Welcome Back: I would like to repeat my sentiments of last week to extend a warm welcome to all members of the Denistone East Community as we start another very exciting year for our school. For those new to Denistone East, it will be a year of real expectation as you get to experience firsthand the exceptional educational programs that our school has to offer.

As the year begins may I take this opportunity to remind both parents and students of the expectations that we have of all our members of the Denistone East Community. We are first and foremost a school interested in developing each and every one of our students so that they can go on to live productive lives in the 21st Century. Therefore we require all of our students to come into Denistone East with attitudes that are positive and conducive to achievement.

Students who have the right attitude can be clearly identified:
- They wear their uniform with pride,
- They are prepared for each day,
- They are attentive and willing to contribute to class learning—they do not distract the learning of others and they seek to be involved in the broader life of the school.
- They are in fact SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS. At our parent information evening (Tuesday 17 February) you will be provided with more information on the future directions of Denistone East in the area of Positive Behaviour, Engaged Learners. (PBEL)

At times, parents may need to contact the school to address a concern that may have arisen while their child has been at school. To ensure that all issues and or concerns are managed effectively, parents are encouraged to make contact with their child's class teacher in the first instance.

Following that, parents may contact the office and ask to speak with the Stage Coordinator. Parents may also contact the Deputy Principals, or myself should they feel that the issue is critical or that it has not been managed to their satisfaction.
Each of these staff members as well as your child’s teacher is available to assist and support you throughout the year. I encourage all parents to follow this process to enable staff to manage your concerns efficiently.

The Executive Structure for 2015 is:

Principal: Teunis Ploeg
Deputy Principals: Tania Bogdanovic
                       Katrina Verinder
Stage Coordinators: Kindergarten; Early Stage 1: Jenny Bashinsky (Rel)
                       Years 1 and 2; Stage 1: Judy Hyland
                       Years 3 and 4; Stage 2: Lena Eriksson (Rel)
                       Years 5 and 6; Stage 3: Liz Stewart (Rel)
We are currently awaiting staffing advice on the permanent appointment process for our three vacant Assistant Principal positions – we anticipate these will be filled permanently by the commencement of term 2.

Attached to this newsletter is a complete staff list for your reference.

Newsletter Distribution and Communication: This year we will be trialing a fortnightly publication of the newsletter, the newsletter will be published on the schools website on even weeks during each term. We will commence the process of updating the schools website which will take a little while; we have had some technical difficulties in accessing the site to date but the issues have now been resolved. We hope that this will remain a source of current information for parents.
As many of you are aware Denistone East Public School has a Facebook page which forms part of the school’s communication strategy. We will continue to utilize this as a communication form during 2015.
We are also in the process of reinvestigating some of the app type instant notification systems available and will keep you informed of the progress in this area.

Parking: To ensure the safety of all our students please be mindful of the road rules when you are dropping off and picking up your child. Kiss and Drop zones are clearly signposted. It is often safer to park a little further away from the school and walk to meet your child. Traffic around the school is obviously very busy before and after school, and it will help enormously if everyone is courteous and thoughtful to others.
Please check the Traffic Committee page each week in the newsletter.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health: We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.
Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.
Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.
We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Teuni Ploeg, Principal
Parent Information Evening: Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 17 February. The evening allows the opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and find out specific information relating to the class, grade and stage. Each stage group will have a half hour information session in the hall, followed by a half hour session in the classroom. Times are as follows:
6pm: Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
6.30pm: Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
7.00pm: Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
7.30pm: Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)

Tania Bogdanovic, Deputy Principal

Denistone East Public School Staff List Term 1 2015

Principal
Teunis Ploeg

Deputy Principal
Tania Bogdanovic

Deputy Principal
Katrina Verinder

KB Joanne Sartori
KG Jenny Bashinsky (Rel AP)
KO Kylie Beves
KR Jocelyn Lindley
KP Allison Kenney
KY Jessica Comito
1H Cara Horlin
1C Denise Chaouka
1M Mel Shearer
1O Deborah Owen
1P Michelle Pike (M-Th)
Vicki Engsall (F)
2B Kate Bishop
2L Lucy Besson
2H Judy Hyland (AP)
2R Jenny Rees
2T Michele Toomey
2J Jo Tanner
3B Jan Breeze
3E Lena Eriksson (Rel AP)
3M Gabriela Marsic
3W Connor Whyntie
4B Kath Biro (T-F)
Catherine Lee (M)
4H James Hutchinson
4RW Chriss Roberts (M-W)
Rebecca Wing (Th-F)
4M Suzana Mackenzie
5O Bronte Osborne
5C Lyn Camage
5J Chris Jackson
5R Deborah Ricketts
6J Cameron Jones
6B Sarah Barnard
6M Lee Magri
6S Sophie Snell

