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Congratulations to our Asian Studies Community Language Team for the wonderful Luna Year Celebration held yesterday. I know our special guests were very impressed with the engagement of all the students in this event and the way Denistone East has embraced its cultural diversity. I would like to thank the amazing group of parents who have again this year assisted our staff in pulling this wonderful event together. Without your support this annual event would not be able to grow the way it does from year to year.

Internet Safety and Appropriate Online Behaviour: Concerns regarding student safety online are constantly in the news headlines. Today our stage three students (Years 5 and 6) were engaged in an Internet safety program conducted by NSW Police.

It is important for us as educators and parents to be mindful of children’s Internet use. As we begin the new school year, I thought it might be timely to include some reminders about safe Internet usage in this newsletter and on our school website. Please take some time to read through this information, and discuss with your children, as you feel necessary.

Of particular concern to many parents is the kind of things that some young people occasionally say to each other via the Internet – whether through email, skype, Facebook (although our students should not have access to Facebook, being under 13 years of age) or other social media sites.

When talking to students about Internet safety and appropriate online behaviour a simple guideline is that they should NEVER post or message anything online that they wouldn't want their parents or their teacher to read or see. It could be there forever! For further information please see the schools' website Latest News and Features.

Clean Up Australia & Clean Up Denistone East: Every year the Clean Up Australia event encourages and inspires thousands of Australians to take to their local park, beach, bushland and streets and really help make a difference to their local environment.

Clean Up Australia Day was on Sunday 1st March, 2015. This simple idea has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event. The event attracts hundreds of thousands of volunteers from the community, schools and businesses to help clean up, fix up and conserve their environment.

In 2014, an estimated 572,400 volunteers removed 15,700 tonnes of rubbish at 7,140 sites right across the country – It will be interesting to see what was collected on Sunday.

We will be doing our bit – by having a Clean Up day here at school on Friday 6 March after school, coordinated by our fabulous grounds committee. (Please note the change of date due to last Friday’s poor weather).

In addition as we do each year, students will have the opportunity to clean up an area of our school with their class on this day. If children are able they are encouraged to bring their own gardening gloves to school on Friday.

Safety Reminders: Please be aware of no stopping / standing areas and bus zones, as well as parking restrictions in streets around the school. I include the following safety reminders:

Don't risk injuring a child
* The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operates between 8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm on school days - be aware of the time or you could get fined.
* Children can be unpredictable and hard to see. It's important that parents and carers observe local school safety initiatives when dropping off and collecting children.
* Penalties are high, new fines and demerit point increases include:
  - Speeding - minimum fine of $128 and four demerit points
  - Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely - $384 fine and four demerit points
  - Double parking - $231 fine and two demerit points
  - Stopping on or near a children's crossing - $308 and two demerit points
  - Illegal use of mobile phone in school zone - $308 fine and four demerit points.

The worst penalty however is knowing you've caused an injury to a child!

Please also be considerate of our neighbours when parking in the streets around the school. In the past, there have been a few incidents where residents have been unable to drive out of their driveways because it has been obstructed by a vehicle.

I would like to thank those parents who are following our voluntary road directions around Brabyn Street and the circular drive, as we continue to become familiar with this it is hoped that the traffic flow will continue to improve. Whilst on this subject I would like to remind parent to please only turn left from Brabyn Street into Kings Road during our busy pick up and drop off times.

Teuni Ploeg, Principal
High School Applications: Year 6 students are beginning their preparations for high school. As you are aware, we are holding a meeting on Monday 9 March from 6:00pm in 6J and 6M classrooms. On the evening, you will be issued with your **High School Expression of Interest (EOI) Form**. We will take you through procedures and specific issues related to the completion of the form, and provide you with important information regarding high school enrolment. Your attendance is greatly encouraged, as procedures change from time to time, in particular regarding specific application procedures for Cheltenham Girls High School and Epping Boys High School. If you are unable to attend, the High School Expression of Interest form will be sent home with your child on Tuesday 10 March 2015. **Your child MUST have this form completed, regardless of which school you have selected or applied for.**

Katrina Verinder, Deputy Principal

Liz Stewart, Assistant Principal (Rel)

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Student Portal Login: During meet the teacher evening we spoke to you about setting your child’s student login password. After this event we sent home a note with your child’s username and asked you to discuss this with your child and set a password that they would remember. Please return this note to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible. If you require an additional note please see your child’s class teacher. It is important that we have all students with individual passwords to protect their privacy. Please follow up with this as soon as possible if you haven’t already.

