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Principal’s Desktop

**Parent / Teacher Interviews:** are being offered as part of the Term 1 reporting program. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss the progress of students. The dates for the interviews are:

- Kindergarten: Monday 31 March
- Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): Wednesday 2 April
- Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Thursday 3 April
- Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): Tuesday 1 April

The interviews will commence at 1.30pm and sessions will run through till 6.30pm. The interviews are 10 minutes in duration. Notes will be sent home this week for parents to indicate session times that suit. You will be notified closer to the interview date of your time. If the day is unsuitable, parents can negotiate a more suitable time directly with classroom teachers.

**Positive Behaviour Engaged Learners:** The new student welfare system is designed to focus on creating a positive school environment, in which every member of the school community is valued, shares the core expectations and works as a team to build a positive school culture. Below is an explanation of the positive reward system:

**Strive Awards (Playground and Classroom)**
Denistone Strive awards are given out liberally by the teacher on playground duty or class teacher (inclusive of RFF, ESL, Reading Recovery, Scripture and casual teachers). They are given in recognition of following the 3 core
expectations of ‘Safe’, ‘Respectful’, ‘Learners’ and are accompanied with a verbal explanation of the core value they were following.

It is the responsibility of individual students to ensure the awards are placed into envelopes, either displayed in the classroom or stored in book trays. Once a student has collected 20 strive cards they trade them in for a blue Merit Award. Merit Awards are handed out within class and recorded by the classroom teacher.

Students can also place one canteen raffle voucher into the K, 1-2 or 3-6 letterbox in the front office with their name and class clearly written by the class teacher on the back. The raffle draw is held at the K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies with core values and expectations also being reinforced for the week during this assembly. Raffle winners receive a canteen voucher.

**Merit Awards**

When students have received three blue Merit Awards they trade the awards for a Bronze Certificate signed by the Stage Supervisor and given out at a grade or stage assembly. Students repeat this process collecting a further three Merits to receive a Bronze Badge. The classroom teacher informs Stage Supervisors of badge winners. Badges are awarded at the K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies by the Deputy Principals and parents are informed via the newsletter the week prior. Students repeat the process to work towards their Silver Badge and Gold Badge.

The K-6 Gold Badge assembly will be held in Term 4 and students and their parents are invited to stay for morning tea with the principal. The award system restarts at the beginning of each year.

As this is the first year of implementation, the student welfare system, including the positive reward system, is a trial. Teachers, students and parents will have the opportunity to give feedback regarding the new system later in the year.

**Student Safety:** Just a reminder to students who ride their scooters to school to be very careful. Students should remain on the footpath where possible and when leaving the footpath to ride on the road, students need to stop and look for oncoming traffic. I encourage parents to discuss road safety rules with students, particularly with students who ride or walk to school on their own.

**Tree Maintenance:** A state wide assessment safety review of trees on all school sites by arborists was issued after the tragic death of a young student recently. An initial assessment of all trees has been carried out on our school grounds and a report will be written and submitted to the school on 17 March outlining any works that need to be carried out immediately, as well as maintenance. I will provide more detailed information after the report has been issued to the school.

**Clean Up Australia Day:** Congratulations to the Garden and Environment Committee who organised a fabulous and highly supported Clean Up Australia Day. We had 370 students, parents and community members who volunteered their time. The event was held last Friday 7 March on the school grounds. I would like to personally thank all the parents, students and community members who came together to clean up the school grounds. You all did an amazing job making our school look clean and beautiful.

**Ride2School and NRMA Science and Road Safety Day:** Just a reminder that this Wednesday we will come together to promote road safety as well as a healthy lifestyle in our Ride2School and NRMA Science and Road Safety Day. All students should now have pre-registered their wheels for the event. We look forward to an engaging and fun filled day.

**Harmony Day:** is on Friday 21 March. It is a day for recognising all cultures and respecting everyone who calls Australia home. Students are encouraged to wear orange mufﬁt clothing on the day and will participate in classroom activities related to promoting ‘harmony’ within the school community and Australia.

**Parent Helpers:** We encourage and are truly thankful to parents who give up their time to help in our classrooms, from helping with literacy groups to sharpening pencils; your assistance is highly valued by our teachers and students. However, being a part of school routines and classrooms demands a level of trust and discretion that should be adhered to, especially when it involves the wellbeing or performance of our students. I would like to remind parents to respect the privacy of individual students and their families by not discussing their progress or wellbeing with any members of our community. Discussions about student progress are between the classroom teacher and a child’s parent or carers.

*Tania Bogdanovic Relieving Principal*
SchoolBiz

**PBEL Update:** This week we are focusing on lining up during morning assemblies and moving up and down the stairwells safely. You will notice there are new dots for seating classes, lines on the stairs and new playground markings which were kindly funded by our P&C. We will use these new markings to facilitate the safe transition between classes and playground.

*The PBEL Committee*

**Junior Choir:** Auditions have now closed for this group, and children who have been selected will bring home a permission note this week. Please ensure that it is returned promptly, as the group is starting rehearsals Thursday next week, March 20, in the 2T classroom at lunch time, immediately after eating time.

Thank you,

*Michele Toomey and Jenny Rees*

**Stewart House Bags:** Stewart House bags should be sent home today – one to each family, going with the eldest student at this school. Filled bags need to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 18 March. Read the label on the bag to check what you can put in them but they are mainly looking for good used clothing or Manchester. The funds will go towards the work of Stewart House helping underprivileged families in our state and the ACT. Other bags can be used if necessary.

