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**Principal’s Desktop**

**Education Week Open Day:** This week is Education Week and this year we are celebrating 60 years of Education. We look forward to welcoming our families into the school on Wednesday 30 July for our Open Day. Classrooms will be open from 10.00-10.45am and we encourage parents and family members to visit their child’s classroom and engage in the learning happening in the room.

We have organised a morning tea from 10.45am in the school playgrounds. Year 6 students have a Pedlar’s Parade organised and will be selling cakes during morning tea. There will also be an exhibition of the history of Denistone East Public School set up in the school hall. Please feel free to visit the exhibition from 9.30-10.00 or during morning tea.

**Teacher Professional Learning:** With the implementation of the new English Syllabus this year, we continue to engage in a range of professional learning opportunities to enhance teacher knowledge and understanding in writing and implementing units of work in English.

This week, we hosted a Professional Learning day run by Judy Gerber, Curriculum Advisor on ‘Programming with Concepts for the new English Syllabus’. Forty five participants from schools in the area, including a team of 5
participants from Denistone East had the opportunity to work with Judy to further develop their expertise in unpacking texts to teach English concepts. The team included a teacher from each stage and their role will be to go back and work with their stage teams to develop units of works based on the new English syllabus.

New Focus on Reading: Additionally, Stages 2 and 3 will begin their professional learning this week in a program called ‘New Focus on Reading’. It is an intensive, professional learning program for teachers to support the explicit teaching of reading in the middle and upper primary years. The program targets comprehension, vocabulary and reading texts fluently. Teachers will be engaged in research evidence on reading, completing between session tasks designed to integrate new learning into classroom practice as well as ongoing reflection on classroom practice and student progress.

Band Performance Night: There are a large number of students in our school who have been working very hard in their respective band groups to learn a repertoire of music. On Thursday 31 July, the students will come together to showcase their talents in our Band Performance Night. The performances will commence at 6.30pm in the school hall. We look forward to a wonderful night.

Pool Update: As you may be aware, the school has been in negotiations with Royal Life Saving regarding the upgrade of the existing pool. The proposals have been completed and DEC will commence negotiations with Legal Branch and Royal Life Saving on the school’s behalf to reach an agreement. I will keep you updated as information becomes available to the school.

Extension Class Testing: The DEC is in the process of implementing new assessment and reporting guidelines in line with the new curriculum documents. The school will be examining our current Extension Class Testing processes and ensuring that our processes are in line with DEC guidelines. As a result, we anticipate that Extension Class Testing will occur later this term. More information will be sent out to families in the coming weeks.

Award Recipients: Congratulations to Angie in 3M who has achieved a Highly Commended Award for Excellence in Student Achievement – Community Languages Schools for the study of Chinese. Angie will receive her award at the Minister’s Award Ceremony on Monday 29 September at the University of New South Wales.

Tania Bogdanovic, Relieving Principal

Award Recipients

SchoolBiz

Peer Mediators 2014: At both the K-2 and 3-6 assemblies on Friday the Year 6 Peer Mediators were announced. These students are committed to being Safe Respectful Learners and will demonstrate leadership in the playground by helping to solve simple issues during the second half of lunch each day. You will know who they are as they will be wearing either orange or yellow high visibility vests.

Congratulations - Jacinda and Sam (5/6T), Ella, Hugo, Amy, Dylan, Vanessa, Jesse, Jemima, Margaret and Denzel (6B), Bridgett, Ji-Su, Tara, Nicholas, Eugene, Jacky, Bhuvann and Gayan (6S), Mico, Nichole, Laura, Max, Emily and Sunny (6B)

Renee Blue and Liz Stewart
PBEL: Well done to all of our Bronze and Silver badge recipients who were acknowledged at last Friday's assembly for being Safe, Respectful Learners. The PBEL focus for this week is the Canteen. It is timely to revisit our core values and to remember that the canteen is supported by volunteers from our school community, which is very much appreciated.

PBEL Committee

Book Club: Issue 5 is out now. All orders are due back to school by Wednesday 6 August. Please make sure that your envelopes and order forms are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. If you are paying by cash then the exact amount is appreciated. Happy Reading.

Chriss Roberts

Library News:
‘Connect to reading: Reading to connect’ is the theme for Book Week 2014.
Years 3-6: Author Mark Greenwood visits our school next Monday 4 August to talk to students in Years 3-6. If your child would like to purchase a book written and signed by Mark Greenwood, order forms will be sent home today. Please return the form to the school office by Friday this week.

