# Upcoming Events

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It is hard to believe we are at the start of Week 4 already! The students have certainly settled well into their 2015 classes and it has been a very productive start to the school year. In my role as Principal, I continue to be impressed by the calibre of the staff here at Denistone East PS. I am constantly delighted to hear our staff speak so passionately about their job as teachers. When I have conversations with Denistone East staff it is abundantly clear that they have a real commitment to their students and this is reflected in the many wonderful opportunities provided to the students of our school from Kindergarten through to Year 6.

**Meet the Teacher Evening:** Information was sent home through the last newsletter detailing Meet the Teacher evening which we are hosting this evening. This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher and find out about their plans for the class in 2015. Teachers will also provide you with important information about class routines and activities planned for your child’s class / grade during the year.

6:00pm Kindergarten in the hall
6:30pm Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) in the hall
7:00pm Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) in the hall
7:30pm Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) in the hall

Later this term you will also be provided with information regarding parent teacher meetings scheduled for the end of the term. We also hope to have available an online booking system to support the booking time for these meetings.

**Brabyn Street Traffic congestion:** In an endeavour to reduce the traffic congestion in Brabyn Street during peak drop off and pick up times we would like to request that parents trial the following process for use of the circular drive.

When accessing the circular drive we would request all vehicles enter Brabyn Street from the Kings Road end. Vehicles will then travel up Brabyn Street turning right into the circular drive (drive closest to the pedestrian crossing). This will significantly reduce traffic on the pedestrian crossing and also make turning right into the circular drive a simpler process.

There are 4 marked bays in the circular drive if all vehicles could travel to the furthest available spot before stopping this will ensure 4 vehicles can pick up and drop off at the same time.

When exiting the circular drive a left hand turn is only permitted.

When leaving Brabyn Street onto Kings Road we would again request that all vehicles only turn left. If you need to travel to the right please use the Lovell Road roundabout to change direction.

It is hoped that if all parents follow these voluntary steps we will greatly improve traffic flow and better ensure the safety of all students and parents around the school at these busy pick up and drop off times.

**Compulsory School Attendance:** Attached to this newsletter is an updated parent flyer regarding student attendance.

*Teuni Ploeg, Principal*
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 0244 5120
www.dec.nsw.gov.au
February 2016

NSW Department of Education and Communities
**Student Representative Council (SRC):** Students in Stage 1 to Stage 3 received a note on Tuesday 16 February about the SRC nomination and voting procedures. If your child would like to nominate themselves as a candidate please discuss the Code of Conduct with them and complete the return note. Kindergarten representatives will be chosen by class teachers. Candidates will present a short speech. Students in Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) will have a time limit of one minute. Stage 2 and 3 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will have a two minute time limit. Please assist us by ensuring your child understands the commitment and responsibility that comes with being an SRC representative.

**Dates to note:**
- Discuss the Code of Conduct with your child and return the note to your child’s class teacher by **Wednesday 18 February** if they would like to be a candidate
- Present speech to class between **Thursday 19 February to Wednesday 25 February** (class teachers will let each class know the date they are presenting)
- Voting will be finalised by **Wednesday 25 February**
- Students will be notified of success by **Thursday 26 February** (with a note sent home to parents)
- A special inauguration assembly will take place on **Friday 27 February at 9:30am** in the school hall.

If you have any questions, please see your child’s class teacher or myself.

**SAFE is one of our PBEL school values.** It is great that we have so many students riding their bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. Please ensure that when you are riding these, you wear a helmet and it is fitted correctly. When entering and leaving the school grounds ensure that you walk your bike in and around the school and across any roads. Do not ride your bike, scooter or skateboard in the school car parks. Ensure that you cross the road at the designated areas e.g. zebra crossing or the traffic lights. Whilst you are at school your bike, scooter or skateboard is to be in the designated areas for the day. Ride safely and follow the road rules. Be mindful of pedestrians and ensure you are representing our school positively within our community.

**Positive Behaviour Engaged Learners (PBEL):** We are currently in our second year of implementation of PBEL. In 2014, we implemented our school values: Safe, Respectful, Learners. We provided learning opportunities to develop students’ understanding of the behavioural expectations in various settings around the school e.g. playground, hall and transition areas. This year our focus is in the classroom. Currently teachers are engaged in developing lesson activities using our PBEL values. These values relate to the expectations of students academically, behaviourally and socially. Each classroom has the values displayed and teachers will refer to them where appropriate. The aim is to develop a common language for consistency.

