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**Principal’s Desktop**

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability:** Our school will be participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students. A separate note should have come home today outlining information for parents and carers. If you have any questions regarding the data collection, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

**LOMO Family Fun Day Challenge:** Thank you to all the families who took on the Leftover Makeover Challenge last term which promoted educating students on food waste reduction in the home. On Friday, Denise Torres attended the K-2 assembly and present the $500 Eden Gardens gift voucher to the school. The voucher will be used by the P&C Environmental Committee to continue to improve our school gardens. A big thank you to Jane Cole and her Environmental Committee on an outstanding achievement on behalf of our school.
**Winter Uniform**: Commencing this week, all students are now expected to dress in full winter uniform. Even though the weather is cooler, students are still expected to wear their hat and I ask that students wear our school uniform hat. All other hats are not part of our school uniform.

**NAPLAN**: Students in Years 3 and 5 are participating in NAPLAN testing this week. Testing will commence at 9.35am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so we ask that all students participating are at school on time each day. Testing will be in each child’s classroom. Friday will be a catch up day for any Year 3 or Year 5 student who is absent during the testing days. We wish all students the very best of luck during their tests.

**Opportunity Class Placement**: Application forms for Opportunity Class Placement are due by this Friday. No late applications will be accepted.

**Too Sick for School?** As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E).

**Does speaking another language at home confuse children?** Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at [www.bit.ly/1m0agnk](http://www.bit.ly/1m0agnk).

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**Tania Bogdanovic, Relieving Principal**

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**Award Recipients**

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**SchoolBiz**

**G.A.T.E.WAYS Enriched Opportunity**: Last term 12 students from Denistone East submitted impressive Expression of Interests to attend a stimulating science day at Ryde Public School. Here’s what a student had to say:

“The GATEways Science Day was held at Ryde Public School. Four students from each grade 4, 5 and 6 were proud to represent Denistone East. We did three workshops. In one workshop I learnt about parts of the brain and what they do. It was interesting to see that brains can change depending how they are used. One person built a device to change colour into sound, so each colour had a different note. At the genetics workshop I learnt that there is no point trying to teach Mum to roll her tongue, she has no genes (she only wears skirts!). I did a punnet square just like the famous scientist Mendel. We learnt that DNA codes for amino acids and did an activity on the evolution of the elephant. The third workshop was on music. We learnt how music can bring back memories, even to old people who have lost their memory. I had a great day. I hope I can go again next year.” Emma 4M

We look forward to opening more EnrichED opportunities up to students who show talents and gifts. All the best to those applying for the upcoming Horizons Art Camp.

*Sarah Williams, EnrichED Team*

**Debating – Round One – It’s a Win!**: Congratulations to Ravindu, Oneli, Freya and Dominique for representing Denistone East in Round 1 of the Ryde District Debating Competition for 2014 and coming out with a win against Ryde Public School. They expertly argued that Pets Should NOT be banned from Public Places. Their rebuttal was sensational and the team work was impressive for a first debate. It was a fantastic start to the competition and each and every one of them, including Tamas, Kai and Ashwin who researched and supported the speakers, should be very proud of themselves. The next debate will be held at school. The team will be arguing that **Countries should not waste resources on the Olympic Games** against Meadowbank Public School.

*Sarah Williams & Lee Magri, Debating Coaches*
**SRC:** The Student Representative Council met for the first time this term last week on Wednesday. They finally decided on two major projects. They have divided themselves into two major committees and will organise both events concurrently, with an environmental project scheduled for end of term and a new version of last year’s fundraiser and sleep awareness initiative ‘Sleptember Day’; this time it will be Snorgust with a twist! SRC are excited and can’t wait for these events to happen.

*Sarah Williams & Renee Blue, SRC Coordinators*

**Multicultural Public Speaking:** Last Wednesday 7 May 2014, we conducted the school finals for Stage 2 and Stage 3. Each class had two representatives who presented both a planned and impromptu speech. Congratulations to all students for the high quality of your presentations. The students who will represent Denistone East at the Zone Final on Monday 2 June are -

Stage 2 - Lana (3B) and Sriram (4M)
Stage 3 - Aswan (5R) and Freya (6S)

*Deborah Rickets and Liz Stewart*

**PBEL:** Well done to all the bronze badge recipients awarded for being safe, respectful learners at last week’s assembly. This week’s PBEL focus is students being at the right place at the right time. The playground activities roster was designed to make our playground a safer place. This week we’d like to see all students playing in their designated areas at their allocated time.

**Operation Art:** Congratulations to the following students whose artworks have been selected as Denistone East’s favourite artworks and will be entered into the Operation Art exhibition. These artworks will be on display from September in the Armory Gallery, Homebush. Sarang – KB, Eun-Sue - 1S, Royale - 4M, Madelyn - 6K

*Allison Kenney, Senior Art Club*

This week’s bell song ‘You’ve got a friend in me’ from the Toy Story soundtrack was brought to you by Miss Stark from 1S

A big thank you to the **Strings and Intermediate Band** for their performances at our assemblies on Friday. Looking forward to hearing from these upcoming bands in the following weeks.

