Thursday 14 November – Week 6 Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing night!!!!!!!!!
120 students from our school raised the roof last night at North Sydney Girls High School when they performed Alice in Wonderland to a crowd of 600. We all knew that we had many talented students at our school but last night’s performance had to be seen to be believed. Congratulations to all of the cast and crew of this great production. A special thank you to Peter Baldwin, Jemma Thomas, Nina Cook, Amy Rogers, Emma and Kate Thackery, Myff Sharpe, Ray Jenkins and the many other teachers and parents who worked so hard to make the night the resounding success that it was. The memory will stay in our minds and hearts forever.

Good Luck Junior Choir
On Monday night the junior choir will perform at the Sydney Opera House. We wish them the best of luck and hope that they have a fantastic time.

Arriving Late or Leaving early?
Please be aware that if you are bringing your children to school late you need to sign them in at the office prior to taking them to class. If you are picking your child up early you are also required to sign your child out and pick up an early departure slip from the office prior to collecting your child from their class. These measurements are important in ensuring that all children are safe and accounted for at all time while at school.

Are you leaving? We need to know
Please make sure that you let the office know if your child is leaving the DEM at the end of the year (Year 6 do not need to let us know). As orientation sessions have concluded for Kindergarten, all children should now be enrolled. If you have a child who will be joining us in Kindergarten in 2014 that is not yet enrolled please return the enrolment forms to school immediately.

2014 Class placements
The placing of children into their new classes each year is a complex process. Classes at the DEM are not graded academically and each year we strive to ensure that we have well balanced classes. The following factors are considered;
- Gender
- Academic ability
- Language needs
- Medical needs
- Behavioural needs

When this has occurred we then check to ensure that each child has at least one friend in their new class. Children will be asked in the next fortnight to nominate 5 children who they would like to be placed with. The school will then undertake to place each student with at least one of these children. This does not mean they will be placed with their best or closest friends or with their group of friends. In fact often this is not appropriate. Please do not send requests to class teachers or to myself asking for specific teachers for your child as it would not be appropriate or equitable for us to accommodate these requests.

Exceptional circumstances
Because of the complexity of this process, class decisions are final. If there are exceptional circumstances that need to be considered when placing a student, parents will need to request that the classroom teacher complete a learning support referral form (Exceptional circumstances impacting class placement). This request must be made prior to Friday 22nd November, 2013. In addition to this referral form, parents may also email me the details of their child’s exceptional circumstances at myra.janes@det.nsw.edu.au. These requests will then be reviewed by the Learning Support Team and me. No changes will be made to classes after class allocations on January 29 2014.

Myra Wearne, Principal
**Junior Choir** brings together 26 Year 3 and 4 students and is run by Miss ter Heerdt. This year these enthusiastic and talented singers have been practising tirelessly, including early morning starts, rehearsing for the exciting Ryde School Spectacular at the Opera House. The choir will be performing on Monday night 18th November. They will sing as part of the celebration of exceptional vocal, musical and dance talent involving over 900 talented students from across 30 different schools in the Sydney region. Let’s wish them luck!

**Year 2 Band Demonstration**

This morning, Year 2 students were treated to an exciting demonstration by Mr Phil Molloy from Directions in Music of what they can expect if they elect to join the school band program next year.

Many children were given the opportunity to come out the front and try out instruments such as the trumpet, trombone, French horn, clarinet and saxophone. Phil entertained the audience with his musical expertise and humour, and we hope that the obvious enjoyment of the children will encourage them to join the Junior Band in 2014.
Application forms were issued to the children at the conclusion of the demonstration, with details of the on-line enrolment procedure. Due date for on-line enrolments is 29th November.

Thank You Morning Tea!

It has been another busy year at the Dem and we could not have offered so many opportunities for our students without our parent helpers and community volunteers! We’d like to acknowledge the valuable contribution you’ve made throughout the year. You’re invited to a ‘Thank You’ morning tea on Wednesday 27 November.

**Time:** 10:55am on Wednesday 27 November

**Location:** Outside the staffroom unless raining when it will be held in the hall

**RSVP:** Please email Amanda Vaga by Friday 22nd November.

We hope to see you there!

*Amanda Vaga*
Assistant Principal
amanda.coroneos@det.nsw.edu.au
University Partnership Updates

This week, we would like to welcome Ms Lauren Moore who will be completing her practicum with 6AW. 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 3-6 Fabstar for this week is Charlie in Year 3 who found $10, and gave it to the teacher so it could be returned to its owner.

The K - 2 Fabstar for this week is Lucas from 1JD, who kindly invited a younger child who was upset to join in a game. What a lovely friend you are Lucas! Thank you. (Picture next week)
2013 Swim Scheme:

Places filling quickly!

Students from North Sydney Demonstration School will be participating in a learn-to-swim program at North Sydney Pool from Monday 2nd December – Friday 13th December.