**PBEL classroom values:**

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**Strive Cards:** Students will continue to receive ‘strive’ cards when displaying positive behaviours. Strive cards will go towards a whole class reward. This system has been put in place to encourage a cooperative, class approach to learning our school values.
Merit Awards:
Students will receive merit awards from teachers for demonstrating their ability to be safe, respectful, learners. Once your child receives 2 merit awards they will receive a bronze certificate. Once they receive an additional 2 merit awards, they will receive a silver certificate. For a further 2 merit awards, they will receive a gold certificate. 1 additional merit certificate will then see your child receive a gold badge. If your child achieves the gold badge you and your child will be invited to attend a celebratory morning tea with the executive staff towards the end of the year.
If your child is to receive a bronze, silver or gold certificate or a gold badge you will be notified and invited to attend the assembly where they will be presented.

Katrina Verinder, Deputy Principal

SchoolBiz

Junior Choir: During the coming weeks Year 4 students will be able to audition for the Junior Choir if they are interested in being part of this group in 2015. Auditions and future rehearsals for this group will take place on Wednesdays after eating time, during the lunch break. Children who are part of the choir are expected to commit to and regularly attend these rehearsals. Additionally, there are three full day rehearsals to attend during school time, spread throughout the year, and a Sunday morning rehearsal at the Sydney Opera House the day before the Monday night concert. The highlight of the year for the Junior Choir is the evening performance in the Opera House in Term 4, as part of the combined choir for the Ryde School Spectacular.
Looking forward to a musical year

Michele Toomey and Jenny Rees

Library News: Weekly timetable student borrowing for classes in Kindergarten and Years 1-6 began last week.
Monday: 6S, 6B, 6J, 6M.
Tuesday: 4H, 4B, 4M, 4RW
Wednesday: 1H, 1P, 1O, 1C, 1M, 3W, 3B, 3E, 5O
Thursday: KB, KG, KO, KP, KR, KY, 3M, 5J, 5R
Friday: 2T, 2B, 2R, 2H, 2J, 2L, 5C

Please help your child to remember which day they come to the library.

Library Bags Students in Years K-6 will need a material library bag for borrowing. Last week many students did not have a bag. Quite a few students needed to borrow a spare library bag, so we would appreciate the bag returned promptly to the library. Please assist your child by ensuring they have a library bag labelled with their name and class ready for their lesson this week. Class teachers will collect the library bags in the class crate. School library bags are available from the Uniform Store or alternatively any strong cloth bag is acceptable.

Kindergarten Library Lessons: Library lessons on a Thursday have begun and borrowing begins this week. Please send a material library bag to school now labelled with name and class so your child can borrow a book this week. Your child’s teacher is now collecting the library bags. Children often become upset if they do not have a bag and cannot borrow during the first few weeks. Please help your child to be ready.

Chess Club is now full. No further students can join this term.
**Parent Helpers:** Thank you to the parents who have already offered to assist the library this year. However we need more helpers especially on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the first hour of school time. The tasks are easy, training is provided and you would be providing important assistance to the library. Please drop into the library or ring the school office on 9874 6678 if you have any questions about this.

**Spare library bags:** If you have any calico bags no longer required they would be appreciated in the library for use as spare library bags.

*Jenny Cavenagh and Jill Masters, Teacher Librarians*

**2015 Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival:** On Thursday 5 March, Years 3-6 will be attending the 2015 Swimming Carnival at Ryde Aquatic Centre. Students are asked to arrive at school at 8am as the buses need to leave promptly at 8:20am. Students wishing to compete in the 200 metre Individual Medley will be catching the first bus. Current Year 2 students who are turning eight this year and are able to swim 50 metres confidently and without assistance are also eligible to attend. Please contact the office.

Parent and caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Timed parking is available in both the car park and surrounding streets. A small entry fee will be charged.

*Deborah Ricketts*

**Zone Tennis Trials:** Congratulations to Anisa B (4M) who was selected to attend the Sydney North Regional Tennis trials.

