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Principal’s Desktop

It has been brought to our attention that a number of parents have not been consistently receiving the email notification regarding newsletter distribution. We have been informed that on occasions the Department of Education blocks certain email providers from time to time and that email providers also block DEC emails from time to time. We would like to apologise for this issue and ensure parents that this is not a deliberate action on our part. It is hoped that in the coming weeks this issue will be resolved with the introduction of the ‘school bag’ notification app, available for both android and apple users.

A reminder for all parents to return the ‘green’ contact information sheets to school. Please return these sheets even if there are no changes to be made so that individual family details can be confirmed as complete.

Exemptions from School: A few weeks ago we published some information in the newsletter for parents regarding attendance. Within that information there was a section on family travel. While parents could previously apply for attendance exemption for their children to travel during school term, exemptions will no longer be provided for travel. Families are strongly encouraged to travel in school holiday periods. If travel within the school term is unavoidable, please ask the office for an Application for Extended Leave Travel form and submit this to the office. If the application is accepted, the parents will be provided with a certificate of extended leave. This form will shortly be made available on the schools website under attendance in Our School section.

Appointments / Phone calls to Teachers: If you have a concern or query about your child’s learning, the staff at Denistone East PS encourages all parents to let us know. The first “port of call” should always be the class teacher, as they will have the best knowledge of your child’s learning. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to your child’s teacher please either email a note or contact the office.

If it is an urgent matter, you can phone to talk to the teacher but please be aware that teachers cannot take phone calls during the teaching day. Likewise, if you phone before or after school, many teachers may also have meetings. If you call after 9.10am, you may not be put through to the teacher as they are preparing for class. Please be assured that we value open communication with parents, and our teachers will be happy to make an appointment to discuss your concerns at any time during the year.

Or course, if there is an emergency and you need to discuss something with us urgently, please phone the office and ask to speak to either myself, Mrs Bogdanovic, Miss Verinder or one of the Assistant Principals.

Swimming Carnival: We were again very fortunate to be able to use the amazing Ryde Aquatic facility for our swimming carnival. The ability to have over 350 students comfortably seated, engaged in timed 50 metre races and water play activities, all in an all-weather facility with an additional 50 to 100 parent spectators, is fantastic. We should also be very proud of the way our students so fervently support their peers whether they are in the same sporting house or not! The competitive spirit and support for all swimmers was also reflected in the wider Denistone East community. We thank all of the parents and grandparents who attended the carnival to cheer our students on. Thank you to our student helpers from Epping Boys HS and all the Denistone East staff who worked so well together to ensure the day ran smoothly. A particular note of thanks to our Stage 3 teachers who worked so well together to organise the carnival this year.

Teuni Ploeg, Principal

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Please ensure you go online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au to book your child’s parent/teacher interview. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you are unable to book in online. There have been a large number of bookings secured already, which is great!

Please note that this 10 minute interview is about an exchange of information. Teachers will be informing parents of how their child is progressing and how they have settled in this year. Parents will be asked to relay any relevant information that may have arisen. Remembering that teachers will be adhering to the time allocation of 10 minutes, please be on time for your interview.

Student Representative Council (SRC): All students that have been selected as an SRC representative for their class will have their first meeting on Thursday 19 March. At this meeting students will discuss the types of events and fundraising that they would like to be involved in this year. The SRC will also support some of the events that P&C will run throughout the year.

Students will meet during lunchtime.

ANZAC Day: Just a reminder that if you are a service person (current or past) and would like to attend and be a part of our ANZAC day service on Friday 24 April, please contact the school office on 9874 6678 and leave your details for further contact. Thank you to the school community members who have already contacted us.

Parents and community members are also invited to attend the assembly in the hall.
Epping RSL Sub-branch ANZAC Day Services:
Sunday 12 April – ANZAC Sunday Service at the Epping Club at 2:00pm in the Ballroom, followed by a march to Boronia Park Cenotaph for a wreath laying.
Saturday 25 April - ANZAC DAY Dawn Service at Frost Park Epping, assemble at 5:45am cnr Epping and Blaxland Roads for march to Frost Park for 6:00am service.

Expression of Interest High School application: All application forms have been sent home, please ensure they are completed and returned to the school administration office by Friday 20 March 2015. Please see the calendar on our school website for relevant dates related to this process.

