We have had a very productive and busy return to school last week. On Monday 28 April, all staff were involved in our Staff Development Day. Part of the professional learning on this day was our annual CPR training update which is mandatory for all school staff. Additionally, grade groups presented their English units that they have spent Term 1 producing. The new units are aligned to the NSW English Australian Curriculum and showcase exciting and innovative learning that all students will be engaged in this term.

**NAPLAN:** Students in Years 3 and 5 will be involved in NAPLAN testing next week. All families should have received information regarding the NAPLAN testing towards the end of last term. The dates and schedule are:
- Tuesday 13 May – Language Conventions and Writing Tests
- Wednesday 14 May – Reading
- Thursday 15 May – Numeracy

Students are asked to be at school on time as the testing will commence as soon as class rolls have been marked. The tests will be administered in students’ classrooms and their classroom teachers will be with their own classes. Students will be provided with a 2B pencil with an eraser before each test and will have access to a sharpener. All resources to complete each test will be provided to students.

On Tuesday 13 May, students will have a 20 minute break between the Language Conventions and Writing tests. Students are asked to bring an additional snack and drink to school on this day to have during the break. Classroom teachers will remind students each day what they will need for the following day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Pool Update: Negotiations are continuing in regards to Royal Life Saving potentially upgrading the pool and refurbishing the existing pool plant room. I am in the process of putting together a Briefing Proposal for DEC. While this process continues, we will be able to offer students in Years 2 and 3 Learn to Swim lessons in Term 4 offsite. Depending on numbers who wish to participate, places for non-swimmers might be able to be offered to students in Years 4, 5 and 6. More information will be provided closer to the dates.

Library Update: Asset Management have confirmed that our proposed upgrade of the library facilities has been approved. The first stage of the upgrade will be moving the entry doorway into the library. The works are scheduled to commence shortly. While the works are carried out, there will be some disruption to library lessons and borrowing. I will update you all further closer to the scheduled starting date.

Kids, social media and privacy: Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)

- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.

- more than 20 percent of teenagers publish photos of themselves on Instagram

- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Is your child’s backpack damaging their spine?
A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It’s believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
- lift a backpack properly- bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo

Opportunity Class Placement: Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

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. Online applications opened on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

Application packages have been available in schools from 28 April 2014. Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 16 May 2014. Principals will be requested by email by 23 May 2014 to process all applications online whether they were completed online or on paper.

Tania Bogdanovic, Relieving Principal
Award Recipients

Bronze Badge:
Austin S (4K), Daniel Y (4K), Jeremy P (4K), Emily B (6B), Aaron L (5C), Joanne X (3B), Teresa L (1O)

SchoolBiz

PBEL Update: It was great to see so many safe, respectful learners returning to school last week. The PBEL focus for Week 2 is being safe in the playground. Teachers will be on the lookout for students who are playing safe games, staying in bounds and wearing a hat before school, at recess and at lunch. Please remember there are only small ball games allowed in the playground before school. Renee Blue

School Photographs: 4 - 5 June School photographs (individual, sibling, class and Year 6 graduation photos only) have been scheduled for 4 and 5 June 2014. You will be informed which day your child and his/her class will be photographed closer to this time.

There are a number of payment options, with the inclusion of a convenient online payment system. If you wish to purchase a school photograph package, please complete the form and arrange for your child to bring it in ON THE DAY of photographs and submit to the photographer. If you have more than one child that attends the school and you would like them to have their photo taken together, please request a separate sibling photo order envelope from our school administration office and return with your child on the day with full payment.

Please also note that ALL students will have their individual photo taken for administration purposes e.g. reports.
Sarah Williams, Relieving Deputy Principal

This week's bell song 'Sitting on top of the world' by Delta Goodram was chosen by Mrs Marsic of 3M.

Sport News

Netball: Junior A - We played against Meadowbank Public School. Our score was two goals against their score of one. Player of the Match was Bethany because she caught rebounds well. Ruby
Junior B - Today we scored two goals to one and won. Sara scored both goals. Player of the Match was Sara. Lana
Senior A - We played Ryde and won 22-6. It was an amazing game and the Player of the Match was Chloe because she played really well in centre and was a great defense in WD. Hayley
Senior B - Today we played against Truscott Street Public School. We won 4-0. Player of the Match was Daso because she was always in open space. Grace

Tiger Tag: Emma was unstoppable scoring 4 tries in a much improved team performance resulting in a 5-2 victory. The boys played attractive football with improved passing. They were defeated by an experienced Ermington side. Shaun the captain worked tirelessly in attack and went close to scoring a number of times. James Hutchinson

