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**Principal’s Desktop**

**Staffing Update**: As communicated last week, I will be relieving in the role of Principal for the remainder of the 2014 school year. I am greatly honoured to have been asked to take on this role through the Expression of Interest process. I look forward to working very closely with students and staff as well as the community in providing outstanding educational opportunities for the students at DEPS. I will continue to liaise closely with Mr Ploeg in regard to projects and priorities for DEPS in the coming year.

Through an internal Expression of Interest (EOI) process, I would like to announce that Ms Kimberly Brown and Mrs Sarah Williams will relieve in the role of Deputy Principal in a job share for the remainder of the school year. This will allow for both Mrs Williams and Ms Brown to continue working on the many projects they have initiated this year including ‘Instructional Leadership’, ‘Reading Recovery’ and ‘Technology’, in addition to their increased whole school responsibilities and school leadership.

Additionally, I would like to announce that through an internal Expression of Interest (EOI), Mrs Jenny Bashinsky will relieve as Assistant Principal for five days a week for the remainder of the school year. Mrs Bashinsky will continue as Early Stage 1 supervisor and coordinator. Ms Liz Stewart will relieve as Assistant Principal for one day a week. Ms Stewart will share the supervision and coordination of Stage 3 with me.

**Selective High School Tutorials**: The Year 6 teachers are running a series of high school tutorials over the next few Wednesday mornings, beginning at 8.30am, to help students prepare for the Selective High School Test which will be held on Thursday 13 March. I take this opportunity to thank the teachers for giving up their mornings to assist the students and I encourage students who would like some assistance to attend these valuable tutorials.
Year 6-7 Enrolment Process: The High School Expression of Interest Forms for students in Year 6 will be distributed on Monday 10 March. There will be an information session held on Monday 10 March at 6.30pm in 6S classroom to provide parents with information on how to complete the forms and also to provide parents with an opportunity to have any questions answered. Please be aware that forms need to be returned NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2014, and note that even if your child will be attending a non-government school next year, the form should still be completed appropriately and returned to school.

Positive Behaviour For Engaged Learners (PBEL): Now that we have been back at school for a few weeks, it is timely to review the Department of Education’s set of ‘Core Rules’ encompassing student discipline in all NSW government schools. When I reflect on these core rules, I feel very proud of the way our students meet these expectations each and every day. The students of Denistone East (and their parents) should be proud of the safe, respectful, and caring learners they are becoming.

For those of you who are not familiar with the core rules – I have provided a copy below. All students are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform policy
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.

The overwhelming majority of our students successfully follow these ‘core rules’ at all times. Occasionally it is necessary for teachers to remind students about appropriate and acceptable behaviour, appearance or attendance. We appreciate the support of parents when this is necessary – as already mentioned it is a strong home-school partnership that helps our students grow to be the best they can be.

Term 1 Family Accounts: Please note that Term 1 accounts have not yet been distributed to families. Our office staff are currently trialling the Department of Education’s new finance system and hope to be able to send out Family Accounts for Term 1 within the next two to three weeks. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Tania Bogdanovic Relieving Principal

SchoolBiz

Junior Choir: Auditions for the Junior Choir should finish this week, and notes will be sent home with successful applicants next week. Our numbers are limited to 40 children by the Ryde School Spectacular organisers. Rehearsals will commence soon after the selection of participants for this group, to take place on Thursdays at lunchtime every week, until our final performance in the evening of Monday October 13 at the Opera House. Children who take part in the choir are expected to commit to the weekly rehearsals and they, and a parent/carer, must be available for the final performance in October.

Thank you
Mrs Toomey & Mrs Rees

Library News: The library is still in need of parent helpers, especially for Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are asking for an hour of your time when school starts. We train our new volunteers.

Premier’s Reading Challenge: The online records for The Premier’s Reading Challenge are available from 3 March and close on 29 August. During this time students in Years 3-6 will be able to keep an online record of the books they have read. They need to read 20 books, 15 from the PRC list and 5 free choice. Students use their usual school password. In the library lessons, the PRC will be explained further. Students in Kindy-Year 2 will listen to books read by their classroom teacher, and this will fulfil the PRC requirements.
PBEL Update: This week we are focusing on moving calmly and quietly and sitting whilst we eat our lunch. All Denistone East students have demonstrated being safe, respectful learners and some have even received their first Merit award and canteen raffle entry after being awarded 20 Strive cards either on the playground or in their classroom. The raffle will be drawn at the K-2 and 3-6 assembly each fortnight.