Tania Bogdanovic, Deputy Principal

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Congratulations to the following students who will be representing their class as SRC members.

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**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 9 this term. A note has been sent home informing you of the online booking process. You will be asked to book your child’s parent teacher interview online. **If you do not have internet access, you will need to contact your child’s class teacher to make the appointment for you.** If the available time slots are full you will also need to contact your child’s class teacher to make an alternative time and date for the interview.

Monday 23 March – Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
Tuesday 24 March – Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6)
Wednesday 25 March – Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)
Thursday 26 March – Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)

**Please follow the prompts below to make your appointment.**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter your details
2. Select the teachers you wish to see
3. Select the appointment time

When you click **Finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on **Thursday March 19 2015**.

**Bookings can be made from 9am Wednesday 4 March.**

**ANZAC Service – Appeal to School Community:** Our school will be conducting our Anzac service in Week 1, Term 2 Friday 24 April in anticipation of ANZAC Day on Saturday 25 April. We have had a long-standing tradition and the privilege of having service persons from the school community attend the service each year. We believe this is an invaluable connection and improves students’ understanding of ANZAC and its significance, so if you are a service person, current or past, and would like to be part of our school service, please contact the school office on 9874 6678 and leave your details for further contact. There is no obligation to speak and your presence would be an honour.

**Writers Wanted! Competition:** The 2015 Schools Writing Competition is now open! Write4fun encourages students to read and write through these FUN competitions that are easy to enter. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 can enter.

There are great prizes on offer, including $1000 cash for first prize with $500 awarded to the child’s school and $500 awarded to them.

The quickest and easiest way to enter is online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net). Or email to enter@write4fun.net. Or post with entry form details to Write4fun P.O. Box 2734, Nerang DC, QLD 4211.

The competition is designed to encourage creatively with literacy. There is no theme and entries can be on any topic and written in any style.

Entry is free and the closing date is Sunday 29 March 2015. Happy Writing!

*Katrina Verinder, Deputy Principal*
SchoolBiz

2015 Denistone East Swimming Carnival: As the date of our swimming carnival, Thursday 6 March, is fast approaching, this is a friendly reminder that all permission notes must be returned to classroom teachers as soon as possible. The swimming carnival will take place at Ryde Aquatic Centre and all students are asked to arrive at school no later than 8am. Students competing in the 200 metre Individual Medley will be leaving on the first bus. 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. Students may wear house colours to support their team.

Rotary Club’s Ryde District Primary School Public Speaking Competition: Congratulations to Max 6B and Isabella 5C who have been chosen to represent our school at the Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition at Eastwood Heights Public School on 18 March, 2015. Well done Max and Isabella and we wish you all the best.

Deborah Ricketts

Stewart House Bags: Denistone East has continued to support Stewart House enthusiastically over the years. Stewart House looks after disadvantaged children in NSW and the ACT, giving help in a variety of ways through a stay at their house. The running of the house is largely funded by donations and our school is a big supporter. Twice a year they collect usable clothing and Manchester for recycling. This is such an easy way to contribute and you can clean up your own cupboards at the same time. Bags will be sent home next Tuesday 10 March. These bags can be filled and returned to the school office until Tuesday 17 March. Other bags can be used if necessary but the official bags have printed labels that explain clearly what you can bring in. So bring the filled bags to the school office before school during that week – no later though as the bags will be collected promptly.

Deb Owen

Junior Choir: About a week ago we asked for expressions of interest from any Year 3 students who would like to be part of the Junior Choir this year, as it is normally only available for Year 4 students. We have been amazed at the huge response from children hoping to be included in the choir for 2015. Unfortunately, at the same time, the organisers of the Ryde School Spectacular have reduced our normal allocation of places by 10 this year, so only a very small number of the Year 3 students who responded will be able to be accepted.
Auditions will be taking place for Year 3 students over the next few weeks, after eating time, during lunchtime on Wednesdays in the 1P classroom. Please remind your child to listen carefully to morning announcements to find out which day their class is expected to audition.
We hope to announce the names of children from both grades who have auditioned successfully towards the end of March. Your child will bring a permission note home at that time to confirm their selection.