Your child needs to return the permission note distributed in Week 1 this term so they can attend this presentation. It costs $4.50 per student and this amount has been added to your Term 3 account.

Kindergarten-Year 2:
Illustrator Donna Rawlins will visit our school on Wednesday 20 August 2014, which is in Week 6. She aims to inspire students to love reading by showing the connection between the illustrations and the text.

Premier’s Reading Challenge reminder:
For Kindergarten –Year 2 students, The Premier’s Reading Challenge is completed at school. The classroom teachers have been reading the PRC books to the students.
For Years 3-6 students, they need to read 20 books, 15 of which need to be from the PRC list. Although the Premier’s Reading Challenge website says that the deadline to complete the PRC is 22 August 2014, we need time
to validate their records. So the deadline for our school is **Monday 18 August**. Some students have already completed their challenge, and many are almost there. Keep reading!
The web address for the PRC is https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

*Jenny Cavenagh and Jill Masters, Teacher Librarians*

**Stewart House** bags are coming home today. Follow the instructions on the bags for what can be placed in them if you are able. They need to be returned to the office by the end of Tuesday 5 August. Some extra bags are available at the office if required, or you can use any plastic bag from home.

*Deb Owen*

**Wakakirri News:** Congratulations to the Year 4 students who held the first cake stall last Tuesday. It was an outstanding success with the children raising $489.45. Well done to everyone who was involved, you have set a very high target. The next Cake Stall will be for Year 5 on Friday 8 August. You will receive more information next week.

This week the Kinder and Year 1 children will be involved in a guessing competition. They will have to guess how many skittles are in the jar. Guesses are - 1 guess for $1 or 3 guesses for $2. A Wakakirri representative will visit the Kinder and Year 1 classes in the morning every day this week. The winner will be announced next Monday. Good Luck.

*Chriss Roberts and Lucy Besson, Wakakirri Fundraising Team*

On Friday, the **Senior Choir** performed to a group of elderly citizens at the Granny Smith Club. They sang a repertoire of 8 songs and 3 students presented individual items. Thank you to Tamas T, Jesse L and Isabella L for their outstanding performances on the piano/flute. Once the singing was completed the children were asked to dance the Macarena, a dance that the elderly were able to join in with the hand movements at their seats and had some time to chat with the senior citizens afterwards. This was a fabulous opportunity for the children to give back to their community and it really did make it a happy day for all involved. Congratulations to all students for representing Denistone East as safe, respectful learners.

*Joanne Sartori*

**Sport News**

No sports reports due to wet weather last Friday.

**P&C Update**

**Korean and Mandarin Speakers Required:** Two or three volunteers per language are needed to translate class emails, P&C meeting minutes, P&C newsletters etc into Korean and Mandarin. This can easily be done at home as emails will be sent to you to translate and return and it will not take a lot of your time. However you must be able to check your emails regularly in case urgent class emails need to be sent. If you would like to help please contact Kathleen on the email below.

**40km School Zone – Kings Rd:** I would like to congratulate Jenn Clifton and the other members of the P&C who worked extremely hard to make our section of Kings Rd a school zone. Thank you so much to those parents and community members who signed the petition and to those students who helped get them signed. A massive effort
by all. Also a big thank you to the Hon Victor Dominello MP and The Weekly Times for taking on this important issue and bringing it to the public’s attention.

**Moonlight Market Roles:** We are still looking for parents who may want to be involved in the running of the Moonlight Market Friday 24 October. We would especially like to fill the roles of raffle co-ordinator, food stall coordinator and advertising/marketing. If you believe you may be able to help prior and then on the night please contact me as soon as possible.

**Moonlight Market Raffle Prizes – can you assist?:** We are now asking businesses and the community for donations of prizes for the Moonlight Market raffle which is a very popular addition to our market night. Businesses and community who donate towards the prizes draw will be featured in the school newsletter two weeks prior and one week after as well as on the night itself.

*Kathleen Pedersen 0408 722 317 pandcdeps@gmail.com*

**Save the date::** Denistone East School Disco – Sat 16 August:

**Years K-2 – 4:30-5.45pm:** Years 3-6 – 6:00-7:30pm

DJ Andy is almost here! Get your dancing gear ready! Remember this is a dress-up party and prizes will be given to the best dressed dancers! We are looking forward to seeing everyone dressing up as their favourite characters and having a fun night!

Your child will have received a copy of the disco information last Tuesday. Please fill in the students’ name and class details correctly so that the pre-paid tickets can be distributed to their class.

