Ride2School Day: On behalf of all the students and teachers I would like to thank Jenn Clifton, the Traffic Committee and all parent volunteers who gave up so much of their time to organise and run a highly successful Ride2School Day last Wednesday. Your dedication, commitment and energy to the students and the school is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Happy Campers: The Year 5 students are currently enjoying their camp at The Great Aussie Bush Camp. I had the opportunity to go canoeing and rock climbing with students yesterday afternoon. All students are having a great time and are enthusiastically participating in activities. Many are looking forward to “The Lost Island” today. I’m sure we will hear all about their adventures on their return tomorrow.

Positive Behaviour Engaged Learners: I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students for their excellent behaviour over the last few weeks. I was out on playground duty last week and it was lovely to see students at recess sitting with friends and having conversations. The manners being displayed in the playground and the safe play has been noticed not only by teachers, but visiting adults as well. Well done Denistone East students.

It was also wonderful to see so many students receiving their bronze certificates at morning assemblies last week. We look forward to celebrating the positives on a daily basis.

We have focused over the last few weeks on providing information about the strives and award system. Outlined below are the procedures and documentation for Minor/Major Behaviours.
Strikes are issued when a student is not demonstrating the expected core values. Strikes may be issued by supervising adults when school has the duty of care. This includes classroom teacher, RFF teachers, support teachers and casual teachers.

Issuing Adult – Minor/Major Incident:

• Determine whether the minor/major strike has occurred and investigate fully.
• Fill in details required as per strike recording slip and discuss with the student which core value was broken. Cut off the student half of slip and give to the student.
• Minor – issuing adult to place teacher half of recording slip in the classroom teacher pigeon hole. Classroom teacher is to review and reteach the expected behaviour which has been broken.
• Major – Refer to Executive on S.T.O.P (Student Time Off Playground) supervision immediately.

Student Receiving Strike:

• When a student receives a strike recording slip, they need to give it to their classroom teacher at the next face to face opportunity.
• The teacher and student discuss the incident and identify the core value which was broken.
• The strike recording slip is then stored in the classroom PBEL folder.
• If the student gets two slips within two weeks they receive a verbal warning from their teacher explaining if they are issued a third strike, then they will need to go to the S.T.O.P room for reflection time with an executive teacher.
• If they get three slips within the two week period they are referred to the executive teacher for a meeting involving their classroom teacher. They pay back 10 strive cards and have one lunch time S.T.O.P (Student Time Off Playground). At the S.T.O.P they will fill out a reflection sheet to be sent home and signed by their parent/guardian.

I would like to remind parents that this is a trial year of the program and feedback will be asked of teachers, parents and students later in the year. If your child does get put in the S.T.O.P room for reflection, please take the opportunity to reinforce the core values of the school: Safe, Respectful Learner.

This program which is currently under way in over 300 NSW Public Schools has proven to be successful because it is data driven and relies on teaching the expected behaviours. When the PBEL team find a specific behaviour which needs to be retaught through analysis of the strikes, this behaviour will become the focus for reteaching. If you need further clarification or would like to discuss your child’s behaviour, please contact classroom teachers.

Harmony Day: This Friday 21 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. All students are encouraged to wear ‘orange’ mufti. Students will participate in activities throughout the day promoting the significance of Harmony Day.

Parent / Teacher Interviews: All families should have received information last week outlining interviews days. If you would like an interview to discuss your child’s learning, please return the note indicating suitable times ASAP so teachers can schedule appointments.

Tania Bogdanovic, Relieving Principal

SchoolBiz

Launch of the Denistone East Public School Facebook Page: Please follow the link below to be taken to the new Denistone East Facebook page. If you are already a member of Facebook you can like the page and be notified when there is any activity, otherwise you can still view the page by following this link. Please remember Facebook is restricted to persons over the age of 13.

Letters went out last year for permission to publish students’ photos and work samples. Any student who did not return this note will not have their image available on this page. We are hoping that this could be used for last minute updates such as PSSA cancellations, late buses and general reminders as well as weekly posts by each grade. Follow the link to see how Year 5 have been doing at camp!

Kimberly Brown, Relieving Deputy Principal
Junior Choir: The weekly rehearsals for this group have been relocated to Tuesday lunchtime for just this week (18/3/14), and thereafter will be Wednesday lunchtimes (from 26/3/14) in the 2T classroom, as there were a few clashes with other activities on Thursdays. By the time you read this, hopefully, our first lunchtime rehearsal will have taken place. There is a repertoire of several songs that the children need to practise in time for our first all day rehearsal at Marsden High on April 9, so please encourage your child to spend time listening to the CD and revising the words regularly. There is not sufficient time at school rehearsals to adequately practise all the songs, as we have many to learn. The other all day rehearsal dates, for your diary, are June 17 and September 9. It’s important for all choir members to be at school on those days, as the rehearsals are a vital part of the combined choir’s preparation for the final performance on October 13.

*Michele Toomey & Jenny Rees*

The Bell song for this week Roar by Katy Perry was chosen by Mrs Buckland.