Yours in music, Mrs Toomey and Mrs Rees

Scripture: There have been a few changes in what religious education is available at the school. This is primarily as result of student numbers and teacher availability. We currently have the following available for all grades.

- Anglican
- Armenian
- Bahai (Years 3-6)
- Baptist/ Presbyterian
- Buddhist
- Catholic
- Ethics (Years 3-4)
- Hindu
- Muslim
- Uniting

Sharleen Newcombe, Scripture Coordinator
Premier's Reading Challenge 2015: The Library at Denistone East PS each year supports and encourages students to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). This is a state-wide initiative by the NSW State Government which encourages students to foster a love of reading. Students must read or experience (depending on age) a set number of books during the year to qualify for a PRC certificate which is presented at the end of the year.

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The Challenge runs from 2 March to 21 August 2015. Students at our school will be automatically registered to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) after 3 March 2015. It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate showing the student’s name and school. Their name will also appear on the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll. Only the student’s name will appear in the Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list.

Students who do not wish to receive a certificate or be on the Honour Roll should not register for the Challenge. Please advise the school if you do not want your child to be registered.

PRC for Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2:
Students must experience 30 books. The library has provided your child’s teacher with a set of books which meet the PRC requirements. Teachers share these books during class time. Parents do not need to do anything because your child will qualify through the classroom. Library staff will enter data for K-2 students, and students will be eligible for a certificate.

However, if parents want to read PRC books to their children at home these are marked with a BLUE dot and can be borrowed each week by your child during their regular library lesson.

PRC for Years 3-6 Students:
Students are to read 20 books: 15 from a specified list which can be located online and five (5) free choice books. To make it easier for students to locate the correct literature, books in the library specified on the 3-4 list are marked with a RED dot and 5-6 lists with a YELLOW dot.

Students are encouraged to borrow PRC books during their library lesson. Additionally, books can be borrowed from local council libraries and these can be recorded as well. A log sheet to record books that have been read is available from the library or it is preferred that after 2 March, qualifying books are recorded online.

For Year 3-6 Reading Records are submitted online from home or from a computer in the library at lunchtime. Library staff are not able to enter data for students. We encourage students to enter their books as they read them.

It is highly recommended that 20 books be entered online for your child by 15 August, 2015.

Jenny Cavenagh and Jill Masters, Teacher Librarians

Chinese Eisteddfod: Due to the high number of Chinese Eisteddfod forms we have got back from parents, we will be auditioning native-speaker Chinese for the 4-6 & 7-9 age groups (Group Competition) this week during lunch time. We will send you information about the grouping & time of practice in the next newsletter. We need more non-native Chinese participants for the 4-7 & 8-12 age group (Group Competition). If you are considering entering your child in the competition, please send an email to denistonee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to express your interest.

For Individual Participants for the Native & Non-Native Chinese competitions, we will send out competition materials to parents next week so you can start practising the poem/s with your child and prepare him/her for the competition.

Any parents who are keen to participate in our practice sessions for Eisteddfod competition can send an email to school about it.
Lunar New Year – a celebration of Asian studies - Mandarin 中国新年
Thanks to all the parents and families for coming to our Chinese New Year celebration yesterday. Our students had an enjoyable time at school watching the Chinese New Year performances, engaging in new year craft activities & participating in different cultural activity stations.
We would like to especially thank all the parent helpers who helped out for the Chinese New Year Celebration. We would like to thank our Chinese New Year Parent Committees, Michelle Leung, Grace Paw, Mabel, Connie, Amy for the time and dedication they put in making this event happen, Carmen Choi, Michelle Moore & Helena for preparing a sumptuous Morning Tea for our guests and teachers and David our parent photographer for taking photos for us throughout the event. Phyllis, Amy, Dianne, Gace P, Connie, Evelyn, May, Lin Meng, Emily, Jing, Hong Shi, Joey, Nancy, Sandy, Lily, Penny, Mabel, Daisy & Mini, parents who were in charge of the cultural activity stations. Michelle L, Carmen Choi, Joey, Ivy & Lina for helping with the school hall & COLA decoration.
It was also delightful to see many parents and grandparents who turned up and helped us to run some of the game stations with the teachers yesterday.
We wish everyone a prosperous and joyful year ahead in the Year of the Sheep!