Week 4: Senior Band K-2
Week 6: Training Band K-2
Week 8: Guitar Ensemble (assembly TBA)

For more photos of the intermediate band please see the Denistone East facebook page by following this link


*Kimberly Brown, Relieving Deputy Principal*
Staff PSSA Team: Denistone East continues to put up talented and competitive sporting teams in the Friday afternoon sporting competition. The talent however doesn't stop there. The staff have put together a team of fine netballers to take on the staff from other schools in the area each week. We had a promising start with a 21-18 victory over Ryde Public School. Mr Jackson's athleticism was a great asset but player of the match this week goes to Miss Blue who was on debut.

Netball: Senior A: Today we played against West Ryde. The score was 22-13 and West Ryde won. Player of the Match was Meg. Amy
Senior B: Today we played against Hunters Hill and won 9-4. The Player of the Match was Olivia because she got into space and defended the ball. Felicity
Junior A: Today we played against West Ryde. The score was 4-7. West Ryde won. Player of the Match was Bethany. Alice
Junior B: Bruna was Player of the Match. She got tougher and started to jump higher. Duda

Tiger Tag: The girls won an extremely competitive match 7-6 against Ryde. The boys have been playing better football each week and had a well-deserved 6-1 victory. Energetic Emily and Magnificent Max were the Players of the Match scoring two tries each! James Hutchinson

Girls Soccer: Denistone East A played Putney 2. The girls had a great game with Sofia scoring 4 goals. The end result was a win 4-0. Player of the Match was Ji-Su.
Denistone East B played West Ryde. The girls put in some great defence, but the end result was a loss 7-0. Player of the Match was Lara. Allison Kenney

Boys Soccer: Junior A's lost 6-3 against Eastwood Heights. It was a tough game and a great effort in defence saw Liam B awarded Player of the Match.
Junior B's won 4-1 against EHPS. They displayed excellent teamwork and Thomas L was Player of the Match for his awesome keeping and goal!
Seniors played amazing football winning 1-0 against EHPS. Player of the Match was Jett T for scoring the decider. Keryn Simpson

AFL: Go Deno Dingos! Round 2 Seniors: This week the seniors came out strong against Truscott. They showed great team work and communication which lead them to a blistering win. Final score – Denistone East: 46 to Truscott Street: 8. Player of the Match was Yanni F and Sports Award went to Lucas E.

Junior A: The team came up against the reigning premiers from last year Ryde East A team and found it a tough battle. Although they never gave up they were defeated by a simply stronger side. Final score – Denistone East: 6 to Ryde East: 52. Player of the Match was Ethan R and the Sports Award went to Jack H.

Junior B: The Junior B team had a tough challenge on their hand against the Ryde East B team but came at them head on. They were able to secure a slim victory by just one point in the final seconds of the game and remain undefeated for the season. – Denistone East: 19 to Ryde East 18. Player of the Match was Isabella P and Sports Award went to Hamish I. Chris Jackson

P&C Update

Save the Date: P&C Meeting – Wednesday 14 May 7.30pm: The next P&C meeting will be held THIS 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 THIS 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: Please remember that if you do not want a box of chocolates or lollies delivered to your family at the end of May, please return the opt-out letter and your $25 donation to the office by this Friday 16 May. Look out in following newsletters for further information about the chocolate drive.

Kathleen Pedersen 0408 722 317 pandcdeps@gmail.com

Walk Safely 2 School Day – is coming Friday May 23:

Take the Walk Safely to School Day challenge.

Next Friday, 23rd May, is National Walk Safely to School day – supported by the Pedestrian Council of Australia. It is an initiative that supports all kids getting out and getting active and walking to and from school.

And yes – teachers, parents, siblings and families are all invited to join in the WALK!

Denistone East Public School is running the event from 7.15am - 8.55am.

Children are requested to wear school SPORTS uniform on the day, regardless of whether they have Friday as a designated sports day.

It promotes an active start to the day which is great for children’s health, confidence and their ability to focus at school as well as helping to alleviate traffic congestion in and round the school.

There will be a big brekkie on the morning on offer and the DEPS Senior Guitar Ensemble and Senior Band will also be performing!

There are some areas that we are looking/seeking help and assistance:

- Help on the morning – on the brekkie stand where we will be having a big BBQ as well as fresh fruit and cereal on offer.
- Getting your children to support the event! If they can’t walk all the way to school, then PARTWAY IS OK! Drive partway and park a couple of blocks from school and walk the difference.
- Remember if your children choose to ride, please ensure your children WEAR a labeled HELMET and label their wheels. It is important to note though – this is not a designated wheels day. It is a NATIONAL WALKING initiative.
- 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 phones 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.