Katrina Verinder, Deputy Principal

PSSA Winter Trials: Students 3-6 will be participating in PSSA Winter Trials this Friday 20 March. The sports the students can try out for are: Senior Boys and Girls Tiger Tag, Junior and Senior Girls Netball, Junior and Senior Boys AFL (there are limited positions available for girls in the AFL teams as well), Senior Girls and Boys Soccer and Junior Boys Soccer. We are aware that there are a number of Zone Trials also happening on Friday, therefore students will also have an opportunity to trial for a team on Monday afternoon.

Interrelate ‘Say No to Bullying’ Poster Competition: Congratulations to Harriet H in 6B who has won a highly commended certificate in the Interrelate 2015 “Say No to Bullying’ Poster Competition. Harriet has been invited to a special awards ceremony with his Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley, Governor of New South Wales this Friday 20 March. A fantastic effort Harriet supporting the importance of not being a bystander and supporting a person being bullied.

Tania Bogdanovic, Deputy Principal

Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who will receive awards or badges in Friday’s assembly.

Bronze Certificates:
Michael H (3M)

SchoolBiz

Lost Property: The lost property is kept outside the teachers’ staff room. Each fortnight items that are labelled will be returned to students classes if they have not already been retrieved from lost property. For all school items at the end of the fortnight without a name, they will be given to the uniform shop. Thank you

Bronte Osborn

School Values (PBEL)
Congratulations to those students who have received merits in the past two weeks. These students received these merit awards for following the school classroom values (safe, respectful, learner).

Student Merit Awards:
Merit awards will be given to students by classroom teachers throughout the two week period between assemblies. Students who receive a merit award within this time frame, will be asked to stand at assembly and be acknowledged and congratulated for their achievements.
All students will be engaged in lesson activities about what the classroom expectations are in relation to our school values. This is what teachers will be looking for to give students merit awards. We are currently doing a review of our system for consequences, including the use of strikes. Once this has been finalised we will inform students and parents of the changes.

School Values Committee

Issue 2 Bookclub is due back to school on Wednesday 18 March. Please make sure your envelopes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. No change is given for orders that are paid in cash.

Chriss Roberts, Book club Coordinator

Library News: Premier’s Reading Challenge: Well done to all the students in Years 3-6 who have shown an interest in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. To follow on from the information that was provided in the last newsletter, students need to use their school username and password to log into the Premier’s Reading Challenge website. The username hasn’t changed from last year, but the password was recently changed via the note to their classroom teacher. Once the student has logged into the PRC website, there are two ways to enter the book that the student has read. One way is using the Student Reading Record and as the title is typed, the rest of the information appears, and then press Add. The other way is using the Booklists, finding the book, and then pressing Add.

Teacher Librarians are happy to help the students in the library lessons or in the second half of lunch Tuesday-Friday. Students who want to log into the PRC website on the library computers at lunchtime are given priority. For Year 3 students, as this is their first year of using the PRC website themselves, time will be given in library lessons to demonstrate and practise this.

Returning books before school: Thank you to all the students who are returning their library books before school. This is encouraged because it allows the library staff to get a head start on returning the books. It also extends the life of the library crates, so that they don’t have to carry all the library books of a class.

Jill Masters, Teacher Librarian

Scripture- Easter Service: Our combined Scripture Easter Service will be held on Tuesday 31 March from 9:30am. Parents are invited to attend the Easter Service. If you do not wish your child to attend there will be a non-attendance note to send back to the class teacher.

Sharlene Newcombe, Scripture Coordinator

National Chinese Eisteddfod Competition 全国中文朗诵比赛: Thanks for all the parents who have submitted an expression of interest for their child in the Chinese Eisteddfod. We have sent in all 22 individual competition entrants through to Chinese Education Council this week and have sent all the information regarding individual competition to families who have expressed their interest. If you have entered your child in the individual competition but have not yet received any information, please let the Mandarin teachers know.

We have auditioned 38 students for the group competitions. Students who are selected to be in the 4-6 & 7-9 group competitions have already been given information about time of practice & choice of poems. Please let us know if you have not yet received the information.

Native-Chinese: We have started the Chinese Eisteddfod rehearsals during lunch times. Practise will take place every week until the end of the May. Please see below for students in the respective groups and remind your child to come for practice during their allocated lunch sessions. If you would like assist us in practice sessions during lunch time, please kindly let us know.