*Deb Owen and Monica Kirollos*

**Sport Reports**

No sports reports due to cancellation of PSSA – Zone Swimming

**Ryde Zone Swimming Carnival:** The Ryde Zone swimming carnival was held last Thursday and Friday. Denistone East had 32 students competing in a number of events across the two days and the boys and girls did a marvellous job at representing and competing for the school. We were placed third overall in the point score and were awarded the champion school in the boys points score. Congratulations to all students who participated, you all contributed to the schools great success. Special congratulations should go to the students who have progressed to the Sydney North Carnival which will be held 25 March at Sydney Olympic Pool. This includes Lachlan W (50m freestyle), Leo L (50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke), Bridgett C (50m Breaststroke), June S (50m Backstroke), Eric L (50m Backstroke), and our senior girls relay side including Hayley R-H, Freya R, June S and Meg J. Great effort!

*Lucy Besson Sports Coordinator*

**P&C Update**

**Save the Date:** P&C Meeting – Wednesday 12 March 7.30pm: The next P&C meeting will be held THIS 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.

**P&C Day Wrap Up:** Thank you to those that came and had a chat and a cuppa!

**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.
Save the Date: THIS WEDNESDAY! 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 this week, 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.

REMINDER: All students to wear DEPS Sports uniform and joggers. Anyone wheeling to school is required to have a labeled helmet.

If you have not registered as yet, you can do so on the morning – see the Ride2School team in the basketball court area.

All wheels are required to have a Ride2School number plate so that they are easily identified with your child.

Come and have a FREE brekkie and join in the fun! Raffle drawn 8.40am.

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

Bailey of 4H will be shaving his head (it's a big job) to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma research.
The shave will take place on Wednesday morning during the Ride2School festivities.

Please come along and cheer on Bailey!

Walking OR this week “WHEELING” Wednesdays are on:
Don't forget to SLIP, SLOP SLAP!

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: Starts promptly at 8am and goes 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  
New Uniform Store: Opening every Thursday afternoon and Friday morning during the term. Check out the new skorts for girls.

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 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.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY at DEPS RESPECT for the environment: Clean Up Australia Day at DEPS was an amazing success!
The school is gleaming with no rubbish to be seen anywhere.
Thank you to the children, parents and carers who made our school clean up the BIGGEST ever.
Thank you to the school executive, administrative staff and parent helpers who helped to organise the event.
Please continue to reduce rubbish at DEPS by packing lunches in hard plastic containers that can be washed at home and reused.

Casual Friday Garden Club (CFGC): Casual Friday Garden Club is on this Friday 14 March.
Meet at Kindy Corner at 3pm. Come along for 15 minutes.
BYO garden gloves, drink bottles etc.
All children are required to have a parent or carer with them.

Gardening & Environment Committee

Save the date: LOMO Family Fun Day 22 March. Take 3 photos and write a short description by 22 March that shows your family avoids food waste and send this to lomo@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- Register by 15 March to receive your information pack with tips and freebies.
- Late registration is by 21 March but the information pack will NOT be included.
- You can win prizes of up to $150 in value and your participation could win DEPS $500 to put towards our Garden Projects.
- 10 Respect Strive Cards per child will be included in the information packs delivered to school on 18 March before the LOMO FUN DAY photos of 22 March. If you are unable to participate after receiving the strive cards, they will need to be returned to school.
- Reduce your food waste at home and Respect the environment.
- The brochure with further information is attached at the end of the newsletter or simply follow the link REGISTER NOW.

Canteen News

Winter Menu: We will be looking at creating our “Winter Menu” for Term 2 and 3 2014 in the next couple of weeks. If you have any suggestions please feel free to see us and we will pass it on to the committee.
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.
Please remember to update your much monitor details – we had a few lunch orders with incorrect classes on them last week and this makes it difficult for children to get their lunches.

**Volunteer of the Month** for February 2014 is “Terry Hulme”. Congratulations Terry – Jaykay wins a free lunch! All you have to do to enter is join us as a volunteer 1 day a month, it’s that easy.

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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

**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

**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
Are you a musician or dancer who would like to try something a bit different? Would you like to march in the ANZAC Day march in the city?
The Golden Kangaroos are looking to increase their membership in the marching band and are looking for people interested in joining the Auxiliary Corps (Dancers and flag bearers), Drum Corps or as wind musicians. Now is a great time to join the band as the focus is on the basics of marching in preparation for the big ANZAC Day March in the city. Once the thrill of marching in such a special event in front of tens of thousands of spectators has subsided the band then focuses on more complex routines in preparation for Spring, when most engagements requiring routines occur.
The Golden Kangaroos Hornsby Concert Band consists of a beginner band, intermediate and senior concert bands, a marching band, a stage (jazz) band and a number of smaller ensembles and welcome musicians of all levels and ages.
For more information visit www.gks.org.au or contact the band at membership@goldenkangaroos.org.au or on 9868 3289

Ryde Library would like to invite students to their April School Holiday program. The theme is: Let’s Get Loud. They have a wonderful program including African drumming, making musical instruments as well as a creative writing workshop. For further information please access the council website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au

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

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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.