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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8

2nd December 2019

What's On at SJD

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2/12 Walk to School	3/12	4/12 Life Education Van Teenage Years with School Counsellor 3.30pm Kinder Orientation Session 6 9am to 3pm	5/12	6/12 SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
9/12 Walk to School School Volunteers Afternoon Tea 2.30pm	10/12 School Presentation Night 6pm Denman RSL	11/12 End of Year Mass 9.30am P & F AGM School Library 3.15pm	12/12 Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm School Hall Final Day for School Banking	13/12 Kinder Assembly Sprinkler Fun Reward Day #bustthedust Rainedance 1pm Lyn Moore Retirement High Tea 2pm
16/12 Walk to School End of Year Reward Day	17/12 Student's Final Day	18/12	19/12	20/12

From The Principal, Mrs Helen Whale.....

We have entered the Liturgical season of ADVENT now which marks the waiting time for Jesus' birth at Christmas. Time to get out the decorations, plan the celebrations and prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. What will you do to prepare your heart for Jesus this year?

It was a lovely treat to have Mrs Lyn Moore back behind the front desk last week. Thank you to Lyn for helping us in the office while swimming program was being run. Don't forget we are celebrating Lyn's retirement on Friday 13th at the school. Please call the school with your RSVP by Wednesday 4th.

Swimming lessons were well received last week. Thank you to Mrs Virginia Chapman, our Austswim coach who prepared the week's program for the students. The students have developed their swimming techniques which will be on display at our swimming carnival on Friday.

Thank you to Malabar Coal for sponsoring our swimming program & for providing every student with their own mini bottle of sunscreen, their support of our school is greatly appreciated.



School reports will be available on COMPASS on Thursday this week. If you are unable to access COMPASS please call the office to get a paper copy sent home. In last week's newsletter there was an explanation of the A_E marking scale. Please make time to look at this.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are offered in Term 4. These are not compulsory for parents or students. If you would like an interview, please contact the school this week to confirm an appointment time.

Our annual presentation night will be held next Tuesday evening in the RSL auditorium. Please ensure that you and your children are in attendance as we acknowledge the great achievements made by students in 2019 and celebrate the year that has been.

In advance, I would like to advise that students will not be taking perpetual trophies home this year. They will receive replica trophies to take home and their name will go on the shield at school. They are able to have a photo with their shield in the office the following week.

Student Leadership is taking on a new look in 2020. The major difference is that Year 6 students who have elected to be a part of the leadership team will be eligible for election as girl school captain or boy school captain. This office will be for one term after which elections will be held again for each new term. More details will be forthcoming. We hope that this change will encourage a sense of responsibility to our leadership roles.

Student school uniforms identify students as belonging to St Joseph's Denman. We are proud of the school to which we belong and everything from our behaviour to our uniform should display this pride. If your student's uniform is tired and worn, it is time to spruce it up and get a new one. Please find a uniform order form on the school website. Quality 2nd hand items are also available.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Remember any questions you want answered can be sent to our P&F President Jo Ryder and she will include the answers in Jo's Jottings column.

Volunteer Afternoon Tea. All volunteers and helpers of SJD are invited to an afternoon tea on Monday 9th December from 2.30pm to thank you for giving up your time to help out at school or at school events. Please come along to allow us to thank you for your support and time. We hope to see you there! For catering purposes please RSVP to Virginia in the office by Thursday 4th December.

From The Principal, Mrs Helen Whale..... continued

Meeting with our School Counsellor, Hayley Maeder

Has your pre teens/teens behaviour changed and you don't understand why?

Are you struggling to relate to them or understand them at times?

Is social media and the use of devices becoming a daily struggle?

Our Upper Hunter school counsellor, Hayley Maeder, will be presenting information about what happens to a child's brain between the ages of 10-14 years.

She will talk about how a child's attachment changes in adolescents and how that can impact their relationships. Hayley will also talk about social media and how to keep kids safe online. Lastly, Hayley will provide clear examples of how to maintain a secure relationship with your child as they work towards and transition into high school.

Date: Wednesday, 4th December Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm



From the Library, Miss Kirstie Barnett

Just a friendly reminder that Week 8 is the last week of Library lessons for all classes in Term 4. We kindly ask that any library books still at home are returned as soon as possible. Students will no longer be borrowing books for the remainder of term, however the Library will be open each Monday and Tuesday at lunch for any students who would still like to browse our library selection. Come and say hello!

