Principal’s Desktop

It has been an extremely busy and rewarding term at Denistone East. I would like to take this opportunity to thank firstly all the teachers and support staff here at our school who work tirelessly to provide quality education for all students. Additionally, a big thank you to our administration staff and general assistant who contribute significantly in maintaining the school and keeping us all organised.

I would also like to thank our ever loyal and hardworking P&C committee, all our families and community members for the commitment you all show to the school and the contributions you have made towards ensuring the students have had a rewarding and successful first term.

**Term 1 achievements included:** Chinese New Year Celebrations, Harmony Day, NRMA Science and Road Safety Day, Ride2School Day, Parent Information Evening, Musica Viva, Year 6 Longneck Lagoon, Year 5 Camp and Parent / Teacher Interviews. We still have our Cybersmart workshops, School Leadership Camp, Easter Hat Parade and ANZAC Ceremony to look forward to this week.

I would like, on behalf of the staff, to wish all families a Happy Easter and a safe and restful holiday break. We look forward with anticipation towards Term 2 and continuing all the achievements, successes and hard work.
Term 2 School Commencement Date: A reminder that Monday 28 April is a Staff Development Day. Students return to school on Tuesday 29 April.

Winter Uniforms: As we approach Term 2, a reminder to parents that students will be required to wear their winter school uniforms next term. The official date that we expect all students to be in winter uniform is Monday 12 May. However, if the weather is colder before this date, we would encourage students to be in winter uniform.

Parent / Teacher Interviews: We thank all parents who made time in their busy schedules last week to sit down with teachers and discuss student progress as well as any concerns they might have had. The feedback from teachers and parents alike regarding interviews has been very positive. The opportunity to communicate about student progress is invaluable and highly supported in the community. I would also like to thank all classroom teachers for staying back last week and coming in early. Your commitment ensured all families had the opportunity to discuss their children. Our support teachers also did an amazing job last week in supervising students so interviews could begin at lunch time.

Opportunity Class Placement: Online applications for Opportunity Class Placement open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. The closing date will be 16 May 2014.

Application packages will be available at the school from 28 April 2014. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe? It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

Books to Boost Brains: Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

School Holiday Kids and Family Camps: It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Recreation holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Tania Bogdanovic, Relieving Principal

SchoolBiz

PBEL Update: As we draw to the end of Term 1, the PBEL committee would like to acknowledge all the hard work and support of our new school-wide behaviour system given by our teachers, students and parents. Since implementing the program we have seen a marked improvement in playground grievances, uniform, rubbish and overall behaviour of our students. The S.T.O.P room, which is used to reflect on negative behaviour, has seen reduced numbers over the past few weeks. Classes will be audited at the end of this term to ensure consistency across grades when giving out our awards and teachers will have control of giving out strives during parent and community events. Parents will have the opportunity to give feedback through a survey later in the year.

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 Cybersafety workshops on Tuesday 8 April in the school hall. **Parents are also invited to attend a special evening presentation on Cybersafety at 6:30pm tonight, Tuesday 8 April in the school hall.** We look forward to seeing you there.

**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. [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Denistone-East-Public-School/214312322026408](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Denistone-East-Public-School/214312322026408)

*Kimberly Brown, Relieving Deputy Principal*

**Chinese Eisteddfod:** We have started the Chinese Eisteddfod rehearsals during lunch times with our students. Please find time to practise the selected poems with your children to ensure they are familiar with the chosen poem/s. On the day of the competition, participants should wear full winter uniform with polished black school shoes. Girls should wear grey stockings and the red tag.

Further information will be given in regards to the scheduled time for different groups of competitions once we have the information from the Chinese Language Education Council. We are looking forward to a successful competition. Should you have questions at this stage please do not hesitate to contact Ms Liang or Mr Treacy on 9874 6678.

我们的过去几个午休的时间，已陆续与学生开始了全国中文朗诵比赛的练习。因为练习时间有限，我们鼓励家长能抽空在家里与学生多练习比赛诗。参赛学生要在比赛当天穿上冬季校服和黑鞋。女同学要穿灰袜与系上红色丝带。中文教育理事会会在假期后告知学校不同组别的参赛时间。如您有任何关于朗诵比赛的问题，请致电9874 6678 向梁老师和 Treacy 老师查询。

**Library News:** Well done to the many students that have been logging on to the Premier's Reading Challenge. A couple of students have commented that they are having trouble logging in at home. A couple of suggestions:

- Students need to remember to check their user name and password carefully, including the dot between their two names
- The PRC helpdesk recommends that the browser that works best is the Internet Explorer
- Students are welcome to come into the library at lunchtimes Tuesday to Friday second half to ask the Teacher Librarian on duty for help. The computers in the library are set aside for the PRC.

In this last week of the term, students are encouraged to return any books they have completed to the library. Students 2-6 can borrow books over the holidays.

Over the past few weeks, Years 3-6 have been told to try and return their books before school on their library day to speed the process in the library.