Sarah Liang & Paul Treacy, Mandarin Teachers

Sport News

Softball: On Friday 20 February the girls' softball team won 9-0 against Melrose Park. Player of the Match was Bethany for outstanding catching and batting.
The boys' softball team played immensely well against Melrose Park winning 4-0. Player of the Match was Liam for accurate throws to first base.

Lucy Besson

T-Ball: Friday 20 February saw the boys play a fun and hard game against Melrose Park that we lost by one point. Everyone tried their best and everyone wanted to win. The Sports Award went to Robbie B! Hugh and Cody DEPS - 8 to MP - 9.
On Friday 20 February, the girls’ T-ball team had a great game against Melrose Park and won by one point! It was a close game. The Sports Award went to Grace V! Sophie and Alannah DEPS - 9 to MP – 8

Chris Jackson

Cricket: Today 20 February the junior boys played a great game against Ryde Public School. Jack took 3 wickets, Cooper and Harley hit a 6 with some outstanding fielding by all. The final score was 87-15, with Player of the Match going to Shaan. Skills Award goes to Macey and the Best and Fairest Award goes to Angus. A great victory to Denistone East. Cooper and Harley
The senior boys played an awesome game with two of our batsman retiring with over 20 runs each. Well done Conor and Lucas. Great consistency was the key to our success and a great wicket and catch by Raymon which made up for his lateness (ha ha). Player of the Match went to Conor and Lucas, while Skills went to Max B. Best and Fairest went to Max H. although Mrs Magri feels the whole team should get it after outstanding sportsmanship. Ryde PS had a very new team to the game of cricket and our boys helped them out by explaining the rules, helping them put the gear on properly and cheered them on when they scored a run. Well done Denistone East.

Eeson and Ben
Lee Magri

PSSA was cancelled on Friday 27 February due to the wet weather.
Canteen News

Thursday 5 March is the Swimming Carnival; please remember Years 3-6 MUST NOT order recess or lunch. You will not be at school so you must have your recess and food with you. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 recess and lunch orders will be as usual.

PSSA – 3-6 ONLY: please remember to update your munch monitor accounts and also check that your classes are updated to 2015 classes otherwise your lunches will go in the wrong tubs.

Volunteers: Thanks to all the lovely parents who have put their hands up to help out in the canteen this year – your help is very much appreciated

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Anne-Marie

P&C Update

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 to meet the P&C, learn more about what we do and hear what is happening around the school.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, WELCOME MORNING TEA: We had a great turn out for the Kindy parent welcome morning tea on Thursday 19 February. It was good to see so many new parents turn up and get to speak to them about the school and the work of the P&C! Thanks to all those mums who came to help me with this event, from setting up, welcoming parents, to making morning tea and cleaning up. Your help is always so appreciated! Thanks also to Mr Ploeg for taking time out to talk to parents.
DON’T FORGET – VOLUNTEER FORMS: If you haven’t returned the volunteer form sent out a few weeks ago, please do so asap. The more people who can put their hand up to help around the school the better. Thank you to those parents who have already put their forms in. We will contact you over the next few weeks regarding how you can help.

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: Save the Date:  RIDE TO SCHOOL – Thursday 19 MARCH, 7.15am

- It’s that time of year again when we ask all families to LEAVE THE CAR at home and RIDE, SCOOT, WHEEL their way to school!
- All students, siblings, parents, teacher, aunts, uncles, grandparents and carers are encouraged to participate. Leave the car at HOME or if you can’t, PARTWAY is OK!
- The event starts at 7.15am on the SCHOOL ADMIN/basketball court side of the school. The raffle will be drawn at 8.45am after the DEPS Guitar Ensemble performances.
- Students will be “parking” their bikes in the designated year areas from 9.15am. Pick up is at NORMAL bell time. Kindy will be in the Kindy COLA area, Yrs 1-6 adjacent to DEBASCA. If your child goes to DEBASCA, please inform them BEFORE the event so that they know to mark off your child as well as their “wheels” and park them safely.
- Pre Registration in the Globe area, (beside the canteen), will occur of a morning before the bell in the week leading up to the event. THE EVENT IS FREE!! We will be issuing special DEPS number plates to all who pre register. All students participating are required to have their NAME and CLASS written in permanent marker on the “number plate” so that “wheels” are clearly identified on the day.
- There will be a FREE BBQ breakfast on offer and lots of giveaways.
- Helmets are compulsory for anyone riding and MUST be labeled with the child’s name.
- As a parent/carer - Identify where you will drop off your child and “wheels” before the day. Have you thought about linking in with other parents and students taking same route to establish buddies? Review the route, no matter how small or large with your child and plan the journey.

