Dear Parents/Carers,

**Festival of the Arts**
Tonight we will be entertained by our performing arts students at the annual North Sydney Demonstration School Festival of the Arts concert. The concert will commence at 6.30 pm in the McHatton playground and is expected to conclude at 8.30pm. The following performance groups will be participating: Recorder Group, K-2 Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Alice in Wonderland Cast and Crew, Intermediate Band and Performance band. If you are attending the festival this evening we kindly request that you respect the privacy of all of our students before uploading images or videos to any social media sites. Please join us as we celebrate all of the hard work and passion that our children have put into music this year.

**TeachTalk**
Tomorrow afternoon we will be hosting teachers and educators from a number of private and public schools in a sharing and networking afternoon. Seven teachers from the DEM will join presenters from Sydney University, Killara Public School, Melrose Park Public School, Middle Harbour Public School and Cammeray Public School to share their ideas about best teaching practice. Interested teachers from other school will also be joining us. Thank you to Amanda Vaga for all of her hard work in coordinating this event.

**Card Art**
Order forms for Card Art went home yesterday. If you would like some great cards featuring your child’s amazing art work, make sure you have your order in by **Friday 1st November**. These are very handy at Christmas time and for celebrating those special birthdays. Examples are on the school website.

**Alice in Wonderland School Musical Tickets**
Tickets go on sale this Saturday for our school musical. There will be two performances (matinee and evening) on Wednesday 13 November. Parents attending the matinee session may collect their child from school and sign them back in at school at the conclusion of the performance. Can’t wait!!!!!

**Garage Sale**
Our next P & C fundraiser is the Dem Garage Sale on **Saturday 26th October**. We are participating in the National Garage Sale Trail as part of the North Sydney Council Initiative. As part of this initiative we need two or three quality items that are still in good condition to sell on the day. If you have any items you could donate you can drop them into the School office before Friday 25th October.

**Crows Nest Festival**
This Sunday, two of our wonderful bands, the intermediate and the performance band, will be playing at the Crows Nest Festival. Both of these bands have worked extremely hard to prepare a repertoire of music pieces to perform at this popular community event. The bands will be playing from 1.10 to 1.30 at the Blue School Stage on Willoughby Road (access via Albany Street). Our fabulous K-2 choir is also scheduled to perform from 1.50 to 2pm. All of the students involved would be excited to have a large audience from our school so please take the time to come down and support them!

**Congratulations and Good Luck**
To Tom Rees of 4MT who has qualified in the Double Skiff Manly Junior State Sailing Championships which commence from the 15 October. Happy sailing Tom! I feel the America’s Cup coming back to our shores in the not too distant future.

Myra Wearne, Principal
Dem News and Notices!

Term 4 Calendar Updates

Please add the following dates to your Term 4 calendar:

- **Thursday, 31st October** - League Tag Gala Day
- **Thursday, 7th November** - Year 3 Excursion to the Powerhouse Museum

Spectra Science Program

This is a reminder to all those budding scientists out there that the Spectra deadline is this Friday 18 October. Please could you hand your activities and Spectra cards into your class teacher. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Penn.

![Alice in Wonderland Jr.](image)

We are getting ever closer to the date for our *Alice in Wonderland* Musical Production and our performers and backstage crew are busily rehearsing and creating! Tickets go on sale on **19th October 2013** and will be available through [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

Keep an eye out for posters around our school.

Thank you very much for all of the families who have donated stools for the Performance and to everyone who has spent many hours crafting teacups. They look amazing!

**We are now looking for our last call out for props.**

We are still in desperate need of the following items –

- A large magnifying glass (preferably plastic)
- A large cookie jar
- A large novelty carrot
- A large, bright coloured tablecloth

If you have any of these items and are willing to **lend** NSDS one of them for our school production, please contact Peter Baldwin at peter.baldwin9@det.nsw.edu.au

**Thank you so much for your continued support!**
Enviro News

What's For Dinner? Since last term the Enviro Club at the Dem has been busy preparing the ground for our Bush Tucker garden. The Bush Tucker garden project is a result of a Green Schools grant that we received from North Sydney Council this year. We have been given the grant that will enable the whole school to utilise, manage and incorporate bush tucker into our conceptual learning programs. The aim of this project is to raise awareness of indigenous plants as well as promoting an understanding of sustainability and natural systems that support our food chain.

The Eco Ambassadors of the Dem has been given the opportunity to take part in the Bush Tucker Project. As part of the project the eco ambassadors will be going on an excursion to the Coal Loader Sustainability Centre in term 4. As well as learning what is involved in planting a garden, the eco ambassadors will also gain an insight into practical gardening activities (native plant species, garden design, planting, compost, soils mulch, building a garden bed, maintenance and pest control) provided by a professional organic gardening company.

If your child is an Eco Ambassador please ensure that their excursion permission slip is signed and returned to the office before Tuesday 22nd October.

The Environment Committee

TheDem Community News

Printing of articles does not indicate endorsement by the school

CatholicCare – Diocese of Broken Bay are holding Parenting Programs for parents.