Specialist Support Teachers

Haekyoung An – Korean (M-W)
Renee Blue – Reading Recovery
Kate Bowman – EALD (Th-F)
Jenny Cavenagh – Library
Bijinder Dugal – Learning & Support (Th)
Alison Esdaile – EALD
Jennifer Kim – EALD
Robyn Kyd – EALD
Sarah Liang – Mandarin
Catherine Lee – RFF/Korean (T-Thu)
Jill Masters – Library (W/Th)
Sharleen Newcombe – Learning & Support (M/T)
Liz Stewart – Science (Rel AP)
Paul Treacy – Mandarin

Administration and Support Staff

Administration
Jess Bath
Melinda Harrison
Margaret Gordon
Sue Adams (M-W)
Louise Stephan – Library (Wed/Th)

School Learning Support Officers
Rosemary Dingli
Kelly Trenchuk (M-W)
Heather Tyree

General Assistant
Graeme Butler

Counsellor
Linda Gilford (W/Th)

Vision
Sandra Robinson (AP)
Marjorie Logan
Christine Stephen
Annette Sutherland – Brailler (Tu)
**PSSA Summer Sport** will commence on Friday 13 Feb (Week 3). Tryouts for Junior Cricket (Years 3 & 4) Senior Cricket (Years 5 & 6) Tball (Years 3 & 4) and Softball (Years 5 & 6) are being held during the school day this week. Please ensure that your child listens for the announcements during the day. If your child is successful in gaining a place in one of the teams they will receive a permission note to be completed and returned to school. Fees for bus transport will be added to your family account.

If your child is not selected in a PSSA Summer Team they are able to complete a Tennis expression of interest note. Tennis positions will be filled on a first in basis with preference given to students who have not played tennis in the previous term. Tennis fees will be added to your family account.

**2015 Senior Art Club:** Senior Art Club is an extracurricular activity offered to students in Years 5 and 6 at DEPS who have a passion and aptitude for Visual Arts. Senior Art Club gives students the opportunity to develop and practice their art skills in a range of medium. In 2015, Senior Art Club will be held on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 – 4.30pm. To be considered, students should collect an Expression of Interest form from Miss Kenney (KP) or Mrs Eriksson (3E). Students will be required to submit 3-4 artworks which showcase their artistic ability, along with their EOI form by Monday 9 February.

*Allison Kenney and Lena Eriksson*

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**Library news:**

Welcome to our school from the library staff. This year the library has two teacher-librarians: Jenny Cavenagh full-time and Jill Masters two (2) days – Wed and Thurs. Louise Stephan is the library technician. Parent volunteers also staff the library each day.

**Student borrowing and library bags:** Kindergarten will visit the library this week but will not borrow until Week 4. Year 1 to Year 6 classes will begin lessons and borrowing in Week 3 (next week). All students will need a **material library bag** for borrowing. Please assist your child to start the year in a positive way by ensuring they have a **library bag** clearly labelled with their **name and class** and send it to school as soon as possible. Class teachers will collect the library bags in the class library trolley.

School library bags are available from the Uniform Store. The Uniform Store is open Thursdays 3.00-4.00pm and Fridays 8.30-9.30am. Library bags are $9.00. As an alternative, any calico bag or small pillowcase is suitable. Plastic bags are not suitable. All students need a bag before they can borrow books.

**Parent Helpers:** Parent helpers are always appreciated to help returning books, reshelving and are a vital part of the library team. If you are able to help on a regular basis one hour per week from 9.25am until 10.25.am on any day please contact the library through the school office 9874 6678.

