



# DENILQUIN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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***Newsletter: Term 3 Week 9 (13/9/11)***

## **FROM THE SCHOOL ON A HILL**

### ***Astonishing Achievements by Our Students Continues***

*There can be no doubting over recent weeks that the students at our great school have been riding high on the crest of a wave.*

*The TOM Social Sciences team and a record number of our athletes are heading to State finals and the 'Maths Engineering' TOM team was awarded Honours at Shepparton.*

*The debating team is deep into regional finals, and the production, 'Country Roundup' received glowing praise.*

*It sure has been a remarkable run and just when you think we've had our lot, and the tide must turn, we're off again.*

*This week, **NAPLAN results** are lapping at our doorstep, and the achievements of students in Grades 3 and 5, are in a word, **exceptional**.*

*An **astonishing 94%** of our Grade 3 students have been placed in the top 3 bands for Writing. Their averaged score as a group places them massively above the National and State average, and at the **very top of the tree** for schools in this area. It is without doubt the highest achievement of a group of students at North for a particular subject since standardised testing was introduced, some 20 or more years ago.*

*For Grade 5 students the news is just as encouraging. In Numeracy, their averaged score is **substantially above** the National average, and most importantly, their growth in this subject since Grade 3 is **through the roof**, outstripping the national expectation by the proverbial mile. 71% of our students were placed in the top 3 bands (way ahead of State total of 53%) Likewise, their growth in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Reading is way above that which is expected throughout the nation.*

*In Writing, the group's achievement was in line with the national average, and a **whopping 22%** of our*

*students were placed in the top band (compared to 9% in NSW).*

*These results and more, are to say the least, very pleasing, and students and staff are **deserving of the highest praise**, for making it happen.*

*Its wonderful to see that programs that have been put in place, as well as good old fashioned endeavour, teamwork and hard yakka, have paid off.*

***Deni North- Its a Great Place to Be!!!***

*Chris Hogan*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Date	Event
<b>NB. A full listing of calendar events for the year is on the school webpage and is updated weekly.</b>	
13/9	P&C Meeting at 6:30pm
15/9	Next School Assembly at 12:20pm
16/9	Kidzlink at 12pm
18/9	TOM team to Melbourne
20/9	Regional Spelling Bee at Deni South
21/9	GOLD AWARDS morning tea
22/9	Rescheduled Kidzlink-final session 12pm
22/9	Pyjama Day fundraiser-LAST DAY TERM 3
10/10	School Resumes-TERM 4
17/10	Wamba Wamba Week

### **Next P&C Meeting**

**Tonight at 6:30pm in staffroom. All welcome!**

### What's New on the Website?

- This newsletter
- Country Roundup Videos in 'Video Hits' - The Duddles Rumble Band, The Wheely Bin Waltz and 2/3H's Three Little Pigs
- Photos from Country Roundup in Gallery

### GOLD Awards Morning Tea

On next Wednesday at 11am for the following clever students and their family (list as at 13/9):

- Pippa Metcalfe
- Nikita Spenceley
- Sophie Bashford
- Edwina Arthur
- Sophie Stringer
- Dominic Read
- Olivia Sigle
- Isabel Osborne
- Jordon Amor
- Emma McCallum
- Reece Weir
- Cody Learmonth
- Amelia McCrabb
- Mackenzie Cheeseman
- Tom Learmonth
- Kira Dickie
- Ben North
- Lillian Lostroh

### Debaters' Win-Hoges Perforates Eardrum!

Yesterday I made the mistake of being within earshot of a very excited Mrs Hunter (my ears are still ringing!), when word filtered through from Hillston that the Northies have done it again, claiming a win over the home team in the regional debating competition. The team now marches on to the Regional semi-finals. Wow!

### Next School Assembly

This Thursday at the slightly earlier time of 12:20pm. All welcome!

### Good Luck to Our TOM Champs

The terrific TOM Social Sciences team will take their thinking caps to Melbourne for Sunday's State final. I'm sure it will be a wonderful experience for all concerned! Win, lose or draw-they've done magnificently!