*James Hutchinson*

**Chinese Eisteddfod Competition 全国中文朗诵比赛**

Thank you for returning your Chinese Eisteddfod note to school. For the competition we will soon organise students into groups and send out a letter home to parents at the beginning of March informing them of the training schedule, selected poems (every group will be practicing only 1 poem) and outline of the group competition. Please be aware that not every single student who returned their note will be placed into groups as this depends on the number of reply notes returned and whether there are enough students to form a group according to the age specified. Group training will occur in early March, we will be practicing at lunch time once a week with every specified age group.

For individual competition we will be sending outlines to students as well as poems they can select to practice at home. (2 poems will need to be selected for individual competition from a given list of poems). We do not train Chinese native students who speak either Mandarin or Cantonese at home for individual competition as practice will need to be done by parents. There will be a fee of $15 involved if you have chosen to be in the individual competition. Invoice will be sent out by the school office. Please do not make your payment at the school office until you have received an invoice.

Specific time for individual and group competitions will be sent out to students 2 weeks prior to the date of the competitions.

To celebrate the Lunar Chinese New year we are running competitions that students can be involved in.

2015 is the year of the Sheep (goat or antelope) which are all different types of yang.

K-2 students design an artwork related to the New Year animal which is the Sheep also known as the goat or antelope.

3-6 students have the opportunity to write an Acrostic poem to incorporate elements of the Sheep (goat or antelope) and Chinese New Year.

The Sheep (goat or antelope) is a symbol of good luck, peace and harmony. All entries are to be returned to Class Teachers or Mandarin Teachers prior to 25 February. Prizes for each grade K-6 will be awarded at the Chinese New Year Assembly on 2 March.

For further details on these competitions please refer to the website under News.
Chinese New Year Event Celebrating the Lunar New Year at Denistone East Public School
Denistone East 小学中国农历新年庆祝活动
Denistone Public School will be having our annual Chinese New Year Event celebrating the Lunar New Year on the 2 March (Monday).
Parents are welcome to attend this assembly in the hall from 9.35am to 10.45am where the students will showcase traditional dancing, singing and other performances.
Later students will participate in Chinese activities.

Year 1 & 2 Mandarin Choir 一/二年级普通话合唱歌
Year 1 & 2 Mandarin Choir is busy practicing their Mandarin Songs for the upcoming Chinese New Year celebrating the Lunar New Year. We will be performing on the 2 March (Monday) during the Chinese New Year Assembly. Students in the choir are asked to wear a dark pair of pants OR similar, black shoes and a red, gold, yellow or pink coloured T-shirt for the performance. Everyone is invited to watch our talented singers shine on the day of the Chinese New Year celebration!

Chinese New Year Assembly Rehearsal 新年集会彩排
Chinese New Year rehearsal is on the 26 February 2015 (Thursday) during the morning session from 9:30-10:15.
All the students involved in the dragon/lion dances, drama play, poetry recital, Year 1 & 2 Mandarin Choir and Chinese dance need to be at school on the day for rehearsal practice.

Sarah Liang and Paul Treacy, Mandarin Teachers

Sport News

Softball: Girls - On Friday we versed North Ryde. We were outstanding in the field and won 16-1. Player of the Match goes to Michelle for amazing pitching and batting.
Boys - On Friday we versed North Ryde. It was a hard match with amazing fielding from both teams. At the end it was 4-0 to Denistone East. Player of the Match was Harrison who was gifted with fantastic catching.
Lucy Besson

T-Ball: Girls - We played North Ryde in T-ball. It was our first game and we lost but we tried our best and had fun. Player of the Match was Sarah D who batted outstandingly. NR - 16 to DEPS - 6 Allannah and Sophie A
Boys - Today was our first game of the season and we versed North Ryde. While we didn't win we played great. All the team played really well but Player of the Match was Ryan K. NR - 10 to DEPS – 4 Alex B and Alex H
Chris Jackson

Cricket: Junior boys defeated Truscott St PS. The score was 94-26. Everyone played a great match. Aarish played brilliantly taking 4 wickets in a row which made our victory easy. There was great sportsmanship all around the field. Player of the Match goes to Aarish, Skills Award goes to Angus and Best and Fairest goes to Jack. Great job Deno. Harley and Cooper.
Senior boys - It seemed it would be a tight match after we batted but thanks to Lucas we got a wicket in the first over. We had some brilliant bowling from Max. B, Ashwin and Raymon. Also we had some excellent batting from the team. The final score 5/62 to 6/18. Player of the Match goes to Ashwin, Skills Award goes to Matthew and Best and Fairest goes to Max B. Eeson and Ben
Lee Magri
Canteen News

Reminder Munch Monitor accounts – please update your child’s class to 2015 classes – we still have some lunches going to last year’s classes. Also note the munch monitor daily specials are “ONLY AVAILABLE” through munch monitor NOT over the counter. Please also remember to update your PSSA status – this is only for Years 3-6 NOT K-2.