Girls Soccer: Denistone East A played an intense game against Kent Rd A. Emily scored a lucky goal but the end result was a loss 1-3. Player of the Match was Vanessa P.
Denistone East B played Kent Rd B. It was a great game, but unfortunately we lost 4-0. Player of the Match was Sophie. Allison Kenney

Boys Soccer: Junior A's versed Eastwood and won 1-0. Highlight was Jeremy's goal from halfway! Congratulations to Player of the Match, Jack A for expert tackling and solid defence.
Junior B's also defeated Eastwood 2-0. The boys played well and dominated possession of the ball. Cooper E was awarded Player of the Match for always being quick to the ball and for his great goal.
Seniors were unlucky against Eastwood, losing 2-1. Congratulations to Luke A for a sensational goal in the 2nd half and being awarded Player of Match. Keryn Simpson

AFL: Go Deno Dingos! Round 1
Seniors had a tough battle against Ermington with tough defense coming from both teams. Unfortunately they could not hold out and lost by 1 point in the dying seconds. Final score- Denistone East: 1 goal 1 behind total 7 points - Ermington: 1 goal 2 behind total 8 points. Player of the Match was Sam G.
Junior A: The Junior A team were in great form dominating Kent Roads’ A team through fast passing and good marks. They came away with a great win and start to the new season. Final score - Denistone East: 8 goals 5 behind total 53 - Kent road: 1 goal 0 behind total 6. Player of the Match was Harley H.

Junior B: The Junior B team came out strong and carried on for a great win. They showed great defence which reflected well on the score board. Final Score - Denistone East: 5 goals 1 behind total 31 - Kent road: 1 goal 0 behind total 6. Player of the Match was Daniel Y. Chris Jackson

P&C Update

Save the Date: P&C Meeting – Wednesday 14 May 7.30pm: The next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 14 May 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 😊

Mothers’ Day Morning Tea – Thursday 15 May: To celebrate Mothers’ Day we are holding a morning tea in the school hall next Thursday, 15 May from 9.45am.

There will be lucky draw prizes and a chance to catch up with other Deno mums/grandmas/carers.

Please bring something to share (cakes, slices, bikkies etc) and if you can spare 15 minutes after the morning bell to help set up that would be much appreciated.

RAISE YOUR CUP - We will also be supporting Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea and would love any donation on the day. If you can’t make the morning tea donations to the Cancer Council can be made online at http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/denoeastpublic

Kathleen Pedersen 0408 722 317 pandcdeps@gmail.com

Chocolate Drive is coming: This week each family will receive a letter concerning the 2014 DEPS Chocolate Drive which is one of our biggest fundraisers for the school. This fundraiser helps the P&C to support the school from financing learning support, to technology and school grounds. As we did last year, families will get the option to “opt-out” (not receive) their box of chocolates or lollies and instead are asked to donate $25 to help raise funds to improve the school. If you would like the opt-out option, please complete the form attached and return the slip along with your donation to the school office by Friday 16 May. If you choose not to send in the form, families will receive a box of chocolates or late sometime in late May to sell.

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DEPS P&C are fundraising with the sale of the Entertainment Book and the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership! The traditional Entertainment™ Book Membership that comes with the Gold Card and vouchers, OR The NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone so you will always have the vouchers with you.

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


The event will be held this year on Friday 23 May 2014. DEPS will be hosting a big brekkie from 7.15am – 8.55am and the band will be playing! WSTSD is an app that challenges children to WALK to and from school & ties in with the National Australian event Walk Safely 2 School Day.
The WS2SD app allows you to record your walk details using your phone's GPS, it records the duration, distance and speed during your walk. Each walk is recorded so you can view your walking history and see the route taken plotted on a map. While waiting at the traffic lights, pause your walk and resume when you start walking again. Register and your walks will be scored based on how far you have walked! Show your friends how many Frequent Walker Points you have scored from your walks.

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

Walking Wednesday’s APRIL LEADERBOARD:

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Don't forget to SLIP, SLOP SLAP! Active Kids = Healthy Kids.
P&C Traffic Committee

News: Welcome back all musicians to Term 2 with rehearsals in full swing. Mr. Tomkins and Ms. Pringle would like to remind all band members to arrive at least 10 mins before rehearsals are scheduled to start to avoid late starts.

UPCOMING EVENTS at DEPS:

Friday 9 May (week 2):
- Assembly K-2 9am Sculthorpe String ensemble
- Assembly 3-6 10.45am Intermediate band

Friday 23 May (week 4):
- Assembly K-2 9am Senior band

Friday 6 June (week 6):
- Assembly K-2 9am Grainger String Ensemble
- Assembly 3-6 10.45am Training Band

UPCOMING EVENTS outside DEPS:

With the Yamaha Festival cancelled this year the bands are now enrolled in an exciting festival called “NSW School Band Festival” held at the University of New South Wales in Kensington on Sunday 10 August. The Intermediate and Senior bands will combine to create the “Denistone East PS Concert Band” for the purpose of this event. The university has a wonderful auditorium with great acoustics and it is such an exciting moment when they play on the stage in their new band uniforms.