**Chess Club:** Teachers from Sydney Academy of Chess to teach students chess in the library for the whole lunch period on Mondays from 1:15pm – 2:05pm. Chess Club is only open to students in Years 1-6. Term 1 lessons will be 9 Feb – 30 March. There are 8 lessons each term & the cost is $64 per term. Students come to the library at the beginning of lunch and eat their lunch in the library while having a lesson, then play a short game. There are a limited number of places.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child wants to participate, enrolment forms are available from the school office, library or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

**Calendars:** Please send to the library old calendars as they are a free source of visual teaching material. Pictures of Australia, Australian geography, Australian plants and animals are useful.

*Jenny Cavenagh, Jill Masters and Louise Stephan*
Sport News

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Softball trials: Softball trials will start Wednesday lunchtime, Friday lunchtime and Friday afternoon during school time. Any student in year 5 and 6 who would like to try out for the girls or boys softball team should wear their sports uniform on this day. If you have a glove from home you can bring that too.

Lucy Besson, Softball Coach

Canteen News

Welcome to 2015, I hope you all had a great holiday and are ready for this year. Thank you to all who have changed their munch monitor accounts to their 2015 classes – you make life very easy. Please make sure you update ASAP if you haven’t done so – otherwise your lunches will go to last year’s classes. Volunteers: A huge thanks to all who have volunteered for this year – we cannot do what we need to without your help. We do have some gaps in our permanent roster so please if you can help let us know.

Roster

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Anne-Marie

P&C Update

WELCOME BACK - The P&C would like to welcome back staff, students and parents for another year of learning and hopefully some fun! Please remember to keep an eye on the school newsletters to find out about upcoming P&C events and how you may be able to help. A welcome back newsletter will be distributed next week and a “How You Can Help” volunteer form the week after. We trust you all have a great year!

Save the Date: P&C MEETING – WED 11 FEBRUARY 7.30pm

The year’s first P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 February from 7.30pm in the staffroom. Please come through the front office doors, take the door to your right and walk down the hallway. All are most welcome to come to meet the P&C, learn more about what we do and hear what is happening.
around the school.

**Save the Date:** KINDY WELCOME MORNING TEA – Thursday 19 FEB 9.45am
As Kindy kids start this week, the P&C will be throwing a Kindy parent welcome morning tea on Thursday 19 February (after school drop off), in the school hall. This is normally organised and hosted by this year’s, Year 1 parents. You will receive a flyer about this next week. The invitation is also open to parents from other years who may wish to come and meet the new parents or catch up with old ones and be a sounding board about the years ahead. This morning is also an opportunity to take a look at what happens in the canteen and put your name down to volunteer when you can. Watch this space for more details!

P&C President - Kathleen Pedersen - pandcdeps@gmail.com

**CLASS PARENTS 2015:** Thank you to those parents who have so quickly stepped up to be class parents this year. It’s great to have such a positive early start. The class parent position, for those who have not been one before, is not a complicated role. It requires you to collect and collate information and send on emails to the other parents within your class. It’s a great way to meet people and staff, especially for those parents who are unable to be at the school regularly in school hours.

Currently we are looking for class parents for:

- KB, KG, KR, KY
- 1C, 1M, 1O, 1P
- 2B, 2H, 2R, 2J
- 3B, 3W, 3M
- 4B, 4H, 4M
- 5J, 5R
- 6M, 6S

**Please note the following:**

- Parents with more than 1 child at the school should nominate for one (1) class only to give other parents a chance. If no parents step up to the role, then no more than two (2) classes can be nominated.
- If two (2) parents wish to take on the role then you are most welcome as long as the teacher has no problems with it.
- Emails to be distributed must be sent out as quickly as possible as some emails may need to be sent urgently to get information to parents ASAP.

Please email if you would like more information.

P&C Class Parent Co-ordinator - Stephanie van Hilten - msvanhilten@aapt.net.au

**News:** TURNING OUT OF ‘THE GLOBE’ PICK UP ZONE on BRABYN ST
- **Left or Right?**
- Only exit LEFT out of the turning circle and continue down Brabyn St.
- Exiting right causes traffic congestion and makes it an unsafe area for our children and the community.

**Rangers are about – Keep it Safe And Keep it Legal**

**WALKING WEDNESDAY’S** - Welcome back to another school year!

All kids are reminder to WALK to school EVERY WEDNESDAY. Don’t forget to SLIP, SLOP SLAP!