For parents of both Individual and group participants, please find time to practise the selected poems with your children to ensure they are familiar with the chosen poem/s. Further information will be given in regards to the scheduled time for different groups of competitions once we have the information from the Chinese Language Education Council. We are looking forward to a successful competition. Should you have questions at this stage please do not hesitate to contact Ms Liang or Mr Treacy on 9874 6678.

我们在过去的午休时间，已陆续与学生开始了全国中文朗诵比赛的练习。练习会一直到五月底。4-6团体组别的练习时间现暂定周三和周五。7-9团体组别的练习时间现暂定周一和周二。报名参加个人比赛的同学，因我们不安排个别训练的时间，家长在家中与小朋友练习选材。因为练习时间有限，我们鼓励家长能抽空在家里与学生多练习要背诵的比赛诗。中文教育理事会将会在比赛前两周告知学校不同组别的参赛时间。如您有任何关于朗诵比赛的问题，请致电 9874 6678 向梁老师和 Treacy 老师查询。
4-6 Native Chinese Eisteddfod Group: (Practice sessions on every Wednesday & Friday during lunch)

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Chinese New Year Design Competition & Poetry Competition: All the winning art work & poems from the Chinese New Year Competitions are now displayed on the noticeboard outside the office. We would like to congratulate the following winners from K-6,

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We would like to thank all the parents and community members that assisted in the setup, organisation and pack up for the Lunar New Year celebrations.

Sarah Liang and Paul Treacy, Community Language Teachers
Sport News

Swimming Carnival Presentation: As part of our normal 3-6 assembly this Friday which is being organised by 3M we will be presenting our swimming carnival awards. Those students who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in an event as well as those students who finished age champion or runner up will be receiving an award. If your child is being presented as either age champion or runner up you will be notified via email. Parents are welcome to attend.

Cameron Jones

Denistone East would like to congratulate Jay Kay R from 3B who won the 8 year old Boys State Little Athletics Multi Championship event held over 7 and 8 March. JK won by 50 points after competing in long jump, discus, shot put, 70m sprint, 200m sprint and 700m. He competed against athletes from all over NSW.

Softball: Friday 6 March the girls played against Truscott Street. The score was a 13-2 win to DEPS. Player of the Match was Yi Tong for outstanding fielding and batting. Olivia was most improved for some great fielding on base. The boys played against Truscott Street. The score was 2-3 Truscott Street's way but Deno played amazingly well. Player of the Match goes to Max for some great throwing. Most improved went to Matt who kept cool and concentrated really well batting.

Friday 13 March the girls versed Eastwood Heights and the score was 5-2 our way. Player of the Match was Andrea because she did great batting. The most improved was Georgia because she played really well. The boys had a close game against Eastwood Heights. The other team fielded well and caught all our sky balls. Good hitting and sneaking from Justin and Yianni secured us the two runs which won us the game. We were very strong in the fielding, Max caught really well and Liam took a great catch. Final score 2-0 to us!

Lucy Besson

T-Ball: Girls: Friday 6 March we versed Truscott Street. It was a tough game for the girls who lost 13-4. Player of the Match was Allanah and the Sports Award went to Cleo. Boys: Friday 6 March we versed Truscott St. We played extremely well. The score was a 7-6 win to DEPS. Player of the Match went to Alex I and Skills Award went to Alex H.

Girls: Friday 13 March DEPS vs Eastwood Heights. The girls started strong but had a few unlucky bounces of the ball in the second half. They lost by 3. The score was 12 to 15. Sportsmanship - Sophie P, Player of the week - Kyra L. Boys: DEPS vs Eastwood Heights. Deno came out fighting and were inspired by a huge home run hit by Flynn C in the early innings. The boys won a great game 13 to 11. Sportsmanship - Zakaria A and Player of the Week - Flynn

Chris Jackson

Cricket: Friday 6 March saw the juniors lose a tight game against Gladesville 73 to 71. Great batting by Harley who scored 32 runs. Player of the Match was Ari, Skills Award to J.K. and Best and Fairest to Sam P. Cooper and Harley. Friday 6 March also saw the seniors go down to Gladesville by 12 runs. Gladesville had won the Nationals competition so we did play very well. Player of the Match was Ben P, Skills Award to Ashwin and Best and Fairest to Ravi. Ben and Ashwin

