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### Principal’s Desktop

**Tree Maintenance:** Last week we were given our Tree Hazard Assessment Report after an inspection was carried out. From the report, a schedule of works was listed in priority order. Overall, our trees are in very good condition, with some minor pruning that needs to be carried out throughout the year.

There are a few trees that have been identified as a high risk with a recommendation that they are to be removed. The following tree has been identified for immediate action: dead tree in the staff car park area. This tree has been cordoned off to limit access and has been listed as an extreme risk. It will be removed; however, until this happens I would like to remind all parents and students not to walk through the car park on Brabyn Street.

There are two trees on the Henderson side of the playground that have been identified as a high risk. Until the trees are either removed or pruned, students have been told that the V Board and Year 2 play equipment are out of bounds. Additionally, the areas have been cordoned off. I ask that all families when dropping students off to school and picking students up in the afternoon, keep clear of these areas.

The tree outside the Year 2 classrooms has also been cordoned off to limit access near it. Again, this tree needs to be removed and I ask everyone to be vigilant and supervise students around these areas in the mornings and afternoons. We are expecting the DEC to move quickly and action the works based on the report findings.

**Year 5 Camp:** Last week our Year 5 students attended a three day camp to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Our students had a fabulous time on camp and the Year 5 teachers, as well as the camp teachers, commented on the outstanding behaviour and manners of our students. Congratulations Year 5 on being excellent.
students and representing Denistone East with pride. I would also like to thank Mrs Camage, Mrs Ricketts, Mr Jackson, Mrs Tanner and Miss Brown for attending camp with the students and giving up two nights with their own families. Your commitment to the students is greatly appreciated.

**Student Invoicing:** As you may be aware, Denistone East is one of the pilot schools for the new LMBR (Learning Management and Business Reform) system that will be implemented throughout the state. As part of the system, the existing administration system, including finance has been replaced. Due to technical problems with the software, student invoicing for Term 1 has not been able to be processed. The problems will be corrected in the next enhancement of the software system. As a result, there will be no student invoices for Term 1; instead there will be a Semester 1 (Terms 1 and 2) invoice issued in Term 2. We apologise for any inconvenience, however, the situation is entirely out of our hands.

**Zone Swimming Carnival:** Good luck to all students who are representing Denistone East at the zone swimming carnival today. We look forward to hearing about your achievements and efforts.

**ANZAC Day Service:** This year, ANZAC Day will be in the school holidays. We will hold our ANZAC Day Ceremony on Friday 11 April at 9.15am in the school hall. We have had a long-standing tradition and privilege of having service persons from the school community attend the service each year. We believe this is an invaluable connection and improves students’ understanding of ANZAC and its significance, so if you are a service person, current or past, and would like to be a part of our school service, please contact the school office on 98746678 and leave your details for further contact. There is no obligation to speak and your presence would be an honour.

**Staff Absences and Casual Teachers:** There has been some concern raised by community members regarding classes being split for part of a day or a whole day. Below is an explanation of the processes we follow to secure casual teachers for classes in the event of a teacher absence:

In the first instance, if we are aware that a teacher will be absent (for example, for a professional learning day) we ask the teacher to organise the day's work for the casual teacher and the students follow their standard timetable and teaching and learning program. For these days, we can secure a casual well in advance.

If the teacher rings in sick a casual is organised to take the class. In this situation, it might not be possible for the class to follow their set routines and learning programs as the teacher was unaware they would be absent and had not left the work. Teachers do however try to email a day plan through if they are able or other teachers on the grade assist the casual in organising appropriate stage teaching and learning activities.

Occasionally, teachers get sick through the course of a day and need to go home. Usually, in this instance, the class is split between the rest of the grade or stage, depending on class numbers. Students are always sent with work that they were scheduled to do that day.

In rare situations, the Deputy Principal is not given enough notice that a teacher is going to be absent and it is too late to organise a casual. Alternatively, on rare occasions, we have a number of staff absent on the same day and we do not have enough casuals to fill all vacancies. In these situations, we try to cover classes for at least part of a day; however, that is not always possible. In this situation, it is likely that a class would need to be split between the grade or stage. If the class has library lessons or community language lessons during the day, those lessons proceed as normal.

**DEBASCA:** The DEBASCA program runs before school and after school Mondays – Fridays. The students who attend DEBASCA use the playground, play equipment and toilets. I would like to remind parents and students to please vacate the areas that DEBASCA accesses promptly after school. Additionally, students who arrive to school early should be sitting in the area outside the staff room until 8.55 Mondays-Thursdays and 8.25 on Fridays.

*Tania Bogdanovic, Relieving Principal*
assemblies, and their names will also be published in the newsletter. PBEL is a data driven program and from looking at the strikes and stop room data we have come to the understanding that the second half lunch time oval area is a time when most incidents are occurring on the playground. To help combat these incidents we are starting a playground roster this week led by our house leaders to provide students with quiet activities in the Globe and Jacaranda area. Sport equipment such as skipping ropes, balls and hoops will also be provided and the oval area will be managed by a roster to ensure fair share of our school ground.