The PBL Committee

This week’s bell song ‘Happy’ by Farrell Williams was chosen by Mrs Harrison, Miss Bishop, Miss Kirollos, Mrs Magri and Mrs Newcombe. A popular choice!

Wakakirri Set Design: The Wakakirri Set Design Team are looking for parents willing to assist in building simple sets for the upcoming Wakakirri performance. If you are experienced in building, construction, or are a general handy man, and are able to assist, please contact us either in person or via email.

Miss Allison Kenney- allison.kenney@det.nsw.edu.au
Miss Kimberly Brown- Kimberly.brown1@det.nsw.edu.au

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Sport Reports

Softball: The girls lost 4-7 to Ryde East. We played hard and got 4 runs in the last innings, which was a big improvement. We played great so we just have to keep up the hard work.

*Ji-Su and Isabella*

The boys won 3-1 to Ryde East. Everybody played very well even though it was very hot. Kai and Enosh took a very good catch, great effort.

*Aiden S*

T-Ball: Last Friday the Junior Boys and Girls T-ball played Ryde East at Manning Park. Although the boys continued to bat well, with many receiving home runs, Ryde East also played extremely well causing the match to end in a 13 all draw. Player of the Match was Thomas who had a great match both in batting and catching. The girls continue to improve each week both in fielding and batting. Andrea was awarded the Player of the Match for her excellent batting and fielding on 2nd base. The final result was a 9 to 8 win to DEPS.

Cricket: The senior boys game was a very exciting game as they battled well to finish on top by 5 runs. Batting by Luke was instrumental in bringing the win home. The junior boys team won 77 runs to 69 and Jeremy played a great game, showing great captain skills to match.

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P&C Update

*Kindy Welcome Morning Tea Thank you:* Thank you to all those parents who came to the Kindy welcome morning tea last Wednesday. Again welcome to all our new Kindy parents to Denistone East. We hope that you had a chance to meet other new parents at the morning tea and a talk with our “school veterans”. To those parents who brought in morning tea, help set up and clear things away - a big thank you for your support on the morning. Much appreciated!

*Volunteer Forms:* Last week families would have received our “Help the P&C Help your School – Volunteering” form. Please take time to read the information given on what the P&C are about and the various committees and events that you may be able to help with over the course of the year – however big or small. Our aim is to get as many parents involved with volunteering as we can, especially those new to the school. It can be a great way to meet other parents, make friendships and learn more about your school. Please leave completed forms at the school office by Friday 7 March.

*Save the Date:* P&C DAY - Wednesday 5 March: Come and meet some of the P&C, have morning tea and a chat with fellow parents. This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about what the P&C do for the school, ask
questions of P&C members and about volunteering at the school. Please come to the school hall at 9.45am and learn more about what we do and how you can help!!

Kathleen Pedersen 0408 722 317 pandcdeps@gmail.com

Save the Date: DEPS Ride2School Day and NRMA Science and Road Safety Day RIDE2SCHOOL DAY – Wednesday 12 March:  DEPS will be celebrating National Ride2School day on the morning of Wednesday 12 March, as our school also participates in NRMA Science and Road Safety Day.

The objective of this FREE event is to support our students to walk or wheel to school.

Pre registration will take place from Monday 3 March – Friday 7 March from 9am in the GLOBE area.

CAN YOU HELP - Volunteer Call:: Anyone who is interested in helping out prior on the pre-registration mornings or collecting prizes or helping cook up a storm with the big breakfast or garnering support from local business or being a “wheel’s monitor at pick up or “wheel’s” parking time or just lending a hand – there is lots to help out with for as little or as long as you can!, Whether it be; Dad’s on BBQ, Mums or Brekkie, Aunts and Uncles on wheel parking and Grandparents lending a hand – come and join the crew!

Please contact the Traffic Committee via Jenn on the details below.