Walking Wednesday result tallies will commence in March – look out for who will top the WoW Leaderboard!

**Active Kids = Healthy Kids.**

P&C Traffic Committee - Jenn Clifton – 0412 172 450 – cliftonfam@optusnet.com.au
Welcome Back! Greetings Newcomers!

Most of our bands and ensembles start their morning training session this week with the exception of the Training Band and the Holland Ensemble. The time and location of Junior Guitar’s training is yet to be confirmed.

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Our bands and ensembles have some vacancies, that we invite you to join:

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Note:
(1) Joining Holland Ensemble, Training Band and Junior Percussion DO NOT require prior musical training.
(2) Some Band instruments are available for hire.
(3) Special “No-Fee” hire is available for new enrolment of Trombone (subject to availability).

✓ For ENROLMENT: Please call Evelyn - 0410 439 876 - denomusicpay@gmail.com
✓ For all other enquiries, please contact our Music Coordinator, Naomi on the details below

P&C Music Committee - Naomi Maslen – 0404 876 291 - denomusicord@gmail.com

CASUAL FRIDAY GARDENING CLUB (CFGC): Watch this space for details!
P&C Gardening & Environment Committee - Tammy Scharenguivel - tscharenguivel@yahoo.com.au

UNIFORM UPDATE:
New Uniform Store: Opening every Thursday afternoon 3-4pm and Friday morning 8.30-9.30am during the school term.
Second Hand Uniform Store: Term 1 Opening Hours – to be confirmed:
Located in the stand alone building behind the demountables on the Henderson St side of the school.

P&C Uniform Committee – Elizabeth Bignucolo - sbandliz@hotmail.com
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

Enrolment Open for Korean Classes 2015
Term 1
Starting date: Monday 2nd of February
Finishing date: Monday 30th of March
Running time: 3:45pm - 5:15pm (1hr 30mins)
Each term consists of 9 weeks (4 terms per year).
Classes will be run in Rooms 1M and 2L.
For more information please contact the coordinating teacher:
Jin Suk Yoo
Mob: 0433 437 777
E-mail: rosajinyoo@gmail.com
AUDITIONS for 2015
The Northern Sydney Youth Orchestra (NSYO) is inviting musicians to audition for the Symphony Orchestra, the Wind Ensemble and the Strings Orchestra. NSYO is a not-for-profit community organisation. Our youth orchestras rehearse weekly at Beecroft on Wednesdays.
If you play Strings, Brass or a wind instrument why not contact us to find out how you would benefit?
For more details, and to find our online application form, please visit our website http://www.nsyo.org.au
or email: info@nsyo.org.au

WANT TO LEARN BADMINTON but it's too expensive?
Try our school-parent organised friendly and quality badminton coaching classes.
Improve your child’s coordination in badminton & other sports with our coaches including National & State Team players.
When:
a) Saturday afternoon: 5pm-6pm or 6pm-7pm
   Location : Kent Road Sports Halls-Kent Road, Ryde.
b) Sunday morning : 8am-9am or 9am-10am
   Location: North Ryde RSL Youth Club – Corner Pittwater Road and Magdala Road,North Ryde.
For more details, please feel free to email us at DenistoneEastSports@gmail.com or contact Shirley on 0434-194674.
2015 Epping Junior Rugby Union

Have a Go & Registration Day

Where: Somerville Oval, Blaxland Rd, Epping
Date: Sunday, 8 February 2015  Time: 4-6pm  Ages: U6 – U18

Bring: Joggers to participate in some fun games & drills. No studded rugby boots. No mouth guards required.

Free Sausage Sizzle & Lots of FUN.
U6 and U7 NEW Players are FREE
FREE SHORTS & SOCKS for all NEW players

Play soccer with Eastwood St Andrews in 2015!
Teams from Under 6 upwards, boys and girls.
10% discount for players registered by 31 January.
Contact president@eastwoodstandrews.org for details and come along to our Information Day on Saturday, 7 February.

www.eastwoodstandrews.org

EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS AFC
‘Building community through football since 1958’
Craft, Wii Games, Lego and more!

Where: Every Monday (during school term)
Where: Ryde Library, 1 Pope St Ryde
Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm


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