Cybersmart Parent Workshop: Cybersmart is a national cybersafety and cybersecurity education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), as part of the Australian Government's commitment to cybersafety. The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of its target audiences of children, young people, parents, teachers and library staff. Students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be participating in Cyber safety workshops on Tuesday 8 April in the school hall. Parents are also invited to attend a special evening presentation on Cyber safety at 6:30pm on Tuesday 8 April in the school hall. For more information on Cybersmart please click on the link below.

School Facebook Launched: We have launched our new Facebook page! Click the link below to see just some of the activities Denistone East have been doing this week.

Congratulations for a Charitable Effort – World’s Greatest Shave!
Leading up to and during our ‘Ride2School Day’ event, two Year 4 students, Isabella and Bailey from 4H, participated in the World’s Greatest Shave to raise money for Leukaemia research and treatment for children. Their phenomenal efforts raised well beyond their set targets. Isabella aimed to raise $300 and raised $1633.15 and Bailey aimed to raise $1000 and raised over $1800. I think we could all agree that this is an effort to be commended and we are very proud to have them as students of Denistone East. Congratulations Isabella and Bailey – a great community effort!

SRC: The Student Representative Council met for the first time last week as a K-6 cohort. The Kindergarteners and Year Ones impressed us with their conduct and we are very proud of all Year 4 and 5 mentors, who fulfilled their duty in a mature and reliable manner. From this meeting, SRC will conduct their preliminary class survey to take back to SRC at our next meeting to be held this week – this is when major projects for the year will be decided on.
In addition to this the SRC Year 6 Leaders have been invited to attend the Halogen Leadership Day on Monday 31 March at the Qantas Credit Union Arena [formerly, The Sydney Entertainment Centre].

House Leaders: Stay posted for the wonderful Play Program the House Leaders will start playing a role in. We look forward to the outcome of their initiative to make play time at Denistone East full of lots of fun opportunities to exercise and be social at the same time.

Sarah Williams & Renee Blue, Student Leadership Coordinators

Everyone attended the SRC meeting on Wednesday and had a great time. Mentees (Kindy and Year 1) became acquainted with their Mentors (Years 4&5) and Mrs Williams explained how we will be planning our SRC projects this year. Each class pair was provided with a survey to complete in class. SRC look forward to hearing new suggestions and meet next week with the schools ideas.

Kai and Freya, School Leaders

Year 6 Parents - Farewell Committee Meeting: Each year, the Year 6 parent body coordinates the farewell dinner in conjunction with the Year 6 teachers and Executive. It is a time for the students to dress up and attend a dinner dance with their peers and celebrate their primary schooling. We value all input so if you would like to participate in the initial planning stages and / or be an active part of the parent farewell committee, please come along to a meeting this Thursday 27 March from 3:45pm in the 6S classroom.
P&C Update

Save the Date: P&C Meeting – Wednesday 9 April 7.30pm: The next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 9 April 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.

Moonlight Market Organising Committee: The DEPS annual Moonlight Markets are not only a major fundraiser for our school, but a much loved school event that brings the community together with a mix of stalls, food, music and fun. Every year we try to improve on the market experience, so we are now looking to form a 2014 Markets Committee to start organising this year's event. The P&C would love to hear from parents and community members who would be interested in being part of this committee and help to make this year's markets the best ever! Depending on the makeup of the committee, meetings can be held at different times to accommodate those who are working but would like to be involved. The markets cannot run without the help of our wonderful school parents. If you can be part of the organizing crew, please email or call!

Kathleen Pedersen 0408 722 317 pandcdeps@gmail.com

U Turns in School Zone - Choose Safety over Convenience: The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you may be fined.
- Rule 37 (a) Begin U-turn without view of approaching traffic (school zone)
- Rule 37 (b) Driver not safely begin U-turn without obstructing traffic (school zone)
- Rule 38 Make U-turn without giving way to vehicle/pedestrian (school zone)

MINIMUM Penalty $304 + 3 Demerit points (School Zone)


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

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 4 April
- Term 2: Fri 2 May, Fri 16 May, Fri 30 May, Fri 6 June and Fri 20 June
Casual Friday Garden Club (CFGC): Casual Friday Garden Club is on this Friday 28 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

LOMO Family Fun Day 22 March: There were over 120 entrants for the LOMO Family Fun Day Challenge. Good luck to all those families!

Canteen News

Please remember to update your information on munch monitor with 2014 classes and also the change over for PSSA Sports for Winter from Summer. Please remember this is for Years 3-6 ONLY.

Week 9 Please be aware we will be starting The Winter Menu for Term 2 & 3 next week. If you have any ideas please see us at the canteen.

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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

WhizzKids Workshops: Is your child gifted, talented, intelligent, curious, creative and filled with promise? An invitation to participate in a series of innovative workshops at UTS
2014 Program Dates: June 7/8, August 9/10, October 25/26
Cost: $90 (+GST) per day or $165 (+GST) per weekend
Time: 9.30am-3.30pm
www.inspirationeducation.com.au 1300 677 336

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.

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.
Parenting Education for Mums, Dads and Carers: Terms 1 & 2 2014  February to July.
All courses/workshops commence between 13 May and 18 June.
Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830