Due to safety reasons, parents and siblings are not allowed inside the school hall during disco. Should parents wish to stay, they are welcome to stay at the COLA area. We strongly encourage parents to become one of our parent helpers. We have various posts including set up, entry desk, ticket sales, glow products sales, security, stage police, professional photographer, canteen, serving food and drink and clean up. Parents can volunteer for the entire time or just K-2/3-6. Please fill in the volunteer section on the disco form.

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED DISCO AND VOLUNTEER FORM, TOGETHER WITH PAYMENT (CASH/DIRECT DEBIT) IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED “SCHOOL DISCO” TO THE OFFICE BY THE MORNING OF FRIDAY 8 AUGUST.

On the night of the disco, there will be great glow products available to buy (cash only) – Flashing Sword ($10); Stars Wands with Magic Ball ($10); Light Up Wands ($10); Small Butterfly/ Star Wands ($7), Shutter Glasses ($5); Spinning Balls ($5); Mini Fans ($5), Windmill ($5); Ball/Star/ Bow Headboppers ($5); Bounce Ball ($3); Flashing Wigs ($3); Hawaiian Leis ($3); Necklaces ($3); Bracelets ($3); Maracas ($2); Rings/ Finger Torch ($2).

Also there will be an instant photo booth available at the COLA area for students/parents to take photos. The price is $2 per photo to cover the cost of the film. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Wendy Woo 0414 233 086 eventsdeps@gmail.com*

**Traffic:** Kings Road “Go 40 for Me” Rezoning has been COMPLETED: Signs are up and line marking has been done. Please be mindful of speed travelled as rangers and police can now enforce the new ruling.

*Watch this space for details on Brabyn St petition.*

*Jenn Clifton 0412 172 450 cliftonfam@optusnet.com.au*

**Walking Wednesdays continue in July**
Active Kids = Healthy Kids.

P&C Traffic Committee

News: Sunday 27 July - Band Workshop
Thank you to all students from the band program that came for the workshop on Sunday afternoon. The one workshop achieved what 3 weeks of band rehearsals achieves! Can’t wait to hear the bands playing their hearts out on Thursday night!

A HUGE thank you to the parents who gave up their Sunday afternoon to help run the workshop and sort out the music in the storeroom. Thanks to the Dorahy, Richard, Tottszer, Chan, Lee, Egan, Linehan and Chan families for all your help. The new music library will be set up in the band storeroom when shelving arrives. Thank you also to Mezza Via Italian Cuisine at Midway for supplying the pizzas for dinner (with a big discount!).

Quote of the week: “There is no such thing as a difficult piece of music. A piece is either impossible or easy. The process whereby it migrates from one category to the other is known as PRACTICING.” ~ Sir Yehudi Menuhin

Don’t forget ALL Band, Strings and Guitar are required to wear the music uniform: Black Polo, (cost $8. Contact Rachel ASAP if you do not have one yet. She will bring orders to school), black pants, black socks and polished black shoes. No faded black jeans, track-pants or leggings please.

MUSIC CAMP CO-ORDINATORS NEEDED: Music camp is booked in for November 22-23 at Namaroo Conference Centre, Lane Cove. Bands, Strings and Guitars are involved in the camp. Many parents have volunteered but we still need more. Even a few hours serving food or supervising activities would be helpful. Please contact Christine or Rachel via email if you are able to help out.

UPCOMING EVENTS at DEPS:

Thursday 31 July:
✔ Mid-year Music Performance Night.
  ✔ All music program ensembles involved. School Hall. 6.30pm sharp!
  ✔ Arrival time to warm-up rooms 6.10pm – ALL groups
  ✔ Performers are expected to remain for the duration of the entire concert. All players must support, learn from and encourage all ensembles in the program. Performers will be either in the warm-up room, on stage or seated in the back of the hall with their parent supervisor.

UPCOMING EVENTS outside DEPS:

Sunday 10 August:
✔ UNSW School Band Festival - Kensington
  ✔ Arrival Time: 08:45am - Training Band
  ✔ Arrival Time: 12:15pm – Intermediate/Senior Band

Wednesday 20 August:
✔ Combined Intermediate and Senior Bands
  ✔ Where: Marsden High School Hall
  ✔ When: 6.30pm – 9pm
  ✔ “Maples” Marsden and Primary Links Entertainment Spectacular

Ensemble vacancies: Clarinet, Saxophone, Trombone, Cello. All are now available to hire through the school.