Thank you to all the students who put a great effort into Library this year. It was fantastic to see so many books borrowed, reviewed and shared amongst each class! I am looking forward to awarding students with their Premier's Reading Challenge certificates at Presentation night.

Happy Reading over the holidays!

From The Assistant Principal, Mrs Michelle Lovegrove.....

Year 6 Rotary Dinner

Miss Emma Watson and I had the pleasure of attending the Year 6 Rotary Dinner at the RSL last Wednesday night. This night is an opportunity for the Rotary Club to help Year 6 students from all local schools to celebrate the end of their primary schooling and wish them



well for high school. On the night we enjoyed a delicious meal catered for by the Chinese restaurant. Thank you to the students in attendance as well as parents - Keiran Falvey, Georgy Evans and Zoe Jamieson for attending this evening.

Also at the Rotary Dinner, The Denman RSL Club took the opportunity to recognise the local Year 6 students who recently sat the RSL Bursary exam & to announce the winner. Congratulations to Toby Jamieson for his efforts in this exam, our only Year 6 student to participate in 2019.

Kindergarten Orientation at SJD

The last Kindergarten orientation will be this Wednesday 4th December from 9am to 3pm. We look forward to seeing you all then!

If you know of any other students who are ready for Kindergarten next year please encourage them to contact the school, we would love to include them in our last orientation session.

Wellbeing at SJD

Grow Your Mind Puppet Making – Calling all Sewers!

We are inviting volunteers to come into school to help create **Grow Your Mind** puppets with the students for classroom resources. We will provide all of the materials, you just need to provide your hand sewing skills! This activity will be occurring straight after Kindergarten assembly on Friday 13th December in the Year 4 classroom. This is a great opportunity for the students to learn some basic hand sewing skills from you!

Reminder - to be a helper you should have already provided the school with your Working with Children Check details and attended a school induction.

If you are interested please let Michelle Lovegrove or Natalie Walters know via email or in person at school.

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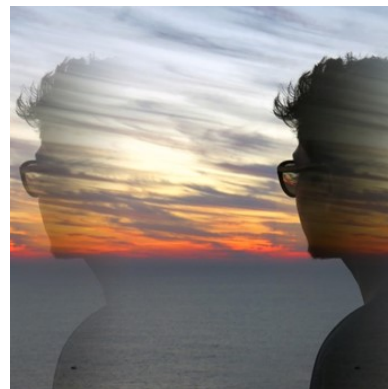
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REC, Miss Natalie Walters.....

Sunday Gospel (First Advent)

But know this, that if the householders had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, they would have watched and would not have let their house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready; for the One who is to judge is coming at an hour you do not expect.

(Matthew 24: 43 - 44)



Reflection

Advent means 'coming', and over the next four weeks we will be getting ourselves ready for the coming of Jesus which we celebrate on Christmas Day. This week's scripture from Matthew tells us to keep ourselves ready and alert for God's coming.

Questions of the Week

Adults - What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

Young People - Where can you make a difference at home, at school, at uni, at work, or in the world this Advent?

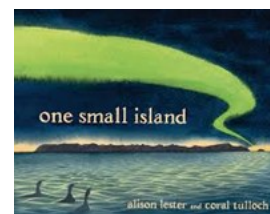
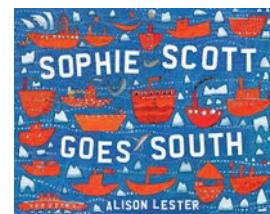
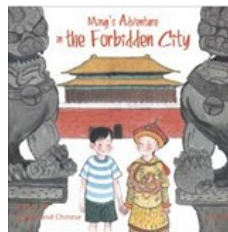
Awards for week's 5 & 6

Congratulations to all of the weekly award recipients, keep up the good work!

Kinder	Matilda Head, Jordan Sheens, Cole Vincin, Grace Beevor
Year 1	Franky Evans, Archer Peek, Henry Jacobs,
Year 2	Samantha Brammer, Riley Stocks, Patrick Ward
Year 3	Riley Lazaroo, Alani Moon, Sophie Janssen, Claudia Medhurst
Year 4	Alyssa Edwards, Savannah Jones, Zoe Hejduk, Archie Johnson
Year 5/6	Cody Parkinson, Diesel Hagan

Fun in Year 1

We have had lots of fun in Year One this term learning about different countries and cultures around the world. We have read books about Antarctica, China and Macquarie Island, learning about geographical locations, climate, food, religion, history and the effect of mankind and introduced species on the natural environment.



In Science we investigated natural water catchment areas and even created our own working model in the playground!