### Regional Spelling Bee

Our very bestest speelers will bee orf to the spellink bee necks Toosday at Denny South. The junior team of **CJ Van Dyk and Sam Rowe** will begin there quest four glory at 10am, while the seniors (**Edwina Arthur and Isabelle Dudley**) commence at 12:30pm. I hop thay spell brilllyantlee!

### P&C UTE MUSTER FUNDRAISING EVENT

Currently the P&C are busy planning for our stall at the Deni Ute Muster. As we did last year, we are calling on families to **donate bagged lollies and any loose coins** you many have at home. For families new to the school, this is our 2nd year out at the Muster where we will be roaming the crowd selling lollies and our unique stamp which has been kindly designed by Anthony at PaperCut Deniliquin.

We ask families for donations of bagged lollies and loose coins which helps pay for the stall. For extra incentive the class with the largest weight of bagged lollies and also the class with the longest line of loose coins will EACH win a movie and popcorn special event hosted by Hoges in Term 4.

The P&C would like also if parents who are out at the Ute Muster on the Friday and Saturday to **drop by our site and if possible "man" it for an hour** so our hardworking volunteers can have a break! If you know you will be out at the Ute Muster and can assist please give me a call or email (58813558 or louiseerrol@hotmail.com).

So at this time we hope to see loads of bagged lollies and loose coins rolling in to help kickstart the Ute Muster effort for our great school.

Louise Bashford

## Canteen Roster

<i>Wednesday</i>	A Bassett H Heagney
<i>Thursday</i>	K Stringer R Pitt
<i>Friday</i>	C McInnes Help Needed
<i>Monday</i>	J Borella D Erard-Farmer
<i>Tuesday</i>	S Mulligan B Danckert

## Canteen News

Special Meal Deals coming up on Wednesday 14th and 21st.

Please have orders in to the canteen by the Tuesday before.

Fruit n' Veg month finishes on September 23. Buy any fruit or healthy lunch from the canteen to receive stickers, bag tags and entry into the overall competition to win great prizes.

## DVD AVAILABLE NOW COUNTRY ROUNDUP

**The Movie** (53 min.)

### Featuring:

- 2 camera angles!
- Original videos inserted!
- Scene Selection- to easily find your favourite bits!

*Cheap! -\$10 donation and its yours!  
(Order from school office!)*



*Country Roundup Kids*



## Term Pointscore

<u>Team</u>	<u>Pts</u>	
<b>CATTLE RUSTLERS</b>	14	<i>The Herders have got their flock together and are heading for greener pastures!</i>
<b>SHEEP HERDERS</b>	25	
<b>WORM FARMERS</b>	22	
<b>TURKEY GOBBLERS</b>	21	



### Kind Donations

Many thanks to Marg Fisher for her donation of vegemite to the Breakfast program, and to Gen Dunmore for clothing to be added to the clothing pool.

### Chummy Bartlett Shield Report

Congratulations to South school on their victory on the day. The Northies, as ever, did the best they could and finished 2nd overall.

The Newcombe Ball went down to the wire with South sneaking home by a point over the Northies. Players to stand out were: **Olivia Foord, Cam Holschier, Olivia Sigle and Molly Wilson.**

The A Grade netballers continued on their winning form from the state knockout and were unbeaten in their 3 games. The B team won 2 of their 3 games.

Best-ons went to: **Lucy Simpson, Jackie Thorpe, Bridie Howe, Karla Molloy, Amelia McCrabb and Bree Collins.**

The AFL boys managed 2 wins from their 3 matches. **Jayme Glanvill, John Allitt, Jordan Hill, Jordon Amor and Blake Marchant** showed the way with top games.

Many thanks to **Andy Amor** for taking charge of the footballers on the day.

### Community Chest

#### **Foster Carers Needed**

Deniliquin Community Services is currently recruiting new foster families. If you are interested, an info session will be held at Deniliquin Community Services TODAY at 5:30pm. Contact Natalie Fazldeen 58822500. Light supper provided.

*This week's value will be:*

***'Getting Along With Others'***



**More From the Roundup**