1. Positive Parenting Program in 3 separate seminars, 10th October, 17th October and 24th October at Lane Cove Library.
2. 1-2-3 Magic for parents of children 2-9, 13th, 20th and 27th November at CatholicCare Naremburn Family Centre.
3. Group Work Program (Children 2-9), Tuesdays from 15/10 to 26/11.

Bookings essential – call 8425 8700
**Library News**

**Calling for more photos for our Who Likes To Read wall!**

Last year as part of our celebration for the National Year of Reading, a “Who Likes To Read” photo wall was created in the library. Children love to share photos with their peers and what a great way to celebrate and encourage reading by submitting a photo of your child reading or sharing their favourite books with a special someone. A big thank you to Zaya (1KV), Matilda H (1MT) and the students at 4DM for sending in their pictures at the end of last term. It was greatly appreciated. Please keep them coming!

**Overdues**

Currently there are quite a few students still have overdue books borrowed for the last school holidays. While we don’t charge students for overdues, to ensure the smooth running of our lending service, books need to be returned on time. Please help your child to return their books. Every student is given 2 weeks to read and return their books. If a longer reading period is needed they can have their books renewed during their library lesson with Mrs Hissink or me.

Due to the Teach Talk event, the library will be **closed this Thursday after school.**

Mrs A Bennett  Library Teacher (alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au)

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**University Partnership Updates**

**Teach Talk at the Dem**

This Thursday afternoon NSDS is hosting an exciting networking opportunity in the library. Over 120 teachers from a range of schools and academics from the University of Sydney will be attending this event. Teach Talk is an informal opportunity that has been initiated by the Dem, to allow schools to come together and share a project, program or new innovation they have been involved in. Eight of our staff members will be presenting about the Action Learning Projects and new initiatives we have been involved in this year. Three of our Interns from the University of Sydney will also be presenting their Action Learning Projects that were conducted last term.

We anticipate that this will also be a great opportunity for our staff to find out about other innovative programs and projects that are being conducted in other schools. **Due to this event, the library will be closed on Thursday after school.**

**Pre Service Teachers Have Started!**

This week we met our new Pre Service teachers who will be joining us from the University of Sydney for the next four weeks. Dr Jon Callow visited these students today and will be working closely with us to ensure that they have a successful practicum experience at the Dem. Next week we will be welcoming our Pre Service teachers from the 2nd Year Bachelor of Education program.
Farewell Music Students

We would like to thank our two Pre Service teachers from the Conservatorium of Music who have almost completed their practicum experience. Congratulations to:

Miss Iris Xinyang Li
Miss Grace Paik

We wish you all the very best for the rest of your University course and your future teaching career.

Thanks must also go to Mrs Taryn Hanley and Miss Andrea Watts for supporting these students.

For further information about the partnership with the University of Sydney please visit our school Website.

Amanda Vaga
Assistant Principal & Practicum Coordinator

FABStar! Features

FABStar! is an initiative to recognise positive behaviours in the playground.
Two FABStar! slips (one from K-2, one from 3-6) were drawn from all the students who received FABStar! slips in recognition of their positive behaviours on the playground last week.

The Year 3-6 Fabstar for this week is Luka Gwozdecky Year 3 for carefully handing in some glasses he found.
Demonstration School P&C

Fundraising Garage Sale here at school!
Saturday 26 October * 8.30am to 1.00pm

Here’s how everyone at school can help!

Donate good stuff! The most important thing we need is lots of stuff to sell. Please look around at home and see if you can find two or three quality things that are still in great condition that you think someone else would like to buy. We’re looking for typical garage sale loot such as - books, CDs, DVDs, games for Xbox, Wii and PlayStations, sports equipment, toys but no soft toys please, games with all the pieces, clean kids clothes that still have many wears in them and good home wares. Electrical items need to be in perfect working order of course too! If you’re not sure about the appropriateness of a piece, please email Julia. Bring them into the school office by Friday 25 October.

Volunteer your time to help on the day! We really need helpers on the day to set-up, cook and serve at the BBQ and serve on the stalls. Please email Julia at the address below to let her know you’re keen to help and she’ll be in touch with a shift time. Just think how proud your kids will be of you! We’ll even give you a certificate! It’s going to be a lot of fun, we promise!

Eat our yummy breakfast BBQ treats and drink excellent coffee! Imagine that delicious aroma of bacon sizzling and eggs cooking, mmmm! Just what you’ll feel like if you are trekking around the Garage Sale Trail. We’ll have real coffee from our awesome coffee van guy – who needs a fancy café?

Bake sweet treats for us to sell! If you love to cook, please consider making a batch of brownies or cookies or cupcakes or whatever – they’ll sell very well with the coffee! Please drop them to school on Friday 25 October to a special table we’ll have set up outside the staff room in the McHatton building.
Come and buy stuff from us! We'll be in need of many customers to make this all worthwhile so please be sure to come along and see what we have for sale. There will definitely be lots of excellent bargains. Why not invite your friends, family and neighbours too, the more the merrier!