Friday 13 March saw us play a cracker match against Eastwood Heights winning by 31 runs. Shaan took 3 wickets while Gus earned 25 runs. Everyone played well and pulled together as a team. Score was 104 - 73 with Player of the Match going to Shaan, Skills Award going to JK and Best and Fairest went to Macy. Cooper and Harley Round five was an extremely close game for the seniors. It came down to the last ball, which we hit a four on and won the game. Great batting from Raymon as he pushed the run rate up with some great hits and good decision making. Awesome catches from Henry and Conor. Final score was 5/45 to 9/43. Player of the Match goes to Raymon, Skills Award goes to Henry and Best and Fairest goes to Inesh. Eeson

Lee Magri

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Thanks to all our wonderful helpers through Term 1 and especially all the new parents who have joined the volunteering train. We really appreciate your time and effort and your children love seeing you here. Please let us know if you can continue to help in Term 2 or you need to change your availability.

**Reminder: LAST DAY OF TERM – NO ORDERS – CANTEEN CLOSED FOR CLEANING**

Term 2 sees a slight change in the menu which the canteen committee will be finalising in the next few weeks. Please see us if you have any ideas for the winter menu. Our major distributing company has recently changed hands so we will be looking into stock items, quality and price.

**Years 3-6 only:** Reminder PSSA for Winter sports in Terms 2 and 3 – please update your munch monitor accounts.

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**Anne-Marie**

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### P&C Update

**EASTER BASKET RAFFLE - Thursday 26 MARCH**

It’s coming up to that time of yummy chocolate and fluffy bunnies! Yes the Easter Basket Raffle is back! On Thursday 26 March. The SRC will be selling raffle tickets in class for $1 each. You can buy as many tickets as you like (within reason!) and tickets will also be sold at the canteen before the bell for the rest of the week. The raffle will be drawn during the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April. Good luck!

**READ-A-THON**

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** – **THIS** 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, teachers, 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 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 is on.

- 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 LOTS OF volunteers to help with the event:**
  - Breakfast/BBQ crew on the day
  - Registration Desk on the day
  - Parking of wheels I the morning
  - Afternoon pick up of wheels

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 WEDNESDAYS** 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
Well done Grainger Ensemble for performing in the Chinese New Year Celebration Day. Our Training Band has started the morning training every Wednesday. Thank you to those who responded to “Riding for the Disabled Easter Fair”. Unfortunately we have had to cancel our participation in this event. There are still lots of performance opportunities to come in 2015. See Summary of Events in 2015.

Your child needs to join our bands or ensembles before participating in these events. There are still vacancies in bands (flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, and euphonium) and Holland ensemble (violin). Junior Percussion Ensemble has just one spot left and a drumming kit is ready for hire.

Please contact Evelyn Lee on 0410 439 876 or email denomusicpay@gmail.com if you are interested.

Music Volunteers - Some of the major events (such as Mid Year Performance and Band Camp) and fundraising require volunteers to help. Please email denomusicord@gmail.com if you can assist.

Instrument Sales and Hires - If anyone is interested in purchasing or hiring an instrument listed in the previous edition, please email Rowena rowena.henery@gmail.com for availability and cost.

Ride2School - Senior and Intermediate Guitar Ensembles will perform at school playground. Intermediate Band will stay in the Band Room for their usual Thursday morning rehearsal.

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<td>Guitar DEBACCA Performance</td>
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<td>Grainger Ensemble, Intermediate Band, and Sculthorpe Ensemble Assembly Performance</td>
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<td>Grainger Ensemble performs in Opera House.</td>
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<td>UNSW Band Festival</td>
<td>Intermediate and Senior Bands collaborate with other schools in UNSW.</td>
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<td>November</td>
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<td>String Solo</td>
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Election Day Busking - All the Kids in music program are encouraged to participate as this is a great opportunity for them to actively involve our music program work. The performance time per student is around eight to ten minutes. They can play any instrument, and it can be a solo, duet etc.

Please email -
Amali: amalikumarage@gmail.com
Naomi: denomusicord@gmail.com

Henry, Olivia, Isabella, Patrick, Ricky, Ella, Zachary, Bodhi, Charlotte, David, and Jay have signed in. Thank you 😊

“Music is forever; music should grow and mature with you, following you right on up until you die.” — Paul Simon

P&C Music Committee - Naomi Maslen – 0404 876 201- denomusicord@gmail.com

CASUAL FRIDAY GARDENING CLUB (CFGC): Over the past fortnight we have topped up the classroom pot plants around the school and classes will continue to water and care for them. Garden Club meets at the Globe each Monday evening at 6.30pm during Term 1. Everyone is welcome to attend, please bring your own gloves.