Volunteers: We thank everyone who happily gives up their time to help us in the canteen – we understand that everyone is extremely busy and we really do appreciate your help.

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P&C Update

Save the Date: KINDY WELCOME MORNING TEA – THURS 19 FEB 9.45am
The P&C will be hosting 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 have received a flyer about this last 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. Could Year 1 parents please remember to bring something for morning tea; Suggestions - biscuits, cake/s, cheeses, dips or drinks and help set up after the bell at 9.25am. Any questions please email me at the address below.

Save the Date: P&C MEETING – WED 11 March 7.30pm
Next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March 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 and meet the P&C, learn more about what we do and hear what is happening around the school.
UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENT: This year instead of the Chocolate Drive, the P&C Event committee are looking to do a Read-a-Thon. If you would be interested in helping to organise this event, please email me at the address below.

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

News: BE MINDFUL OF OUR NEIGHBOURS:

You CANNOT park over any driveway.

It is illegal and fines will be issued by Council rangers and police.

With Parent Information Night coming up TONIGHT, please ensure you take the time to park legally.

School zone offences

As at 1 February 2015

The information in this document is intended as a guide only, and is subject to change at any time without notice. It does not replace the relevant legislation.

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RMS fines have been updated as at 1 February 2015.

PLEASE be respectful of our neighbours, particularly on Lovell, Brabyn, Henderson and Kings Roads.

Rangers are about – Keep it Safe and Keep it Legal

WALKING WEDNESDAY’S - 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
CLASS PARENTS 2015: Thank you ! to all the parents who have stepped up to be class parent. A great response to date. We only have 2 classes requiring a class parent now;

- 1C and 1P

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.

Please email if you would like more information.

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

News: Thank You

Good Work, everyone! Senior and Intermediate Bands and Strings Ensembles are back to training in the morning. Also, tutors have started their in-school music lessons before and after school time. All training sessions and tutoring locations are now assigned for this year. We would like to give a special thank you to our deputy principal Tania, committee member Evelyn, Naomi and administrative staff of our school for their effort organising the required resources.

"Without music, life would be a mistake"- Friedrich Nietzsche

Quiz: Name one of the music conductors in our school?

Guitar

Good news. If your child likes guitar and you do not know how to start, our guitar co-ordinator Stephanie has organised the third junior training group on a Friday morning. Places are very limited, please contact Evelyn for enrolment. Also, senior guitar ensemble has only two vacancies left for experienced players, be quick.

Other Vacancies

We are looking for students to fill up the following vacancies in Holland Ensemble and Training Band. No prior musical training is required. Trombones are available for loan with no charge (subject to availability).

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Message from the Music Treasurer

Our treasurer has sent invoices to our music program participants. We appreciate more than 26 families have settled their invoices within the first 4 working days, showing huge support to our music programme purely run by volunteers. The last date to claim the early bird discount is 27th February 2015; please pay your invoice by that date and quote your invoice number carefully. Please contact Evelyn if you have any queries on invoicing and payment.

Upcoming Events

Training Band will start morning training from week 6.

Assembly Performance will start from Week Eight of Term One and continue in Term Two.
Assembly Performance

| Term One  |  
|---|---|
| Week 8  | Senior Band  |

| Term Two  |  
|---|---|
| Week 2  | Grainger Strings  |
| Week 4  | Intermediate Band  |
| Week 6  | Sculthorpe Strings  |

**Note:**
- 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

Conductors: (Answer to Quiz)
- **Band** Christine Pringle and Adam Tomkins
- **String** Adrian Mansukhani
- **Guitar** Dave Thirgood and Nick Smallfield
- **Percussion** Mike Richards

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

**CASUAL FRIDAY GARDENING CLUB (CFGC):** The school garden club is a volunteer group of parents/carers and children who meet on a casual basis. All members of the DEPS community are welcome to come along to help beautify our school gardens.