Hopefully all students will continue to read in the holidays, whether by themselves, to an adult or have a book read to them. All this will improve a student’s reading ability.

*Jill Masters, Teacher Librarian*

**Year 2 Cross Country:** If there are any capable Year 2 Cross Country runners and parents would like them to compete in the 8/9 Years race at the School Cross Country Carnival, could they please write a short note to Mr Hutchinson via the Front Office

*James Hutchinson*

**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 were invited to attend the Halogen Leadership Day that was held on Monday 31 March at the Qantas Credit Union Arena [formerly, The Sydney Entertainment Centre]. It was an all-day affair and involved the leaders in some exciting sessions, particularly hearing from many an inspirational leader, Ita Buttrose and Andy Griffiths included. From this day, the SRC Leaders will be following up with the $50 CK Challenge, involving fundraising opportunities for charity in Term 3. We look forward to the results of this initiative.

**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.

**School Leaders at Marsden High School:** Our School Leaders were privileged to have received an invitation from Marsden High School to attend their annual showcase. It was a short afternoon well spent with other primary school representatives touching base with one of our closest feeder schools and seeing the wonderful things they have on offer. The Leaders appreciated the gesture and enjoyed the afternoon very much. They conducted themselves responsibly and as great ambassadors for Denistone East.

*Sarah Williams & Renee Blue, Student Leadership Coordinators*
Sport Reports
Netball: Junior A: We played against Putney Public School. After a tough game the score was 3-0. Player of the Match was Allanah B. Tiana K
Junior B: We played Eastwood. The score was 2 goals to Eastwood and 2 goals for Denistone. Player of the Match was Sarah. Olivia
Senior A: From the first whistle, Deno was streaming ahead. Freya and Laura shot 11 goals between them in the first half and Freya and I shot a further 8 goals in the second half. When the final whistle sounded the end, we had scored 19 and Putney had scored 1. With many intercepts there was one person who stood out. Meg J. She was the one who changed the direction the ball was going. Congratulations team and on our victory. Everyone did their part well. Eleanor
Senior B: The Player of the Match was Olivia because she stuck to her player and her positioning was great. It was a great game though we fell short of winning against Eastwood. Alice

Tiger Tag: Everybody was introduced to Tiger Tag during the season launch and the children played trial games and learnt the rules. Alanna was the Player of the Match for having the confidence to have a go and for scoring a try. She also won a Tigers stationery set in the lucky door prize. Hugo was awarded the boy Player of the Match for great defence and scoring a solo try. James Hutchinson

Girls Soccer: The girls had a great opening game to the season and tried their best, despite last minute changes. Sofia scored two great goals, but unfortunately the end result was a loss to Boronia Park, 7-2. Player of the Match was our goalie, Isabella, who made some dramatic saves. Allison Kenney

Boys Soccer: Senior Boys - Wow, what a great first game against Boronia Park Public School! We were unlucky to have two goals scored against us, losing 2-0, however the opposition was a good side. Congratulations to Samuel G who was awarded senior boys Player of the Match.
I'm proud to be captain of such a great team and I'm looking forward to the season ahead. Luke A
Junior Boys - The Juniors had their first game in the new 7-a-side, half-field competition. They lost 2-1 against Boronia Park Public School. Congratulations to all players for displaying great sportsmanship and well done to our goal keeper, Peter B for being Player of the Match.

A reminder to all boys that training is on Wednesday morning (if not raining) at 8.20am on the basketball courts. Don't wear school shoes.
Note: Due to the new organisation of the Junior Boys and Girls soccer competitions, there will be slight changes made to the current teams to split players into two smaller teams for the remainder of the competition.
Keryn Simpson

AFL: No reports due to Friday being a skills day.

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

Easter Raffle Fundraiser: One of the ways our school raises extra money is through our Easter raffle. Last year we raised $1,000 approx and we are hoping to break that record this year with your help.
The 2014 Easter raffle hamper is filled with 65 chocolate eggs, 4 giant chocolate bunnies and a giant soft toy rabbit!
Raffle tickets will be on sale this Wednesday for just $1.
All you need to do is bring your money on the day and some SRC students will visit your classroom to collect your money and show you the prize! GOOD LUCK

Moonlight Markets 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!

**Chocolate Drive Coordinators:** We are still looking for 2 to 3 people who can help organise this year's Chocolate Drive from sending the opt-out letters to chocolate delivery and money collection. You will have full assistance from the P&C and help with one of our bigger fundraisers for the school which will go to things such as library books, traffic projects, school grounds and more! If you can help, please email or call.

Kathleen Pedersen 0408 722 317 pandcdeps@gmail.com


In addition to this, there will be one big anniversary Sydney Edition incorporating Sydney and Sydney North into one Book or Digital Membership. Whichever Membership you choose, $14 of your $70 purchase helps community fundraising, and you receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2015. Order and pay online, just cut and paste the following into your browser.

