial Park on May 2nd.

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**Kim’s Canteen News**

**Harmony Day Morning Tea**
This Thursday 21st March

**HELPERS NEEDED**
Canteen Roster

Wednesday 20th
Stacey Cameron, Kellie Stubbings

Thursday 21st
Leonie King, Melissa Hyden, Trish McCormick
HELP NEEDED

Harmony Day

Friday 22nd
Heath Whiley, Jade Heavyside, Julie Crockart

Monday 25th
CANTEEN CLOSED

Tuesday 26th
Tomoko Spalding, Kath Currie

Wednesday 27th
Ellie Danckert, Bianca Armytage, Trish Chandler (1/2 day)

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Dates for your Diary - Term 1

Mar 19th  P & C Meeting
Mar 20th  Deni AFL Trials
Mar 21st  Harmony Day Assembly
Mar 28th  Charity Mini Fete
Mar 29th  GOOD FRIDAY
April 12th  School ANZAC Service
Last day of Term 1

Harmony Day Celebrations
What is Harmony Day?
It is a day for all Australians to celebrate cultural diversity. It’s a day where, through activities and celebrations, we can learn and understand how Australians of different backgrounds live together and make Australia an even better place.

The students will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March at 10.15am. Our guest speaker is Mr Patel, a local dentist working and residing in Deniliquin.

Each Stage and the choir will perform an item and Ryan MacDonald will relate his thoughts about what Harmony Day means to him. The theme this year is Many Stories, Many Australians, the items shown aim to predict this. Visitors are welcome to attend the celebrations and enjoy morning tea with their families or purchase tea/coffee and scones in the hall.

Visitors and students can wear the colour orange as a form of unity.

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Easter Raffle
Yes it’s almost that time of year again!

Please support the canteen by contributing prizes for our Easter raffle.

Raffle Prizes - Numerous egg hampers
Tickets $1.00 each

A raffle book will go home with each family to sell. All tickets (sold or unsold) due back 25th March, Raffle drawn at Mini Fete 28th March, 2013

Spring Bulb Fundraiser
The Garden Express Spring Bulb catalogue is out now.

Packs start from as little as $5 with no minimum order requirement. Anyone who orders 5 items or more will receive a free surprise pack of bulbs valued at $5.

Each order form has plenty of room for others to place individual orders, so please show it around to family, friends and work mates and help raise money for our school.

In order to receive delivery prior to the school holidays, ORDERS, ALONG WITH PAYMENT, will need to be returned to the office BY THIS FRIDAY, 22ND MARCH.

Please make cheques payable to Deniliquin South Public School P&C Association. For any enquiries, please phone Liz Dowell, out of school hours, on 5881 3514.

Community Notices

Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 28th March at 9.00am
Great prizes to be won!!
See how creative you can be

Deniliquin High School Vacation Program
The Home Economics Faculty are running two vacation activity days for children aged 7 – 12 years in the end of Term 1 holidays.

The dates are:
Wednesday 17th April
Wednesday 24th April

The days will run from 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Your child will make their morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for the day in the Home Economics kitchen. All your child will need to bring is a drink bottle, sunscreen, hat and a food container.

They will have a G rated movie in the afternoon and outside activities throughout the day.

The number is capped to 14 children per day and the cost is $40.00 per day.

To book ring Nicole Jenkins at the High School on 0358811211 or email at nicole.jenkins15@det.nsw.edu.au
Please advise of any food allergies or other dietary considerations at the time of booking.

Volunteers required!! If any adults would like to assist on these days please ring Nicole on 0358811211 before the end of the term (Friday 12th April)

Josh and Jenna from “The Block” will be in Mitre 10 Deniliquin, this Saturday 23rd March. There will be plenty of entertainment, competitions, giveaways for the children and adults, also autographs with Josh and Jenna.

The winners of the colouring competition will also be announced. Colouring in’s have been distributed to the classrooms or pop into the office to collect one. They are due back at school tomorrow 20th March.