Thursday 31 October – Week 4 Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Begins

This week we will welcome to North Sydney Demonstration School almost 120 new kindergarten students. These future students will be joining us for one morning each week for the next three weeks (Mondays//Thursdays). During this time they will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with ‘Big School’ and will participate in a number of activities and routines that reflect life in kindergarten. Thank you to Ashley Grimmond, Anamaree Williams, Rachel Chuah McNamara, the Kindergarten teachers, the parent welcoming committee and the supportive DEM staff who are involved in ensuring that these days are a great start for our newest additions.

Junior Band Concert

The annual Junior Band Concert was held last Thursday 24th October. The audience was entertained by a selection of whole band pieces plus a number of delightful solos, duets and trios. Proud parents watched as their budding young musicians bravely took to the stage for the first time as a combined band. Thank you to Heather Davies, the bands conductor, Phil Molloy the MC (from Directions in Music) and Melissa Lanigan for all of their support and hard work in preparing and encouraging the children with their music. See the photo on page 4.

End of Year Festival

Plans are falling into place for this year’s End of Year Festival. Once again it promises to be a spectacular event. To recognise the efforts of those who work so hard to make this night a success I have decided that front row seating will be reserved for any volunteer who assists in setting up, manning a stall or packing up for the evening. The children and teachers have begun to plan and prepare for the night and will be ready to dazzle you once again with their grade performances. Further information regarding how to get your ride pass and how to volunteer on the night is available on page 5

Differentiation for High Performance

Last Friday Mr Todd Mackie and two students from 5TM (Pratham Gupta and Luke Krawchuk) presented at the Ryde office of the Department of Education and Communities as part of a yearlong project focusing on differentiation for high performance. Mr Mackie, Pratham and Luke astounded the teachers, executives and students from all of the participating schools with the quality of the work that they showcased and with the articulate and passionate manner in which they spoke. Congratulations gentlemen!

Alice in Wonderland – North Sydney Demonstration School Musical

Tickets are selling fast for our school musical. The musical takes place in two weeks and the students are excitedly preparing for the big event. Parents have a number of options if they would like their child to attend. First purchase your evening performance ticket online and enjoy a night out with the family, second purchase matinee tickets online, pick your child up from school at 11am and deliver them back to school at 1.30pm after the performance. The third option available is to enter your child into the ballot for the 75-100 school excursion tickets. Students who attend as part of the school excursion will remain under the supervision of three teachers at all times during the excursion. As interest is high returning the excursion permission note is not a guarantee of a place on this excursion. Attendees will be chosen via a ballot drawn by myself in the presence of a student representative. The excursion note will be sent home next Monday 4 November and must be returned prior to the ballot on the morning of Friday 8 November. Parents experiencing financial difficulty who would like their child to attend should email me at myra.janes@det.nsw.edu

Evening and non excursion matinee tickets can be purchased at trybooking - details on page 2.

Myra Wearne, Principal
Dem News and Notices!

**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.

![Alice in Wonderland](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

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!

**University Partnership Updates**

**Tokyo Gakugei University Visits the Dem!**
This afternoon, we welcomed a group of academics visiting from Tokyo Gakugei University. These visitors were accompanied by Dr Tony Loughland and were interested in finding out about our how professional learning partnerships operate in a school context.

As part of their visit, they were able to spend time observing our current Intern from the University of Sydney teaching a science lesson with 5TM. During this lesson, the students were engaged in learning activities based on the Predict-Observe-Explain model. This was a great way for our visitors to witness the ways in which our Pre Service teachers and Interns work collaboratively with our teaching staff to ensure high quality learning experiences for our students.

This was followed by an informal discussion about the ways in which our school works in partnership with the University of Sydney and the implications this has on teaching practice and student learning outcomes.

Thank you to Mr Tom Keeble and Mr Todd Mackie for offering to welcome these visitors into their classroom.

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.

This week’s K-2 Fabstar is a family affair! Elliot Perkins (KML) and his sister Hannah (2HF) have both been chosen as the Fabstar recipients for this week. Elliot sensibly took a stick away from his friends and threw it over the fence, telling them that they shouldn’t play with sticks. Hannah noticed some Pokemon cards lying on the ground so she picked them up in case they blew away and handed them to a teacher. Thank you to both Hannah and Elliot for the responsible behaviour you showed.

Our 3-6 FABStar for this week is Tom Brotchie Year 3 picking up other people's rubbish and putting it in the bin.
JUNIOR BAND CONCERT

The annual Junior Band Concert was held last Thursday 24th October. This special event, featuring mainly Year 3 students in their first year of participation in the school band program, included a selection of whole band pieces plus a series delightful solos, duets and trios.

Proud parents watched as their budding young musicians bravely took to the stage, supported and encouraged by their conductor Heather Davies and Phil Molloy from Directions in Music, who was MC for the night.

Library News

Between today and tomorrow students who have overdue books will be given an overdue note to remind them the books that are overdue and need to be returned to the library urgently. Please help your child to return their books. We currently have quite a large number of overdue books and some very disappointed students who have been waiting for their reserved books to be returned to the library.

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 myself.

Alice Bennett
Teacher Librarian (alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au)
The Dem P&C's Famous

End Of Year Festival

Friday 6th December 2013

Please join us at this wonderful community event

Students End of Year Performances
4.30pm-5.30pm

Festivities Commence
5.30pm-9.00pm

Awesome Rides for All Ages
Pre-Paid All Night Rides
Passes on sale from Thursday 14th November
more information to come

Fabulous Food & Scrumptious Sweet Treats

Wonderful Raffle Prizes To Be Won

Please Can You Help

Donate A Raffle Prize - If you, your business, friends or associates can help by donating a prize with the value of over $50 for the raffle please contact Vanessa at thedempc@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Help On The Night - A successful and fun filled festival needs volunteers. Look out for the Volunteers page coming soon in our newsletter and within the festival pack you will receive on Thursday 14th November 2013.

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