Last week's swimming lessons were lots of fun – even if they did make us all a little tired! It was great to see the progress made over the week in ability and water confidence and safety. We can't wait for the Carnival this Friday!!



We spent some time this week creating a Christmas space in our room. We discussed the true meaning of Christmas and what we might do during Advent to prepare for this special occasion. We have a sacred space including our very own 'hand made' advent wreath and a nativity scene which the children added to as we told the story of the first Christmas. We have also put up our little Christmas tree and decorated it with stars and bells. This week we will continue decorating this space as the children sew their very own Christmas stockings to hang in the classroom.



RETIREMENT HIGH TEA



**You're Invited to Celebrate with Us the Many Years
of Service by Mrs Lyn Moore at St Joseph's Denman**

Friday 13th December 2019 2pm

LOCATION: St Joseph's, 80 Palace St Denman

RSVP by 29th November

02 6547 2496

virginia.chapman@mn.catholic.edu.au

From the P & F.....

Thank you to Julie Power for volunteering to open the canteen on Monday 9th.

December is the P & F 's turn to clean the church once a week for the month. It only takes a couple of hours & is very easy, just some basic dusting & vacuuming. Grab a friend to help you & it will be done in no time. Please consider volunteering for the last time in 2019. Names to Lillian Hagan

St Joseph's Denman P & F 2020 Rosters

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Canteen: (Every Monday Morning 9 – 12)

I am able to help serve on the canteen on Mondays. Yes / No

I am able to be rostered on once a month / term.

Dates I am not available:

Cattle Sales: (2 Volunteers needed Every 2nd Last Friday of the Month)

I am able to help cook the bbq at the cattle sales. Yes / No

I am able to cook a slice / biscuits to be sold at the cattle sales. Yes / No

Months I prefer to be rostered on:

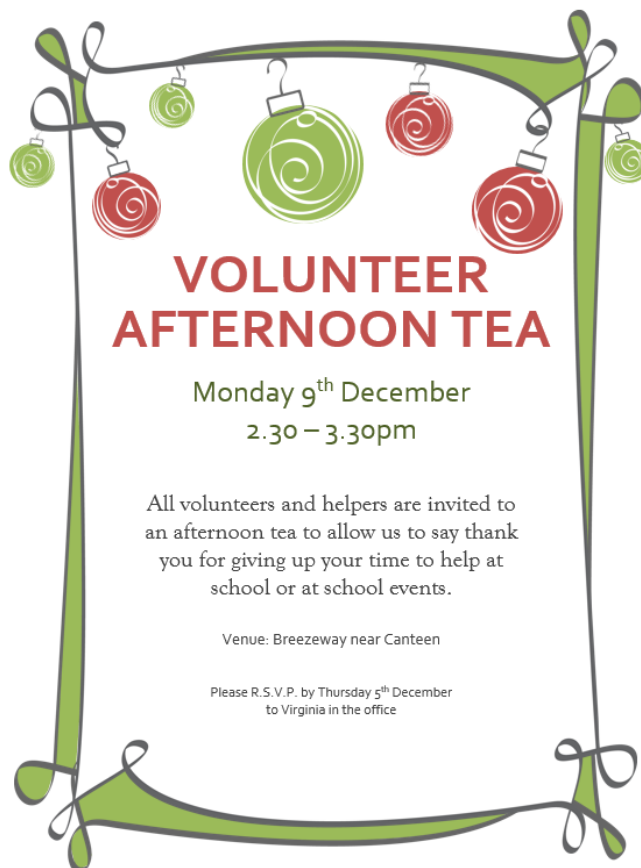
Could you return forms to school or email lillian_hagan@bigpond.com by the 18th of December 2019.

Thank you

Lillian Hagan

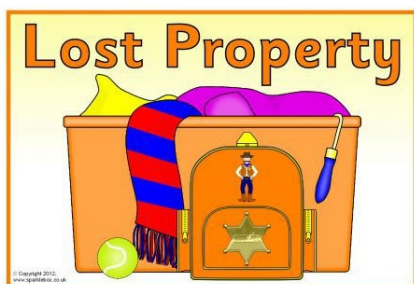
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**FINAL SCHOOL
BANKING IS THIS
THURSDAY**

**P & F AGM
Wednesday 11th December
Commencing at 3.15pm
All Welcome**



Located in the office & currently overflowing with clothes. If your child has lost some clothing be sure to have a look.

At the end of the term all unclaimed clothing will be donated to the P & F 2nd hand clothing pool.