Dear Parents/Carers,

**Amazing Performances!!!!!!**

We have had the privilege of being entertained over the past week with a number of wonderful performances by our children. Last Wednesday the school held the annual Festival of the Arts and we all enjoyed the amazing performances of our three choirs, the intermediate and performance bands, the recorder group and the cast and crew of our upcoming school musical. Well done to all involved and thank you to the teachers and parents who have worked hard throughout the year to make this happen.

**Teach Talk**

Last Thursday, the school enjoyed hosting an educational expo for teachers from all over Northern Sydney. 19 exhibits were on display to demonstrate the latest in teaching practices and ideas. The afternoon was a great success receiving rave reviews from the 100+ teachers who attended. Thank you to the many DEM teachers and the staff and students from Sydney University who presented. A special thank you also to Jo Penn and Amanda Vaga who coordinated this great event.

**Garage Sale**

Don’t miss being part of the North Sydney Garage Sale this Saturday. The Garage Sale Trail is across all of North Sydney this Saturday and we are doing our bit for the community by conducting our own garage sale on the front lawn of the school. Donations have been coming in all week and there are some bargains to be had. Don’t miss out! If you can help, we are in need of volunteers to man the stalls or the BBQ on the day. If you can assist please email me at myra.janes@det.nsw.edu

**School Musical**

Tickets have gone on sale for our first ever school musical! If you would like to be delighted by our very own Alice In Wonderland Musical Production on Wednesday November 13 please purchase your tickets via trybooking. Please refer to the next page for more information.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten Orientation begins next week for all students commencing school in 2014. Our future students will attend three orientation sessions to familiarise themselves with our school and to receive important information. If you know of a student who is planning on starting next year and who has not yet enrolled please remind them to visit the office and enrol ASAP.

**Bush Fires and Air Quality**

During this bush fire period the school has been following the air quality alerts relevant to the East Sydney area. When air quality has been reported by the Department of Environment and Heritage as ‘poor’, the children have remained indoors and have not participated in any physical activity. If you have any queries please contact me on 9955 2822.

**Gifted and Talented Information Evening**

This week an information booklet went home to all Kindergarten (2013) parents and to the parents of all new enrolments for 2013. This booklet explains our Gifted and Talented Program and invites any interested parents to attend the information session on Wednesday 30 October 2013.

Myra Wearne,
Principal
Term 4 Calendar Updates
Please add the following date to your Term 4 calendar:

- **Monday 4 November** – Athletics Carnival Ribbon Assembly in the Hall at 1:30pm
- **Wednesday 6 November** – Year 5 Excursion to the Medical Museum and Archives in Camperdown

Junior Band Concert Thursday 24 October 2013
The Junior Band concert is on tomorrow, Thursday 24 October 2013! All Junior Band students must arrive at the Hall at 6-6.15pm for a 6.30 start. We encourage all parents and friends of Junior Band students to attend the concert and enjoy seeing how far these children have come since commencing band this year.

Spectra Science Program
The deadline for handing in Spectra activities and cards to your child’s class teacher has been extended to Friday 25 October. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Penn (2JP).

Medical Record Update
During Term 4 we are updating our medical records to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health and to conform to new NSW DEC requirements. Forms will be sent home with your child this week. Please complete and return forms to the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please return or donate school uniform items to the School Office
All students in Kindergarten & Year 1 should please keep a spare pair of underpants and shorts in their school bags in case of accidents. Please return borrowed underwear and/or school uniform items to the School Office. Thank you.

We are getting ever closer to the date for our *Alice in Wonderland* Musical Production and our performers and backstage crew are busily rehearsing! Performances will be held on Wednesday 13 November 2013 at North Sydney Girls High School at 11:30am and 7pm.

Tickets are on sale through trybooking:

Thank you very much for all of the families who have donated props for the Performance and to everyone who has spent many hours crafting teacups. They look amazing! If you have any questions please contact Peter Baldwin: peter.baldwin9@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you all for your continued support!
Senior Band and K-2 Choir Shine at the Crows Nest Festival

On Sunday, two of our wonderful performance groups, the Senior Band and the K-2 Choir, performed at the Crows Nest Festival. This was the first time our school has been represented at the Festival and all students involved have a lot to be proud of.

For the Choir, conducted by Suzi Forey, this was their first ever performance outside school. A large audience of parents and other visitors to the Festival gathered to enjoy their performance and these very young students took to the stage with confidence.

The Senior Band played six pieces beautifully and all members showed poise and maturity.

A huge thank you to the wonderful parents who donated their time to transporting the equipment required from the school to the event – Cheryl Newton, Scott Thomson, Elyse Sainty, James Claridge and Ann Lam.

FABStar! Features

FABStar! is an initiative to recognise positive behaviours in the playground.

Our 3-6 FABStars for this week are Daisy & Deeva from Year 4 who found a pair of shoes and handed them in so that they could be returned to their owner.
Teach Talk at the Dem!

Last Thursday afternoon NSDS hosted a very successful networking opportunity called *Teach Talk*. This was initiated by the Dem, as a forum to allow schools to come together and share a project, program or new innovation they have been involved in.

Over **120** teachers from a range of schools and academics from the University of Sydney attended this event. Some of the schools that visited us included: Balgowlah North, Beacon Hill, Cammeray, Greenwich, Kent Road, Killarney Heights, Lane Cove, Manly Village, Melrose Park, Middle Harbour, Mona Vale, Putney, Ryde East, Waitara, West Pymble, Willoughby and Redlands Junior School.

**Eight** of our staff members provided presentations on Action Learning Projects and new initiatives that we have been involved in this year. **Three** of our Interns from the University of Sydney presented their Action Learning Projects and **two** PHD students presented the outcomes of the research that they conducted in our school. Our academic partner, Dr Tony Loughland also presented during the event.

A variety of other schools also offered presentations including: Cammeray, Melrose Park, Middle Harbour, Killara and Redlands Junior School.

The positive feedback from this event was overwhelming! A special thank you must go to Jo Penn and Jacqueline Adamse for organising the catering. Thank you also to the Dem teachers who presented during the afternoon.

For more information on this event and other AdCom initiatives, please refer to the School Website.

**Amanda Vaga**
Assistant Principal & Practicum Coordinator
Demonstration School P&C

Fundraising Garage Sale at the Dem!

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 on thedempc@gmail.com. Bring them to the school office by Friday 25 October 2013.

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 on thedempc@gmail.com 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 are participating in the National Garage Sale Trail – a North Sydney Council initiative.
Advertisements do not indicate endorsement by the school.

Advertisements do not indicate endorsement by the school.

TheDem Community News

Printing of articles does not indicate endorsement by the school.

Relationships Australia runs workshops for families and parents handling difficult situations. Two workshops being run in November 2013 are:

- “Parenting After Separation – Focus on Kids”: a six week course for parents who are separated and want to learn more about managing ongoing relationships with former partners, while supporting their children; and
- “My Changing Family and Me”: a six week course for families where the parents have separated for more than 3 months to help children understand that they are not alone and give parents strategies to support children through family changes.

For more information regarding this workshop and other workshops please see their website:

www.nsw.relationships.com.au

Advertisements do not indicate endorsement by the school.