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**Principal’s Desktop**

**Reminder of Student Safety:** I would like to take this opportunity to remind all our community members that the safety of all children here at school is our first priority and that we need to work together to ensure their safety. I would ask that all community members pay attention to school zone traffic and road rules, especially during our busy before and after school times.

In particular, we have noticed community members performing three point turns during these busy times with hundreds of children around. Additionally, community members have been using staff car parks to drop children off, walking children through staff car parks and performing three point turns using staff car park driveways. As a precaution, we will be locking the staff car park on Lovell Rd before school and it will remained closed throughout the day and access to the staff car park on Brabyn Rd will be blocked off as well. We appreciate the community efforts and support in helping us maintain a safe, secure and happy environment for the children.

**Year 7 Selective High School Placement Test:** Information regarding the Selective High School test was communicated to schools and families last week. The test venue for our students will be Epping Boys High School. The test will be held on Thursday 13 March commencing at 9.00am. Parents need to drop students directly to the venue as close to 9.00am as possible and return at 1.15pm to pick them up. Parents need to make the necessary transport arrangements to and from the test centre. Students are asked to wear their school uniform on the day.

Students need to bring: two black pens, a letter or email from the High Performing Student Unit which shows their student number, a clear plastic water bottle and a snack to eat during the break. If you have any other questions regarding the Selective High School Placement Test, please contact the office.
**NRMA Science and Road Safety Day and Ride2School Day**: The event will be held next Wednesday 12 March. Families are encouraged to leave the car at home and students are encouraged to walk or wheel to school on the day to celebrate National Ride2School Day. There will be a BBQ breakfast for all to enjoy. **Pre-registrations are happening this week from 9am in the GLOBE area. All students need to ensure that they have registered by Friday 7 March.** Additionally, the NRMA Science and Road Safety Day will continue the celebrations of the day. Students K-6 will participate in activities throughout the day that promotes road safety. Some activities will be organised and run by representatives from NRMA and teachers will also plan activities to reinforce learning in the classroom. Parents are invited to a workshop run by NRMA at 2.45pm in the hall.

**Walking Wednesdays**: Our wonderful P&C Traffic Committee initiative of Walking Wednesdays is starting this Wednesday 5 March. We encourage all our families to take on this initiative with their children. It helps with traffic congestion around the school and promotes a healthier lifestyle for our students. Teachers will be promoting this initiative in the classrooms and keeping a tally of students who walked to school, rode a bike, skateboard or scooter or took public transport as alternative options. It will be interesting to see who is on top of the leader board by the end of March.

**Clean Up Australia Day**: Due to last Friday’s rain, Clean Up Australia Day will be on this Friday 7 March. Remember to meet in the globe area to register at 3pm. Participants are reminded to bring their own gloves. I’m looking forward to seeing many members of our community united in making our school look beautiful and clean.

**Zone Swimming Carnival**: The zone swimming carnival will be held this Thursday and Friday, 6 and 7 March at Ryde Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to all our swimmers who will be representing our school at this event and we look forward to sharing your achievements and efforts.

**Award Recipients**: Congratulations to Sejal R in 3L. Sejal entered the Australia Day Drawing Competition run by the Australia Day Council. She entered in the Years 3 and 4 division and her drawing has been selected as one of the finalist.

*Tania Bogdanovic Relieving Principal*

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**SchoolBiz**

**PBEL Update**: This week we are focusing on the importance of wearing our hats (Safe) when we are not in the shade and trying to promote this item of clothing as part of our school uniform. (Respectful) Students who do not wear a hat to school must play in the shade. Strives will be given out to students demonstrating these core values. The canteen raffle will be drawn at the K-2 and 3-6 assembly this week.

*The PBEL Committee*

This week the bell song ‘Cherish’ by Madonna was chosen by Mrs Jenny Bashinsky.

**Stewart House Bags**: Stewart House looks after disadvantaged children in NSW and the ACT and has done for over 70 years. They give medical help to needy children and boost their wellbeing through the programs the children have over their visit to the house. It is largely funded by donations and the schools in our state play a very big part in this. One easy fundraiser is collecting good unneeded clothing and manchester for recycling. Collection bags will be sent home next **Tuesday 11 March**. These bags can be filled and returned to the school office until **Tuesday March 18**. Look through the clothing and other items that you no longer need and you can help Stewart House plus clean out cupboards at the same time.

*Mrs Owen and Miss Kirollos*

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**Sport Reports**

No sports reports due to cancellation of PSSA – wet weather
Save the Date: P&C DAY - Wednesday 5 March: We would like to invite all Deno parents/carers to come and meet some of the P&C team, have morning tea and 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 how you can help your school community. We would love to meet new families to the school as well as those of you who may feel that getting involved will take up too much of your time….far from it, we have jobs big and small and for a large school population, the more help we can get the better. You may even find you learn new things about your school and make rewarding friendships! Please come to the school hall at 9.45am and learn more about what we do and how you can help!!