Denistone East PS Concert band: Joe Cook Event (time tba)
Denistone East PS Training band: Wilbur Sampson Event (time tba)
DO YOU WANT TO FEEL LIKE A ROCK STAR?

The Training band still has a few vacancies and we would love to have a few more players to boost our sound. It is definitely not too late to join the band!!

* Trumpet  * Clarinet  * Saxophone  * French Horn

Quote of the week: I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music. *Billy Joel*

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 on the 2014 music committee please let Christine know. We have many events coming up in the year where we will need parent helpers.

Christine Pringle 0411 516 139 rdgarfield@optusnet.com.au
Rachel Yao 0420 504 308 denomusicord@gmail.com

Casual Friday Garden Club (CFGC): *Casual Friday Garden Club is on this Friday 9 May.*
Meet at Kindy Corner at 3pm. Come along for 15 minutes.
BYO garden gloves, tools, drink bottles etc.
All children are required to have a parent or carer with them.

Gardening & Environment Committee

**DEPS are Champions:** At this week’s K-2 assembly, Sarah Chen, Waste Coordinator, Ryde Council, is presenting the top prize of $500 for our outstanding participation in the LOMO Family Fun Day held March 22. Congratulations to all those families who made the effort to reduce waste at home and win our Garden and Environment Committee $500 to use on the school gardens.
Well done everyone!

**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.

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

- Term 2: Fri 16 May, Fri 30 May, Fri 6 June and Fri 20 June - From 8.30am to 9.30am.

**Canteen News**

Some little *reminders* as we start Term 2:
Please be aware that during Term 2 & 3 we are doing the “Winter” Menu for 2014. Some items have been deleted, we have some new items and some items have changed days. Please make sure you have checked the new menu for your selections.

**Trial for Term 2:** Due to the busy mornings and the earlier times on Fridays we are NOT going to open for over the counter service at Recess times. Fridays if you want Recess you **MUST** order it.
Don't forget at lunchtime our beautiful “Slushi” service line – it makes it quicker to serve you all if “Only Slushi” orders line up in the blue line marked “Slushi”.

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Volunteers: Please check what days you have been rostered on – if you can’t manage your allocated roster please let us know. Alternatively if you need to change days please also let us know.

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April winner for Volunteer of the Month is Noriko Pearson. Congratulations you have a free lunch for your child.

Anne-Marie

Community News

Exercise Class: Every Friday morning during term 9:20 - 10:45 at DEBASCA. Everyone is welcome to join the stretching and toning as well as the (optional) aerobics. Please bring a towel or mat. The class is "toddler friendly". $2 contribution to the school P&C.

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

Football Coaching for Kids
SM Football Academy (on facebook)
Qualified: FFA Certificate Grassroots Football (U6-U9)
          FFA Certificate Skills Training (U10–U13)
2 free intro sessions for groups (boys and girls) U6-U9 and U10-U13
Monday 5 May and 12 May at Eastwood Oval 2 from 6-7pm (top oval Lakeside Rd, Eastwood) Please bring a football, if you have one.
Following from the introductory sessions, classes commence Monday 19 May, $15.00 per child, Monday 6-7pm during school terms. Spots limited.
To register attendance and age group, please email: SMFootballAcademy@outlook.com
For more details call Shawn 0415 627 745
Beecroft and Epping Rotary Clubs present a Charity Concert
In aid of dialysis machines for Lautoka Hospital Fiji
Featuring The Sydney Welsh Choir and Epping Boys High School Band & Choir
Sunday 18 May 2pm at Epping Boys High School
Adults $25 Students $5
Tickets available at the door or phone bookings at 9869 2701 & 9943 0828

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 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.

FREE North Ryde Go4Fun program:
There are still a few places remaining on the FREE Go4Fun healthy lifestyle program this term in North Ryde. Families can register up until Friday 9 May.
www.go4fun.com.au
Ph: 9976 9532
Fax: 9977 7531
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT
Open Day 2014

Bring your family – ride, walk, skate or walk down to see what sustainable transport in Ryde looks like.

Date: Sunday 11 May, 2014
Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm
Where: The Northern Sydney Institute’s Ryde Campus
         250 Blaxland Rd, Ryde (entry from Parkes Street)

Talks:
- Sustainable transport in Ryde area
- Safe travel advice
- Cycleways

Information stalls:
- Bike professionals
- Community biking groups
- Sustainable Transport

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