We are calling for volunteers to help with the event:
- Letterbox drop
- Pre Registration desk leading up to the day
- Breakfast/BBQ crew on the day
- Registration Desk on the day
- Parking of wheels I the morning
- Afternoon pick up of wheels
- Sourcing items for the “WHEEL” inspired raffle

Anyone who is available to help or would like further information on how they can be involved, please email Jenn on cliftonfam@optusnet.com.au
WALKING WEDNESDAY’S TALLIES START THIS WEEK - All kids are reminder to WALK to school EVERY WEDNESDAY.

Don’t forget to SLIP, SLOP SLAP!

Each class needs to put in at least 1 class tally on a Wednesday in March to participate.

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

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” — Plato

Welcome

Training Band starts the first Wednesday morning training tomorrow. Welcome to all new starters. Holland Ensemble will join us from Term 2. There are two more vacancies in junior guitar ensemble and one in immediate guitar ensemble waiting to be filled. If interested, please contact Evelyn Lee on 0410 439 876 or email denomusicpay@gmail.com.

Band Camp 2015

We appreciated your assistance in the band camp last year and we trust everybody liked it. So, we will do it again this year. Your child is invited to Band Camp 2015. It will be held on the third weekend of November at the same place as last year.

Date : 14 to 15 November 2015
Place : Namaroo Conference Centre, Lane Cove

Band Camp is a good opportunity to allow your child to collaborate in a musical performance in a bigger tailored program group. There will be lots of fun…stay tuned!

Message from Music Treasurer

If we have not received your payment by 28 February 2015, you no longer qualify for the Annual Enrolment Early Bird Discount and you will receive updated invoices for each term. Your payment for Term One is now overdue; please pay as soon as possible.

New Music Lesson Policy

A Music Lesson Policy is being introduced this year to help ensure private music lessons in the school run smoothly. The policy covers responsibilities of tutors and parents in this arrangement. The document has been distributed to all tutors teaching at the school. If your child is receiving music lessons from a tutor at the school, expect to receive a copy of the policy from the tutor in the next week or two.

Instrument Sales and Hires

Sometimes it is a difficult decision to buy an expensive music instrument when your child just starts playing, so we have instruments for hire. Also, the yearly inventory review found some brass instruments that can be sold. If anyone is interested in purchasing these, please contact Rowena rowena.henery@gmail.com. Prices are negotiable.
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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 NEW Date:** School Clean Up Day – Friday 6 March
Our School Clean Up Day was postponed due to wet weather and will now take place at 3pm this Friday 6 March.

Everyone is invited to participate.

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.

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
JOIN A COLLEGE TOUR
Meet with the Principal, senior staff and students
- Co-educational
- Partial Selective
- GAT class in each year 7-10
- Support Unit
- Wide range of subjects, including 3 elective lines in Stage 5

2015 TOUR DATES FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
Wed 11 March, 9.30am - 11.30am (Prospective Yr 7 2016 only)
Wed 18 March, 3.30pm - 5.00pm (Prospective Yr 7 2016 only)
Wed 20 May, 9.30am - 11.30am
Wed 17 June, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Wed 15 July, 9.30am - 11.30am
Wed 22 July, 3.30pm - 5.00pm (Prospective Yr 8-12 Selective)
Wed 19 August, 9.30am - 11.30am
Wed 21 October, 3.30pm - 5.00pm (Prospective Yr 7 2017 Selective)
Wed 18 November, 9.30am - 11.30am

Closing dates for Selective Stream applications
Yr 8-12: 28 July, 2015
Yr 7: 16 November, 2015

Our students, our future. Confident, compassionate and successful.
Malvina Street Ryde 2112  Ph: 9809 4894  Email: rydes-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

MARSDEn HIGH SCHOOL
Contact 9874 6544
Winbourne Street
West Ryde

OPEN DAY
10th March 4.30 - 6.30pm
Partners in education with: Macquarie University
Northern Sydney TAFE
Johnson & Johnson
Principal’s address 4.30pm followed by school tours
Take this opportunity to meet our students and staff and see all that Marsden High School can offer.