P&C Traffic Committee - Jenn Clifton – 0412 172 450 – cliftonfam@optusnet.com.au

No Stopping means just that: A National Road Rule allowing yellow lines to replace No Stopping signs was adopted in New South Wales last year, and since then motorists have been getting fined for a road rule they probably weren’t even aware of. You cannot stop in a No Stopping zone for ANY REASON. Where the line continues but is broken shows you where you are permitted to pull up if required. Note: RMS have also increased the fines that apply to NSW drivers in School zones as at February 2014.


Changes to Kings Road parking between Lovell Road and Salter Crescent as you head south: This is now a designated NO STOPPING Zone, regardless of the line marking on the road. It is illegal and fines will be issued by Council rangers and police. Please ensure you take the time to park legally.

Rangers are about – Keep it Safe and Keep it Legal. Think Safe = Be Safe

P&C Traffic Committee - Jenn Clifton – 0412 172 450 – cliftonfam@optusnet.com.au

Walking Wednesdays start 5 March: All kids are reminded to WALK to school EVERY WEDNESDAY.

Don’t forget to SLIP, SLOP SLAP!

Walking Wednesday result tallies will commence NEXT WEDNESDAY, 5 March!

Active Kids = Healthy Kids.

P&C Traffic Committee

2014 Class Parent Thank you: Thank you to all the volunteers for class parents 2014! We now have every class covered.

Stephanie van Hilten msvanhilten@aapt.net.au
Music Information Update – positions still available: We are looking for cello players for our Holland Strings ensemble as well as new members for our Training Band. Please email or call Rachel for any details.

Rachel Yao 0420 504 308 denomusicord@gmail.com

Casual Friday Garden Club (CFGC): What a success our Friday afternoon LOMO – Left over Makeover Cooking demonstration was! Thank you to all of the families who came along. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon and took home some helpful and practical tips to reduce food waste in your home.

THANKS TO RYDE COUNCIL’S WASTE MANAGEMENT TEAM for their excellent demonstration and yummy food.

Save the Date: CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY at DEPS Friday 28 February 3pm – 4pm: Come along to DEPS Clean up Australia Day and make our school look great. If you can stay for 30 minutes or more, please join us.

WHEN: This Friday 28 February
TIME: 3pm – 4pm
WHERE: Please meet at the Globe area for Registration so that you sign the registration sheet for yourself and your child/children.
REWARD: 10 strive cards for each child participating for your Respect for the Environment
BRING: Drink Bottle, your own gloves – either garden gloves or hygenic gloves

PRE REGISTER: Send an email to Anna apleadin@bigpond.net.au PLEASE INCLUDE:
- Supervising Parent/Carer First Name and Family Name
- Child/Children’s first name
- Child/Children’s class
- Email address
- Emergency contact number

See you all there on Friday.

Gardening & Environment Committee

Second Hand Uniform Store: – Term 1 & 2 Opening Hours
Located in the stand alone building behind the demountables on the Henderson St side of the school.
- Term 1: Fri 7 Mar, Fri 21 Mar and Fri 4 April
- Term 2: Fri 2 May, Fri 16 May, Fri 30 May, Fri 6 June and Fri 20 June
From 8.30am to 9.30am.

Canteen News

Huge thanks to all our children who have been doing the right thing at the canteen counter. Please remember to bring your munch monitor tags with you, or cash, for over the counter snacks at recess or lunch or we cannot serve you. Your wonderful manners have been noted. This week we will be trialling a line just for slushies. Please follow instructions at lunch time.

Years 3-6 please remember to have PSSA on your munch monitor accounts if you are representing Denistone East in PSSA sport.

Volunteers: Thank you to all the lovely ladies who came to our orientation last week, we look forward to seeing you throughout the year. Please see us if you missed the orientation and can volunteer, once a month is great, but if you can only do it casually that is fine too.
### Community News

**Korean Parents meeting:** All Korean parents are invited to a meeting to be held on Wednesday, 26 February in the band room (next to the Korean class) from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. This is an opportunity for you to get to know new members. Especially we all welcome all the kindergarten parents. We look forward to seeing you all there. If there are questions about this matter do not hesitate to contact me. Email: namju226@gmail.com  Mobil:0430 738 554  
**Nam Ju Kim** President of the Korean parents committee