All enquires and offers to volunteer on the day to Julia MacDonald: thedempc@gmail.com

We're participating in the National Garage Sale Trail – a North Sydney Council initiative
Compose a piece of imaginative text which uses the following phrase as a stimulus,

“Write what should not be forgotten.”

Your imaginative piece may be created in any of the categories listed below

Enter your work into one of these categories:

- Magazine Feature Article—2,000 word limit
- Short Story—2,000 word limit
- Poetry—2,000 word limit
- Radio Drama—5 minute maximum [ include written script ]
- Stage Play—2,000 word limit
- Television/Movie Script—2,000 word limit

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- Short film—5 minute duration maximum [ include copy of written script and film file]
- Radio Drama—5 minute duration maximum [ include a copy of written script and sound file]

First and Second place Winners from each category will have their pieces published on the inaugural Writing Competition website http://competitions.nsrlearning21.com/

First place winners from each category will receive a $50.00 itunes gift and second place winners will receive a special commemorative certificate of their achievement.
Conditions

YOU WILL NEED TO DOWNLOAD THE ATTACHED TWO FORMES AND SEND WITH YOUR ENTRY PIECE.

All entries must be received by midnight, Friday 22nd November, 2013

Decisions will be announced on Monday 9th December, 2013

Chances of winning are based on the number of entries received.

Entrants must be in Years 5, 6, 7 or 8 this year.

A complete list of winners will be listed on the Public Schools NSW Writing Competition website.  http://competitions.nsrlearning21.com/

Contest Entry Form

Registration

Full Name .................................................................

Street Address ................................................................

City ................................................ Student’s Contact Phone Number ........................................

Student’s School ........................................ School’s email address ........................................

Student’s Signature [ Acknowledging that the entered piece is ALL THEIR OWN WORK]

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Parent Signature ..........................................................

Chosen Category ..............................................

Title of Piece ................................................................

Eligibility
I am in Year 5 [ ] Year 6 [ ] Year 7 [ ] Year 8 [ ]

Please send or email your Entry with attached Contest Entry form and Permission to Publish form to

Writing Competition
Public Schools NSW Office
75 Talavera Road Level 2, Macquarie Park. 2113
OR
Email to: writing.competitionpublicschoolsnsw@det.nsw.edu.au
Conditions and Terms of Entry

Copyright

* All published materials [in print or electronic form] are governed by copyright. Entries which contain examples of plagiarism or violation of copyright will not be eligible for judging.
* The submitted entry must be the original work of the student.
* Commercial or third party [i.e. created by others] elements, including images, video, text, sound or music may be included only if licences permit.

Terms and Conditions

* This document sets out the terms of participation in the Writing Competition 2013.
* Entry is open to all Public Schools NSW students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8.
* All entrants, any person appearing in an entry are required to sign the ‘Permissions to Publish’ proforma. These forms will be retained by DEC.
* Each entry must be entered in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. By entering the Competition, each entrant agrees to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. Department of Education may at their discretion refuse to award any prize to any entrant who fails to comply with these terms and conditions.
* Entry into the Competition is free.

1. What are the entry criteria

* Strictly one entry per student.
* Entries must be typed, with double spacing, 12 size font, formatted to A4

2. How will the entries be judged?

* All entries are judged on originality, fluency and expression, structure and purpose.
* The decision of the Panel is final.
3. Enter your work into one of these categories:

- Magazine Feature Article—2,000 word limit
- Short Story—2,000 word limit
- Poetry—2,000 word limit
- Radio Drama—5 minute maximum [ include written script ]
- Stage Play—2,000 word limit
- Television/Movie Script—2,000 word limit

MULTIMEDIA
- Short film—5 minute duration maximum [ include copy of written script and film file]
- Radio Drama—5 minute duration maximum [ include a copy of written script and sound file ]

4. Who is eligible to enter?

- Public Schools NSW students in Years 5 – 6 and Years 7—8.

575 Talavera Road Level 2, Macquarie Park. 2113
OR
Email to — writing.competitionpublicschoolsnsw@det.nsw.edu.au

NO Later than Friday November 22nd, 2013
Authority to Publish Form

Dear Parent or Carer

I am seeking your permission to obtain and publish content that may include the image and/or name of your child in our publicly available school communications. These could be in print, video, and/or our publicly available school website.

Content examples include but are not limited to photographs, text, illustrations/graphics, videos, sound recordings, examples of student work.

Our school communications include but are not limited to:
- school’s public website
- school newsletter (online and hard copy)
- annual school magazine
- local community newspaper / magazine
- media promotions and advertising activities
- electronic and print promotional material
- annual school report

If you agree, please complete the permission slip and return with your writing competition entry.

Yours sincerely

Christina Cigna
English Consultant Years 7-12

Public Schools NSW

Permission to Publish

I have read this permission to publish and agree to the Public Schools NSW obtaining and publishing content related to my child in the NSW Education Department’s communications.

I give/do not give permission for my child’s name to be included in the publication.

This signed permission remains effective until I advise the NSW Education Department otherwise.

Child’s name……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/carer’s name………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/caregiver/ …………………………..Date………………..

Telephone (H) ………………………………… (W)………………………………………….