Christine Pringle 0411 516 139 rdgarfield@optusnet.com.au
Rachel Yao 0420 504 308 denomusicord@gmail.com
CASUAL FRIDAY GARDENING CLUB (CFGC): Unfortunately National Tree Planting Day was cancelled last Friday due to rainy weather, but the good news is it’s on THIS COMING FRIDAY.

- Revised date: Friday 1 August at 3pm
- Where: DEPS Lovell Road Garden
- Meet: Meet along the front fence on Lovell Road at 3pm
- What: 20-25 lovely native seedlings will be planted into the highly visible Lovell Road garden.
- Bring: Please bring your garden tools, water bottles and watering cans.

Come and plant some seedlings this Friday!
All children must be supervised by their parent or carer.

SUSTAINABILITY: The sustainability notice includes details of sustainability themed, helpful tips for gardens, waste, recycling and events. This week National Tree Planting Day is our focus.

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 3 Opening Hours

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

Canteen News

A huge thank you to all the wonderful ladies who helped out with the “Department of Education” luncheon on Monday 28 July. The feedback from the attendees was fantastic and we could not have done this without you. Thanks to Bronwyn Grigoriadis, Maria Sanna, Rowena Henery, Michelle Moore, Cindy Parry, Lisa Nassa, Helena Yick, Samantha Hemings-Richardson, Soley Smith-Astudillo and Mina Issa. A very talented team of slicers, dicers and presenters, very much appreciated by Liz Stewart and myself for all your wonderful work.

Years 3-6 Only Sausage Sizzle for the 3-6 Sports Carnival on Monday 18 August please note you need to order these by Monday 11 August as we have to order everything. Remember to add any family/siblings that will be there on the day.

The Canteen will be CLOSED on Monday 18 August. PLEASE K-2 must bring their food for that day – there will be NO ORDERS AVAILABLE.

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Thanks to all our wonderful helpers. We could not do what we do without you.

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.

2014 College Tours

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

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.

THE BEST BOY’S WEEKEND – YOUNGSTARS FATHER-SON ADVENTURE CAMPS

Dads can connect and bond with their sons without the distractions of technology and modern life at a special father-son adventure camp, the first being held on the Father's Day weekend in the Hawkesbury.

Delivered by Sport and Recreation and The Pathways Foundation, the YoungStars camps are a chance for Dads to spend quality time with their boys and share their experiences of fatherhood with other dads. Activities will include setting up camp, playing games and sharing stories around the campfire.
The first YoungStars camp will take place at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre on September 6-7. The second and third will be held at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre on October 19-20 and November 15-16. The camp is open to primary school boys aged seven up and their dads.

For more information or to book your place visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars) or call Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02.

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WEST RYDE ROVERS
CRICKET CLUB
SEASON 2014/2015

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The new cricket season is commencing mid September and registration day will be in a couple of weeks!!!

We will have In2cricket Milo for boys and girls 4-7 years, Saturday Mornings

Modified competition for Under 9s boys & girls Saturday Mornings

Under 10-16, Junior competition and Senior Teams

Junior girls teams

Registration Day Details

When: Sunday 27th July

Times: 11am - 4pm

Where: Denistone Sports Club Ltd

59 Chatham Rd West Ryde.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions:Tim French (Club Secretary)

mob: 0402 890 657

e-mail: roverscricket@gmail.com

Bec Di Giulio (Club Junior Registrar)

e-mail: rovers.juniorregistrar@gmail.com
EPPING BULLS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Come and Play Cricket with us this summer !!!

Registration Day & Come to try session.
Sunday August 3rd 2014
12 midday – 2pm
Epping Oval, Norfolk Rd, Epping
We will have a BBQ and FREE Skills Session
(run by our senior teams from Epping Bulls)

EPPING DISTRICT JUNIORS
RUN A COMPREHENSIVE CRICKET PROGRAMME

Ages 5-8 Milo Cricket Program
Epping Oval
Saturday Morning - U8 & U9 Averages Cricket
Saturday Morning - U10-16 Junior Competition in NDICA

NEW! Free playing shirt “sponsored by Le Tan”
for each registered U8-U16 player.

www.eppingdistrict.nsw.cricket.com.au

HORNSBY DISTRICT SOFTBALL

COME AND TRY DAY

Sunday 10th August 2014
10:00am – 1:00pm
Oakleigh Park, Thornleigh
Females all ages
Teeball from age 5 years for girls & boys

SUMMER SEASON SEPTEMBER TO MARCH 2014

www.hornsby.softball.org.au