An invitation to visit **Epping Boys High School:** Information Afternoon Thursday 27 February 2014 4-7pm. Parents and guardians of boys currently enrolled in Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend the school’s Information Afternoon in the Edmund Barton Examination Centre. Epping Boys High School has an outstanding tradition of academic, cultural and sporting achievement.  
For further information about our school and achievements, please check our website:  [www.eppingboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.eppingboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)  Email:  [www.eppingboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:www.eppingboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  Address: 213 Vimiera Rd, Eastwood  
Enrolment enquiries for 2015 are invited to the Enrolment Officer on 9869 2701

**The Epping Boys High In Partnership with Carlingford High Production of: Disney Beauty and the Beast** Thursday Night 6 March 2014 7.30pm, Friday Night 7 March 2014 7.30pm, Saturday Night 8 March 7.30pm. Epping Boys High School Hall, 213 Vimiera Rd, Eastwood.  
Book Now   Tickets - 9869 2701  
**Adults-$18 Concession-$12  Family-$50**

**Gladesville Ravens Football Club:** Looking for **under 8 BOYS** players for Saturdays . For more information, call Chris Robertson on 0406 425 498

**Ryde Panthers Football Club:** Looking for **girl players** for Girls League “**PINK” Panthers on Sunday mornings**;  
Under 6 (3 places available)  
Under 7 (1 place available)  
Under 8 (4 places available).

**Ryde Panthers Football Club:** Looking for **either girls or boys** for Mixed League on Saturday mornings;  
Under 6 (5 places available)  
Under 7 (1 place available)  
Under 8 (4 places available)  
Under 11 (4 places available)  
Under 13 (4 places available)  
For more information – call Kim 0401 733 760.  [www.rydepanthers.com](http://www.rydepanthers.com)
Invitation to Riverside Girls High: Open Day

Thursday 6 March 2014  3.00pm to 6.00pm  Principals Official Welcome 4.30pm

Exhibitions, activities, guided tours, gelato cart and sausage sizzle

www.riversideghs.nsw.edu.au  Confident, independent and creative young women

Marsden High School: Open Day Tuesday 11 March from 4.30pm to 6.30pm  Ph: 9874 6544

Youth Off The Streets Morning Tea at Eden Gardens: Join the Eden Gardens team to hear Father Chris Riley speak of his work with youth. Enjoy a pleasant morning tea on the café terrace and help raise money for a worthwhile cause. The morning tea includes: An opportunity to meet some of the young people from Youth Off The Streets, A special performance by some of the Youth Off The Streets students, Wonderful raffle prizes including a handmade quilt made by Melanie Henry, Potting up and craft activities for the little ones and a complimentary garden tour. $10 per person payable on the day. All profits go to Youth Off The Streets. Don’t forget your sun hat! RSVP essential to 02 9491 9900 or email info@edengardens.com.au www.edengardens.com.au Eden Gardens: 301-307 Lane Cove Road, North Ryde NSW 2113

FUN Sunday Children Fun Program: Register Now

Learn About: Buddhist Stories on ethics and loving kindness, Games, Chinese culture, Tea Chan, Calligraphy, Arts & Crafts and much more! Chinese language in daily life

Ages 6-12 years Venue: Nan Tien Temple Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm  On Line Booking form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ihvQ61qsUrKwtd8VHdVIB7iE7_31uEf4GSey1cNM4hl/viewform

North Ryde Physie & Dance Club: Fun friendship and fitness Classes at Cox’s Rd, North Ryde Saturday Classes – 2 Years to Ladies  Tuesday Classes – 5 Years to Ladies Classes resume Saturday February 15 www.northrydephysie.com  For enquiries please visit our website or email northrydephysi@optusnet.com.au
Hunters Hill High School: Gifted and Talented Selection Tests for Year 7 and 8, 2015. 2014 Year 6 and 7 students have the opportunity to sit an entry test for Hunters Hill High School Year 7 and 8, 2015 extension classes on Saturday 22 March, 9.30am in the school hall. Phone or email the school to reserve your place by Tuesday 14 March. Hunters Hill High School Reiby Road, Hunters Hill, NSW 2110 Ph: 9817 4565 Fax: 9816 3297 Email: huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au Web: www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au Follow us on twitter@HuntersHillHS