Volunteer Forms: All families would by now have received our “Help the P&C Help your School – Volunteering” form. It can be great way to meet other parents, make friendships and learn more about your school. Our aim is to get as many parents involved with volunteering as we can, especially those new to the school. Please leave at the school office by Friday 7 March or bring it with you to the P&C Day this Wednesday 5 March

Save the Date: P&C Meeting–Wednesday 12 March 7.30pm: The next P&C meeting will be held next week Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm. Meetings are held in the staffroom. Please come through the office doors, through the door to your right and down the hall. All are welcome.

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 is ON!: 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

RMS School Zone Offences: Went up 10 February 2014. Please be vigilant when driving in and around our school community. Respect your fellow drivers and be aware of children crossing roads.

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 THIS WEEK: All kids are reminder to WALK to school EVERY WEDNESDAY.
Don’t forget to SLIP, SLOP SLAP!
Walking Wednesday result tallies will commence WEDNESDAY, 5 March!
Active Kids = Healthy Kids.

P&C Traffic Committee

Music Information Update – positions still available: Players of Percussion & Other Instruments in the Training Band - Please call Rachel Yao 0420 504 308 denomusicord@gmail.com
Cello Players for the Strings Ensemble - Please call Evelyn Lee 0410 439 876 denomusicpay@gmail.com

REMINDER Training band: Will start week 6 of this term on Wednesday 5 March starting promptly at 8am until 9am. (Please arrive at 7:50am to set up classroom and instruments).

Training band will take place in the band room. Your involvement would be much appreciated to help set up and/or pack up the classroom. Many hands make for an efficient band!

If you are able to be the 2014 music Band Liaison please let me know. Or if interested in becoming involved in any way the music committee and students will thank you.

Rachel Yao 0420 504 308 denomusicord@gmail.com

Save the Date: CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY at DEPS now THIS Friday 7 March 3pm – 4pm: Due to the rain last week, this event was postponed, so please 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 7 March
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 From 8.30am to 9.30am
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
Canteen News

Juice Supply: Unfortunately we can no longer purchase our juices in 250ml containers. In agreement with the “healthy canteen strategy” our suppliers are only making a 200ml juice. Our flavours will remain the same but our prices will be dropping by 20c. So the juice price will now be $1.20 not $1.40. Thank you for your understanding.

We will be looking at creating our “Winter Menu” for Term 2 and 3 2014 in the very near future. If you have any comments or menu ideas please see us in the canteen this week.

We are happy to announce we are running a “Volunteer of the Month” competition at the canteen this year. Every volunteer will go into a draw to win a “lunch for their child” for each month. So please see us if you can add your name to the list. February’s winner will be announced in next week’s Newsletter.

Please be aware that from time to time we have children who come to us who for one reason or another do not have lunch. It is our policy that we provide these children with food so please be aware you will be charged for these lunches – either by a note home or via munch monitor.

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Thanks to all our wonderful helpers. There are still a few gaps in our regular once a month roster. Please see us if you can help out once a month or on a casual basis. We very much appreciate your help and your children love seeing you at school.

Anne-Marie

Community News

DEBASCA: The DEBASCA Annual General Meeting is being held on Monday March 24 at 6.15pm. Child minding is available. For more information please phone 98746760 or email admin@debasca.org.au

ST Dunstan’s Preschool: are holding a reunion for 2013 students on Tuesday March 11 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm at the pre-school. All welcome.

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
Youth Off The Streets Morning Tea at Eden Gardens, Wednesday 26 March: 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

Marsden High School
Open Day
Tuesday 11th March
4.30pm to 6.30pm

Tours from 4.30pm
Principals address 5.30pm

Partners in education with: Macquarie University
Northern Sydney TAFE
Johnson & Johnson

Take this opportunity to meet our students and staff and see all that Marsden High School can offer
For further information please phone 9874 6544
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Mike’s Cartooning Workshop: Come and join us for a fantastic morning of cartooning fun!
Ryde Library, 1 Pope St, Ryde Saturday 12 April 2014 10.30-11.00am Cost $10 Ages 8yrs+
Bookings essential: Call 9952 8352

North Ryde Dockers: Have fun, learn new skills, and make friends playing Australia’s favourite game! North Ryde Dockers are on the lookout for boys and girls with ages ranging from Auskick (5 to 8), Juniors (9 to 12) and Youth (13 to 17). Thomas Jubb 0429 794 743
tajubb@bigpond.net.au www.northrydedockers.com.au Register online at play afl.com.au

Come and PLAY with your local JUNIOR RUGBY Club!
Make friends, develop confidence & be active!
Under 6’s to Under 13’s | No tackling in younger grades
www.ryderugby.com.au Ph: 0474 498 775
2014 College Tours

Ryde Secondary College will be conducting College tours throughout the year as follows:

Wednesday 19 March - 3.30pm
Wednesday 21 May    - 9.00am
Wednesday 18 June   - 3.30pm
Wednesday 20 August - 9.00am
Wednesday 17 September - 3.30pm
Wednesday 15 October - 9.00am
Wednesday 19 November - 3.30pm

Tours run for approximately an hour and a half starting from the school office. Enter via Malvina Street gate and follow the path to the office. Please phone 9809 4894 to book. Also please advise the office if you need to cancel your booking.

Parents/Guardians and children are welcome.