Michelle Moore 0414 381 681 chani@iinet.net.au

**KISS AND RIDE/DROP ZONES:** It is treated by law as a no parking zone. You are permitted to stop for a maximum of 3 minutes ONLY and you MUST stay within 3 metres of the vehicle. **Fines apply for non compliance.**

**Where are they at DEPS?**

1. Outside the Admin building on Brabyn St
2. On the left side of Brabyn as you head towards the crossing from Kings Rd
3. Outside the Kindy area on Lovell Rd

**MINIMUM Penalty** $169 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)


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

**Walking Wednesdays MARCH LEADERBOARD**

Class tallies for walking were done for MARCH and the full list of results will be posted on the DEPS Notice Board outside the staff room. Well done to all the classes who participated!

**Remember: 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 3-4pm and Friday morning 8.30-9.30am during the term.

Second Hand Uniform Store: Term 2 Opening Hours - Winter Uniform Reminder
DEPS Winter Uniform changeover, the official date is 12 May however if the weather is colder before this date children are permitted to wear winter uniform. If you need any winter uniform clothing items, please be sure to come to the second hand uniform store on Friday 2 May.

Located in the stand alone building behind the demountables on the Henderson St side of the school.

- 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 NOT on this Friday.
Even though it was just starting to rain last Friday, a few Garden Club members thought this was the perfect time to dig up and repot the baby ferns growing under the demountables. We will nurse the ferns for a few weeks and then plant them along the fence line in the ‘rainforest’ area near DEBASCA.

Gardening & Environment Committee

DEPS Won LOMO Family Fun Day! Congratulations to the Denistone East PS families who participated in the Lomo Family Fun Day Challenge. Our school won the top prize of $500 to go towards our garden and environment projects. Thank you to Ryde Council for supporting the reduction of food waste in our area and for initiating such a great project for our school community to be involved in.
Thank you also to our school executive, office staff, P&C and parents who supported the administration of the event.
Special thanks to all the families and children who spent the time on 22 March to get their fridges into order and using leftovers to make yummy food for their families. Congratulations to the families who also won $150 gift voucher prizes for their photographs. Ryde Council will present the $500 prize at school this week.
Denistone East Public School P&C are seeking a casual assistant for our wonderful school canteen. Our canteen is dedicated to meeting the healthy food requirements of our children and follows the "Fresh Tastes NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy" set by the state government and the Canteens Association.

The canteen is open Monday to Friday and uses the online Munch Monitor system. The canteen is staffed by a Canteen Manager, Canteen Supervisors and volunteers from the school community. We are looking for someone who will fit in well with our current team.

- Casual position within school hours
- Be able to work both Monday and Friday during school terms
- Be able to start as soon as possible
- Stand down applies over the school holidays
- Experience in food preparation, safety and handling preferred
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Experience working with children preferred
- Experience with Munch Monitor will be looked upon favourably
- Be able to engage with students, parents and teachers

Please send any applications or queries to Suzanne Hayes at suzhayes@ozemail.com.au by 24 April, 2014

As we come to the end of Term 1 please note that we CLOSE on the Last Day of Term for ALL LUNCH and RECESS Orders to clean. We will open at lunch for ice blocks and snacks only.

**CLOSED FRIDAY 11 APRIL**

**Term 2** – please remember to update your munch monitor for Winter PSSA sports and remove PSSA if you no longer do a winter sport. PSSA is for Years 3-6 only.

**Roster:** Thanks to all our wonderful helpers from Term 1. March volunteer of the month is Alison Weston. Congratulations to Alison you get a free lunch for your child/children.

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Thanks to all our great helpers and we wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

*Anne-Marie*
Community News

Support Denistone East Public School Dad to Raise Money for Breast Cancer Support Services: Dale Boccabella, an active volunteer at DENO, and the ASB@UNSW team (Australian School of Business at the University of New South Wales, Sydney) are entering the forthcoming (13 April 2014) Fitness First Corporate mini triathlon in Sydney. They are raising money for breast cancer support services. For further information or to donate or leave a message of encouragement, please visit http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/teamPage.aspx?TeamID=74854. Thank you for your support. Best wishes from the team (Dale, David and Rob).

YMCA Sports Camps:

ELS Hall Park, 109 Kent Rd
North Ryde NSW 2113
P: 02 9878 2223 F: 02 9889 8583
E: admin.rcsc@ymca.org.au
W: ymcansw.org.au/rcsc

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

WANTED!
Under 8 girls to play MINIROOS football on Sunday’s.
Training Wednesday at ELS Hall Park from 5.30-6.30pm.
No experience necessary.
Come and join the PINK PANTHER brigade.
Have fun and bring your friends!
Contact: Kim Clifton - #0401 733 460
www.rydepanthers.com

Kim Clifton
E: secretary@rydepanthers.com
M: 0401 733 760

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 and 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](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au)

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2014 College Tours

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

- **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.