Garden Club will meet at the Globe **each Monday evening at 6.30pm during Term 1**. Everyone is welcome to attend, please bring your own gloves.

**Save the Date:** School Clean Up Day – Friday 27 February

Our School Clean Up Day will take place at 3pm next Friday 27 February.

Everyone is invited to participate. The day is an opportunity to tidy up the grounds and more importantly encourages children to understand the impacts of litter and take responsibility for litter in our community.

Please bring your gloves and a water bottle and meet at the COLA near the canteen to sign the registration sheet. All children must be supervised by a parent/carer.

Link to Clean Up Australia day image


**Memorial Garden** - Between 2014 and 2018 Australia is commemorating the Anzac Centenary, marking 100 years since our nation’s involvement in the First World War.

Last year we were approved a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs to construct a memorial garden to commemorate the Anzac Centenary. Our memorial garden screens were installed over the weekend and Garden Club will be planting out the garden over the coming weeks.

The Anzac Centenary program aims to give all Australians the opportunity to honour the service and sacrifice of all of our servicemen and women. It also aims to encourage us to reflect upon and learn more about Australia’s military history, its costs and its impacts on our nation.

**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: Volunteers needed urgently – If you can help on a Friday morning from 8am – 9am, please email Elizabeth

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

Epping Boys High School

Engaging All Boys: Building Fine Men

Orientation Day
Wednesday 3 December 2014

All incoming Year 7 students and parents are invited to Epping Boys High School to get to know more about your new school before you commence in 2015.

Registration commences at 8.30 am and students will be available for collection at 1.15 pm.

Take this opportunity to meet your son’s Year Adviser, Deputy Principal and support staff. Information about school routines and organisation will be given.

Telephone: 9869 2701
Fax: 9868 1198
Email: eppingboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Address: 213 Vimiera Road, Eastwood NSW 2122

Marsden High School

Open Day
Tuesday 10th March
4.30pm to 6.30pm

Principal’s address 4.30pm
Followed by School Tours
Partners in education with: Macquarie University
Northern Sydney TAFE
Johnson & Johnson

Hunters Hill High School

Open Day
Saturday 28 February • 12 Noon - 3PM

Hear the Principal's address at 12.30pm. Learn more about the outstanding opportunities for every child at Hunters Hill High School through activities, classroom exhibitions, displays, entertainment and discussion with our staff and students.

Relby Road, Hunters Hill / (02) 9817 4665
email: huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
web: www.huntershd-schools.nsw.edu.au
Follow us on twitter @HuntersHillHS
Is your child interested in playing Rugby?

Bring them along to

Try Rugby

Rugby is a wonderful game which encourages SELF CONFIDENCE, TEAM SPIRIT, FITNESS and FUN! If your child has expressed an interest in playing Rugby, bring them along to our Try Rugby sessions, where they can find out more about our Club, the game and how rewarding playing Rugby can be!

Age Groups: Kindy to Year 2
When: Fridays 15th, 20th and 27th February 2015 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Where: Eastwood Rugby Club
TG Millier Field, Winifred Road, Marsfield

Program designed by ARL as an introduction to rugby
Cost of just $25 which will be deducted from your registration fees, should you register to play with Ryde Rugby in 2015.

Register your interest via email to register@ryderugby.com.au. Please include your child’s name and date of birth.

Season Registration Days
Ryde Rugby Registration Days for all junior age groups will be held at Top Ryde City Shopping Centre on Saturday the 31st January and 7th February 2015, between 10:00am and 3:00pm. The annual registration cost starts from just $35. Online registration will also be available.

Rosebank College presents

Little Shop of Horrors

Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman
Music by Alan Menken

Based on the film by Roger Corman
Screenplay by Charles Griffith
Originally Produced by the WPJ Theatre
(Kyle Rennie, Producing Director)

Originally Produced at the Oygenon Theatre, New York City by the WPJ Theatre,

David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh
and the Shubert Organisation

By arrangement with
Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd
Exclusive agent for
Music Theatre International (NY)

Tickets
Adult: $25
Concession: $15

12th, 13th & 14th March 2015

Marsden High School
Winbourne St
West Ryde 2114

For further information please phone 9874 6544
email: marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Come & Play Football with the

RYDE PANTHERS

FOOTBALL CLUB

currently recruiting “Pink” Panther Girls’ League

Online registrations for Sunday Winter Soccer are open

To register – www.rydepanthers.com

Looking for Under 6, 7, 8 & Under 10 players to join the Pink League!