School Clean Up Day – A big thank you to all the children, staff and parents who helped to clean up the school both throughout the school day and in the afternoon. The grounds looked great at the end of the day.

Special thanks to the following families for their clean-up effort after school, Trinh, Boccabella, Cokely, Lee, Song, Maslen, Henery, Chan, Nam, Qin, Wilde, Ma, Wang, Beurskens, Parnham, Pederson, Zhang, Khederlarian, Cho, Ouyang, Hayes, Cho, Varma, Paw, Mu, Leung.

We encourage everyone to continue to pack a waste free lunch where possible, and remind children to place rubbish in the bins.

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
Enrollment Open for Korean Writing Class 2015:
Term 1
Starting date: Monday 2 February
Finishing date: Monday 30 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.
If you are interested in the Korean Writing class and require more information, please contact the coordinating teacher: Jinsuk Yoo Mob: 0433 437 777
E-mail: rosajinyoo@gmail.com

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 includes:
• Acting and improvisation
• Creating our own tales
• 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 the 9th February.
What time: Doors open at 3:30pm when a light afternoon snack will be available. Workshops start at 4:00pm and finish at 5:30pm.
Where: The Old Ryde Library, 1 Devlin St, Ryde, entrance on the corner of Devlin St and Station Rd.
How much: $60 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 info@rydetheatre.com or phone 0410 353 118 or check us out on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/rydetheatre

JOIN A COLLEGE TOUR
MEET WITH THE PRINCIPAL, SENIOR STAFF AND STUDENTS
Partial Selective Co-educational 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/FAMILIES
Wednesday 11 March, 9.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday 18 March, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday 25 March, 9.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday 22 July, 9.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday 29 July, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday 26 August, 9.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday 2 September, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday 16 November, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 17 December, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Closing dates for Selective Stream applications 28 July 2015
Closing date for Local Students 28 August 2015
Closing date for Non-Local Students 24 August 2015
Our students, our future. Confident, compassionate and successful.
Malvina Street Ryde 2112 Ph: 9809 4894 Email: rydesh.h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL
GIFTED AND TALENTED
SELECTION TESTS
for Year 7 and 8, 2016

2015 Year 6 and 7 students have the opportunity
to sit an entry test for Hunters Hill High School
Year 7 and 8, 2016 extension classes on

SATURDAY 21 MARCH,
9.30am in the school hall

Phone or email the school to reserve your place
by Thursday 12 March

Hunters Hill High School
Kesby Road, Hunters Hill, NSW, 2110
phone: 9817 4965  fax: 8816 3297
email: huntershill-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
web: www.huntershill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
follow us on twitter @HuntersHHS

Join us for free a 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 these social skills
• Advice on professionals who can help
• Links to other resources available

Please contact Merry on 0448 366 791 or
email merry.chaus@northcott.com.au
for more information or to book a spot!

Bookings are essential
as spaces are limited.

PLEASE NOTE: Child care will not be available on the day.

Kids Club - Cartooning Workshop
with Mike

Come and join us for a fantastic afternoon of
cartooning fun!

Ages: 8 - 12yrs
When: 30 March 2016
Where: Ryde Library
Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm
Cost: $10.00

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 Page Street, Ryde (in Top Ryde City Shopping Centre).

EASTER FAIR
A CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH - 10:00AM TO 3:00PM
CULLODEN RD, MARSFIELD

Live Easter Bunny with Free Easter Eggs
Free Kids Easter Crafts + Prizes for Easter Hat Contest
Live Entertainment + Giant Raffle
Pony Rides & Dog Flyball Displays
Market Stalls & Car Boot Sale

Contact - rdabrenda@gmail.com

Kids Club - Scienza Viva
Let’s have fun with science workshop

Join us for hands-on activities in the world of
science. Perform experiments using food and
discover electric charges with balloons and more!

Ages: 5 - 12yrs
When: 25 May 2015
Where: Ryde Library
Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm
Cost: $10.00

Bookings Essential. Call 9952 8352.


City of Ryde
Lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep
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.rydepantahns.com

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

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

The best school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep your kids happy and entertained. Sign up for our Kids' Day Camps or Family Camps for the best holidays for your kids. Camps offer a variety of activities, including swimming, sports, arts and crafts, cooking, and more.