On 26 February all eight school leaders participated in the GRIP Leadership Conference to improve their leadership skills. This was held at Homebush by a group of previous school leaders and over 800 students from schools around the area attended. They learnt how to deal with issues which could occur in our future experiences and how to be the best leader and role model. We all took this opportunity to make the best of it and help improve our school. We had fun too.

*Freya and Eleanor*

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**Sport Reports**

**Softball:** We played a great match this week and won 9-1 against Putney. We improved a lot in the second innings as we got nine home. Amy took a spectacular catch which resulted in a double play. Great effort and win to the girls’ team. *Isabella*

The boys’ team won 5-2 against Putney and also had an exciting comeback in the second innings. Kai had a great game and Jack also took a great catch. Liam did a great job on first base and got a lot of Putney players out. *Aiden*

**Cricket:** The Junior Boys cricket team played Gladesville in a really exciting match. Denistone East won the match 84 to 71 with Harley the Player of the Match playing a great all round game.

The Senior Boys also played old rivals Gladesville but unfortunately were set a high target and in the searing heat lost 89 to 33. Luke A was The Player of the Match for showing strong leadership in the batting order.

**NO PSSA Friday 21 March due to Zone Winter trials**

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**P&C Update**

**Volunteer Forms:** As testament to last Wednesday’s DENO Wheels day, being involved is a 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 who are new to the school. If you have not already done so, please complete the “Help the P&C Help your School – Volunteering” form and leave it at the school office. Thank you to those who have already put up their hand to help our school community.

*Kathleen Pedersen 0408 722 317 pandcdeps@gmail.com*
WRAP UP!! DEPS Ride2School Day and NRMA Science and Road Safety Day RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

AWESOME!!! Huge success, 443 registered as riding/scooting/walking. A 10% increase on last year.

✓ We went through:
  o 450 snags
  o Umpteen loaves of bread, rolls and hot x buns c/o Brian Leggatt, a DENO dad from Baker’s Delight
  o 60kg of fruit
  o 6kg cereal and 15 litres milk
  o Gallons of water

✓ We fed umpteen people, were wowed by the Senior Guitar Ensemble and got to see Bailey get his head shaved to raise more money for World’s Greatest Shave in the fight against Leukemia.

✓ We had 43 parent volunteers assist, 16 wonderful school leaders and some Year 6 SRC who were also roped in, as well as having an amazing school executive and admin team.

✓ We distributed 54 raffle prizes to classes after the draw.

✓ A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who walked, rode, wheeled, ‘scootered’ and or skated and helped out on the day.

✓ Thanks also to the staff from NRMA Science and Road Safety for their wonderful presentations to the school community throughout the day.

✓ Check out all the photos from the day on the DEPS website.

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

Walking Wednesdays continues:
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).

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
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.

Casual Friday Garden Club (CFGC): Casual Friday Garden Club is on this Friday 21 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
- If you registered for LOMO family fun day 22 Mar your information pack and strive cards will be delivered to your child/children’s class on Wednesday 19 March.
- **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.
- Reduce your food waste at home and respect the environment.

Canteen News
Please remember to update your information on munch monitor, if your children are still listed under 2013 classes it is very difficult to get lunches to them.
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

Leukaemia Foundation World’s Greatest Shave – Thank you from Bailey 4H
I raised $1850!
I would like to thank all the families who contributed to the World’s Greatest Shave. As always the generosity and support of the Deno families is amazing.
A special thanks to the wonderful Sue Hughes, who was charged with the mammoth task of shaving my ‘mop’!

WANT TO LEARN BADMINTON
but it’s too expensive?
Try our school-parent organised badminton coaching classes.
Improve your kid’s coordination in badminton & other sports with our coaches including National & State Team players.
When: Saturday afternoon  Sunday morning
For more details, email us at DenistoneEastSports@gmail.com or contact Shirley on 0434-194674.

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

The school office would like to thank Carlingford Chemist for their assistance in supplying Denistone East Public School with Asthma kits.
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

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.
RYDE PANTHERS FOOTBALL CLUB

COME AND JOIN THE PINK BRIGADE!

Ryde Panthers PINK PANTHER Girls League
Recruiting Under 6 and Under 8 girls
Go to www.rydepanthers.com

PINK PANTHER Information:
Girls League Contact: Adriana Longhitano
adriana_longhitano@hotmail.com, M: 0409 998 944
or
Women’s League Delegate: Will Meikle
meiklewd@tpg.com.au, M: 0417 692 690

Field of Mars DISCOVERY

Bring your picnic rug, friends and family and discover what Field of Mars Reserve has to offer.

Date: Sunday 10 March 2014
Session 1: 10:00am - 12:30pm
Session 2: 1:20pm - 3:00pm

Location: Field of Mars Reserve, Pilhauer Road, Gladesville

Cost: FREE

Bookings: Essential ph. 9952 8222
Book early as places are limited.

Parking: Kennedy St, Westminster Rd and Monash Rd.
Limited parking at Field of Mars main entrance.
No parking permitted on Pilhauer Rd.

Note: Sorry no dogs or pets.