If you are able to help out on the morning, please email Jenn 😊

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

Walking Wednesdays: Who will be in the race to top the May Leader board?

Don't forget to SLIP, SLOP SLAP! Active Kids = Healthy Kids.

P&C Traffic Committee

News: Well done to the Sculthorpe String Ensemble and the Intermediate Band and their conductors who have performed at the school assemblies this past week. Thank you for sharing your hard work, enthusiasm and love of music with the whole school.

UPCOMING EVENTS at DEPS:

Friday 23 May (week 4):
Walk Safely 2 School Day- 8.00am Guitars then 8.20am Senior Band
✓ 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

Friday 20 June (week 8):
✓ Assembly K-2 9am Guitar Ensemble
✓ Assembly 3-6 10.45am Guitar Ensemble

Tuesday 24 June (week 9)
✓ Debasca performance 8am

Sunday 27 July:
✓ Training, Intermediate and Senior Bands music Workshop.
✓ 3.20 - 6.30 (rehearsal + pizza dinner) @ school.

Thursday 31 July:
✓ Mid-year Music Performance Night.
✓ All music program ensembles involved. School hall, time tba
UPCOMING EVENTS outside DEPS:

Thursday May 22 (week 4):
✓ Selected Strings attend rehearsal at Croydon PS for Opera House 9.15am-1pm

Thursday 26 June:
✓ Opera House Strings rehearsal 12-4pm
✓ Performance 7-9.30pm

Sunday 10 August:
✓ UNSW School Band Festival- Kensington - Time tba
✓ (Training, Intermediate and Senior Band members all involved)

The Training Band is seeking percussion/drum players! Get in quick as we only have 2 places available!

Cello Players needed for the Strings Ensemble – Please call Evelyn Lee 0410 439 876
denomusicpay@gmail.com

MUSIC UNIFORMS READY FOR PURCHASE: The new custom designed DEPS music polo shirt is now available for purchase cost $8 incl GST. All musicians will need to wear the uniform (polo shirt, black pants, black shoes/socks- no joggers) for official school and offsite performances. Guitars/strings/bands all need to wear the uniform. Available only from West Ryde Uniform Shop, 998 Victoria Rd, West Ryde 9807 1343
Opening times: 9.30-5pm Monday to Saturday (closed Sunday)

Quote of the week: Music can change the world because it can change people. Bono

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): On Friday we planted out the first of 50 local native plants that have been donated by The Habitat Community Nursery on Quarry Rd. The Habitat is giving schools in the local area 50 plants in the lead up to National Tree Day in July. Please come along and help with further planting over the coming weeks.

Casual Friday Garden Club is on this Friday 16 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

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

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

Reminder – Friday Recess: You must order your recess for Friday as we are NO LONGER open for over the counter orders on Fridays.
This week is “National Volunteer Week”. May we take this opportunity to send out a Huge Thank You to all our canteen volunteers and all who volunteer in other areas of our school. We cannot do what has to be done without your help. So a huge thankyou 😊

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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.

Eastwood Girl Guides invite you to

**Come and Try Guides!**
For Girls Aged 10-14 years
Monday 19 May 6.45-8.45pm
Guides enjoy cooking, craft, games, badges and camping
Eastwood Guide Hall Cnr Brush & Warrawang Rds
Please call Val on 0402 143 825 to register for this free event.
Or visit our website [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au) to find out more about Guides

**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
NORTH SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CENTENARY

Register your interest at nsg100.net

FESTIVAL DAY  Saturday 17 May 2014
Celebrating a century of excellence and contribution to the wider community

11.00am – 3.00pm
Unveiling of a reproduction of the original school crest
Archival displays
Performances by current students and primary school students
Jumping Castle
Food Stalls
Buskers
Face Painting

PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

12.00 (noon)  Welcome and unveiling of the school emblem
12.15pm  North Sydney Girls High School Concert Band
12.45pm  North Sydney Girls High School Bassoon Quartet
1.00pm  Cammeray Primary School Band
1.30pm  North Sydney Girls High School Senior Jazz
1.45pm  The Swords Club display
2.15pm  North Sydney Girls High School Centenary Ensemble
2.30pm  North Sydney Girls High School Centenary Ensemble
2.45pm  Neutral Bay Primary School Band

AURASMA
Some of the items on display have been tagged with an Augmented Reality app. To experience these please download and install the free app: “AURASMA” before you attend on the day. Simply search for it on your iTunes or Android App store and download. It’s free!

North Sydney Girls High School
Cnr David Street and Pacific Highway
Crows Nest NSW 2065
P (02) 0022 6666
F (02) 9957 5098
E northsydgi-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

CENTENARY CONTACT nsg100.net
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

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.

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