Info:
- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Batemans Bay
- Wagga Wagga
- Muswellbrook
- Nowra

Kids' Day Camps start from $47 per day for kids, $65 per day for adults, and $40 per day for seniors. Family Camps start from $60 per day for families and $100 per day for couples. Camps are located in various locations throughout NSW.

do.gov.au/kidscamps
do.gov.au/familycamps
13 18 03
facebook.com/nswrecreation

COMpletely FREE!

Go4Fun
Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

With each passing week I could see my son gaining confidence and showing interest in physical activities.

Elizabeth Chernishov, Go4Fun parent

A FREE 10 WEEK PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGED 7 TO 13 YEARS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO BECOME FITTER, EAT HEALTHIER AND IMPROVE THEIR SELF-ESTEEM.

WHEN
Wednesdays
4.30pm-6.30pm
Starts 22nd April

WHERE
Fix Australia
319 Penshurst St
Chatswood

REGISTER NOW
FREECALL 1800 780 900 OR GO4FUN.COM.AU
## OUR SPACE & THE SHACK SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM (One form per child)

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<td>Design and create your own wire Jewellery.</td>
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### PARTICIPANT’S (YOUNG PERSONS) DETAILS:

- **Full Name:**
- **D.O.B.:**
- **Address:**
- **Mobile:**
- **Email:**

### PARENT / GUARDIAN’S DETAILS: (To be completed by the parent / guardian)

- **Name:**
- **Address:**
Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns this Easter school holidays! There are 50+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under $20, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays.

Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers
All Day Holiday Recreational Program
Science, cooking, writing workshops
Cheerleading & gymnastics
Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze
ARTEXPRESS at the Armory workshops - FREE
Park Patrol - Spider Secrets
Sport & adventure camps
Space Racing for Kids
....and lots more

Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

Sydney Olympic Park Team
April School Holidays Program

MOVIE MAGIC
at your Library

Filmmaking Workshop
Step into the world of filmmaking with our fun and educational workshop that will teach you about creating a short film, building a character, and using film set language and then applying those lessons to make your own short film! Numbers are limited, so book now!

Age: 10 - 17 years  Cost: $25
Where: 13 April 2015
Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm
Where: West Ryde Community Hall, 3-5 Anthony Rd West Ryde
Bring: Lunch and snack. Water will be provided.
Bookings Essential.
Payment must be made prior to the day.

Felt Penguins of Madagascar
Design a colourful set of penguin misfits, as seen in the popular film, Penguins of Madagascar. What mischief will they get up to? We will have to wait and see.

Age: 7+  Cost: $3
Ryde Library: 08/04/2015 - 3.00 - 4.00pm
North Ryde Library: 15/04/2015 - 3.00 - 4.00pm
West Ryde Library: 10/04/2015 - 3.00 - 4.00pm
Eastwood Library: 16/04/2015 - 1.00am - 12.00pm
Bookings Essential.
Payment must be made prior to the day.

Frozen - Film Night
Come along and join us for a screening of Disney’s Frozen at Ryde Library. Sing along with us to all of the songs and don’t forget to dress up as your favourite character for a chance to win some great prizes in our costume competition!

Age: 5+ Cost: $3.00
Where: 14 April 2015
Time: 4.00 - 6.00pm
Where: Warriewood Community Hall, Ryde Library
Bookings Essential.
Payment must be made prior to the day.

Superhero Masks
Come along and design your own superhero mask, to go with your secret super identity. Book in fast for this craft session. Your city needs you!

Age: 5+ Cost: $3
Ryde Library: 08/04/2015 - 11.00am - 12.00pm
North Ryde Library: 08/04/2015 - 11.00am - 12.00pm
West Ryde Library: 10/04/2015 - 11.00am - 12.00pm
Eastwood Library: 09/04/2015 - 11.00am - 12.00pm
Bookings Essential.
Payment must be made prior to the day.

School Holiday Rhymetime
Come and join us for songs, rhymes and fingerplay.
Age: 0-2 Cost: Free
Ryde Library: 14/04/2015 - 10.30 - 11.00am
Gladesville Library: 10/04/2015 - 10.30 - 11.00am
Gladstone Library: 17/04/2015 - 10.30 - 11.00am

For more information call
(02) 9952 8352 or visit
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Library

City of Ryde