Girls League - “Pink Panthers” Play Sunday

Special Offer:
10% discount if paid on or before 22.2.15
Free Soccer Ball with each Junior Registration

Wherever possible, friends are placed in the same team.

For More Information:
Scan the QR code on the left to take you to the website
Or Call Adriana on # 0409 958 944 or secretary@rydepanthers.com - Kim Clifton - # 0401 733 760

Take this opportunity to meet our students and staff and see all that Marsden High School can offer!

FEED ME... in 2015 !!!
Drama Workshops

for young people in grades 5, 6 and 7

Love drama? Love to create fascinating stories and bring them to life?
Love to dream up fantasy worlds full of adventure? Love to perform?

Workshops include:
- Acting and improvisation
- Creating our own stories
- Bringing our own stories to life
- Playing characters
- Exploring the world from others points of view
- Voice production
- Games
- Performances
- A lot of fun.

When: Monday afternoons during school terms. The first session for 2015 will be on February 16th.

What time: Doors open at 3.30pm when a light afternoon snack will be available. Workshop starts at 4.00pm and finishes at 5.30pm.

Where: The Old Ryde Library, 1 Devon St, Ryde, entrance on the corner of Devon St and Blackland Rd.

How much: $10 per term, payable at the first session of term, cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to City of Ryde.

Bookings, questions, more information: email RydeYouthTheatre@ryde.nsw.gov.au, phone 0410 383 118 or check us out on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/RydeYouthTheatre
Hello Parents,

A few of the boys in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 play rugby for Hillview Eastwood which is a local team that play and train at Marsfield Park (near Epping Boys High). Under 6s and Under 7s in rugby is a 7 a side game and is touch only (no tackling), played for 40 minutes on a Saturday morning with training on Thursday evening.

Rugby is a great way for boys to build confidence, skills and make some good friends. What boy doesn’t love a game of touch bull rush? Hillview Eastwood U6 and U7’s rugby is just like a game of bull rush with a ball.

If you are interested in learning more about Rugby @ Hillview then please contact Martin Halmarick on 0400 370 076 or martin.halmarick@s1consulting.com.au.
Interested in learning a musical instrument? Kids - got a clash that means you can’t play in the school band this year? Parents - always wanted to learn but never had the opportunity before?
The Golden Kangaroos Hornsby Concert Band may have the solution. Our community band consists of beginner, intermediate and senior concert bands, marching band, stage (jazz) band and a number of smaller ensembles. We welcome musicians of all ages and abilities. Rehearsals are in the evenings at Beecroft Community Centre.
The beginner band will be starting at 6pm on Monday 16th February. No previous experience is required and instrument hire is available. Age is certainly no barrier with people from 7 to 70 participating in previous beginner bands, in fact often Mum or Dad end up learning alongside their children.
Ever wanted to march at ANZAC Day? The Centenary of ANZAC is a chance not to miss. Marching band rehearsals start on Sunday 22nd February.
For more information visit www.gks.org.au, email membership@goldenkangaroos.org.au or phone Paul on 9868 3289
Go4Fun family fun day

Free activities for primary school aged children.

Come and try the Go4Fun program at this FREE Family Fun Day which includes a range of sports and fun activities for kids.

Find out about this free program which helps children and families develop healthy eating habits, build self-confidence and become more active. Meet other families and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day!

Go4Fun
Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

Details

When: Sunday 8 March from 9.00am – 11.00am
Where: Ruddock Park
        Coral Heath Avenue, Westleigh
Cost: Free
Bookings: Bookings Essential
          Book online at trybooking.com/GMRR

What to bring:
- Drinks, hats and sun protection
- Chairs or picnic blankets
- Suitable sports footwear
- A healthy snack for your child

Children must be supervised by an adult for the duration of the session.

This event will be cancelled if raining – please check Council’s facebook page and website.

For more information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au

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