Preschool Open Day
10am to 2pm
Saturday 7th March 2015
Child focused
Holistic
Innovative
Life skills
Developmentally appropriate

The Children's House
109 Cressy Road, North Ryde
PH: 98890400
www.sydneymontessorisociety.nsw.edu.au
**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 plays
- Bringing our own stories to life
- Playing characters
- Exploring the world from other 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 9th February.

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

Where: The Old Rye Library, 1 Devlin St, Rye, entrance on the corner of Devlin St and Blaxland Rd.

How much: $60 per term, payable at the first session of term, cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to City of Rye.

Bookings, queries, more information: email R/Theatre@Ryde.nsw.gov.au, phone 0410 383 118 or check us out on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/rydeouththeatre.
Kids Club - Cartooning Workshop with Mike
Come and join us for a fantastic afternoon of cartooning fun!
Ages: 8 - 12yrs
When: 30 March 2015
Where: Ryde Library
Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm
Cost: $10.00
Bookings Essential, Call 9952 8352.

Kids Club - Scienza Viva
Let’s have fun with science workshop
Ages: 5 - 12yrs
When: 27 April 2015
Where: Ryde Library
Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm
Cost: $8.00
Bookings Essential, Call 9952 8352.

More activities
Kids Club runs every Monday from 4.00 - 5.00pm (except school holidays) to join us for more activities including Wii games, Lego, craft and more! Special activities at advertised cost otherwise free. Ryde Library, 1 Pose Street, Ryde (in Too Ryde City Shopping Centre).

New Junior Basketball
YMCA Indoor Sports Comps are a fun way to make friends and maintain your fitness rain, hail or shine. Register your team now!
Red Robin Kindergarten

8:00am – 6:00pm
2 – 5 years
Ph: 9874 5717
kindy@redrobin.com.au
19 Welby St
Eastwood, 2122

For more information visit our website

Contact our friendly Director, Melissa!

Vacancies now available!

RYDE PANTHERS FOOTBALL CLUB

COME AND JOIN THE PINK BRIGADE!

Ryde Panthers PINK PANTHER Girls League
Recruiting Under 6,7, 8,9 & 10 girls
Join our PINK PANTHERS girls team
for the 2015 season, includes FREE pink soccer ball!
Go to www.rydepanthers.com

PINK PANTHER Information:
Girls League Contact: Adriana Longhitano
adriana_longhitano@hotmail.com, M: 0409 998 944

Join us for a free workshop on Social Skills in children with Autism

PARENTS OR CARERS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART!

Run by a Northcott Speech Pathologist, this workshop will help you to support your child’s social skills at school and in the home environment.

TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:
✓ Understanding social skill challenges faced by children with autism
✓ How to teach those social skills
✓ Advice on professionals who can help
✓ Links to other resources available

Please contact Merry on 0448 368 791 or email merry.chau@northcott.com.au for more information or to book a spot!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AS SPACES ARE LIMITED.

VARIous DATES AND LOCATIONS
Light morning tea provided

GLADESVILLE - LIBRARY
5 Pillarwood Road, Gladesville
29th March
10am-1pm

PARRAMATTA - NORTHCOTT
1 Fennel Street, North Parramatta
3rd March
10am-1pm

RUNSTVILLE - ADHC
391 Forest Road Hornsby
1st April
10am-1pm

FAIRFIELD - ADHC
Level 4, 29 Smart St Fairfield
2nd April
10am-1pm

During the April School Holidays, we are also running free Social Skills Workshops for children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Disability aged 9-12 years. Please let Merry know if you would like your child to take part.
St Dunstan’s Preschool Kindergarten Reunion:

We are hosting an afternoon tea for 2014 students and their families:
When: Wednesday 11 March
Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm
At the preschool.
The staff are all looking forward to seeing you again.

112 Lovell Road, Eastwood NSW, T 02 9887 1481, F 02 98891616
E mail@stdunstanskidergarten.com.au
W stdpk.org.au

Kind regards
Julie Greenberry, St Dunstan’s Preschool Kindergarten

We believe that every child’s sense of agency should be nurtured in a friendly, supportive and inclusive environment to foster individual strengths and interests, in partnership with their families.
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 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!

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 Councils facebook page and website.

For more information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au