This Department of Education and Training Swimming Scheme has been planned to supplement the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum undertaken in all classrooms. Students who have not achieved a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and are unable to confidently swim 25m unaided in deep water are eligible to participate in the school swimming scheme. The scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 – 6.

The cost of the program is $75 which must be returned with the permission note to guarantee a place. As there are only limited places in each group, places are allocated to those who return their note and money until places are filled.

Travel to the venue will be by bus.

Group A (Year 2) will depart daily from the school at 9:10am and return to the school at 11.00am.

Group B (Years 3-6) will depart daily from the school at 9.50am and return to the school at 11.30am.

The staff members attending with first aid training are Nina Cook & Heath Falkenmire (Group A) and Ella Green & Chris Pytko (Group B).

If you have any questions, please email christopher.pytko1@det.nsw.edu.au

Thanks.
Chris Pytko & Ella Green.
(Swim Scheme coordinators)
Your family is invited to The Dem P&C’s famous End of Year Festival
Friday 6 December 2013 – 4.30pm to 9pm

Amazing performances! The festival begins at 4.30pm. Each year group will perform a spectacular dance routine in the Pacific playground. Closer to the date we’ll advise the running order so you can be sure to have your cameras at the ready at the right moment!

Awesome rides! Pre-Paid All Night Rides Passes are $20. On the night they will be sold for $25 and single rides tickets will be $5 each. The exciting big rides will be located as usual in the Upper McHatton playground. On the soccer pitch in front of the Haven Building will be the Haven Rides - three more gentle rides especially for the younger children. For the first time we’re doing special ‘Haven Rides Only – All Night Passes’ exclusively for pre-schoolers for just $5. Please read the All Night Rides Pass page for more information.

Cool disco! It’s free, all-ages, in the Pacific playground and there'll even be a bubble machine!

Yummy food! If you love a classic sausage sizzle you’ll be happy indeed! The Tuck Shop is doing their delicious filled baked potatoes too! Perhaps the authentic Indian cuisine will be your choice? One thing is for sure – a visit to our sweet treat stall is definitely a must! As it’s a ‘children’s event’ there will be no alcohol served, as directed by the DEC.

Fund-raising raffle! A book of 10 x $2 raffle tickets is attached, the prizes will be drawn at the festival. Please see the Fundraising Raffle information page to read all about it.

Please help!

Donate a prize valued over $50 for the fundraising raffle It will be so great if you can help! Please contact Vanessa Horler our raffle organiser by emailing her at dempc@gmail.com Prizes need to be dropped at the school office by Tuesday 3 December. Thank you so much!

Volunteer to be a festival helper Join in the fun by volunteering your time to do a shift at the festival. Please read the Become a Festival Volunteer page to see how easy it is to sign up.

Bake! (or buy!) At each festival we ask families to consider having some fun together in the kitchen baking (or fun at the store buying!) delicious slices, muffins, cookies and of course everyone’s favourites - cupcakes! On Monday 2 December we’ll be handing out eight disposable cake boxes to each class, so not every student will get one. The reason we hand out a limited number is if we gave one to every family we'd end up with way too many goodies! However, extra boxes will be available at the Stay and Play table that afternoon for anyone who missed out but really wants one! You’re welcome to bring in goodies using any disposable plates or containers too. On festival day we’ll have special tables set up in the McHatton Building so all the wonderful sweet treats can be dropped there before school. Please ensure every item you donate is PEANUT-FREE and TREENUT-FREE. Thanks!
The Dem P&C’s famous End of Year Festival

All Night Rides Passes

Only $20 per child pre-paid

Purchased at the festival All Night Rides Passes will be $25. Single ride tickets will be $5.

From now until Tuesday 3 December, you can pre-pay for your All Night Rides Passes. You can collect them from Wednesday 4 December before or after school. If you prefer, you can pick them up when you arrive at the festival. Please see the blue box below for details.

The exciting big rides will be located as usual in the Upper McHatton playground. On the soccer pitch in front of the Haven Building where the Year 1 classrooms are located, there will be the Haven Rides - three more gentle rides especially for the younger children.

We’re very happy to announce special ‘Haven Rides Only – All Night Passes’ exclusively for pre-schoolers. They are $5, online and on the night.

Order your pre-paid passes online now at www.trybooking.com/DWDD
Visa and Mastercard accepted.
The closing time for online pre-paid purchases is midnight Tuesday 3 December.

Order your pre-paid passes with cash or cheque using the form below
Complete the form below and drop it together with cash or cheque payable to NSDS P&C into the P&C box in the sick bay. This is just opposite the school reception.
The closing time for this cash or cheque pre-paid option is 3pm Tuesday 3 December.

As mentioned above, there is a new method for getting your pre-paid All Night Rides Passes as they will no longer be delivered to students in their classrooms.

Please look for a big Collect Pre-Paid Rides Passes sign and a table outside the McHatton Building. It will be open in advance of the festival at the following times:

- Wednesday 4 December: 8.20am to 9.10am. Then again from 2.30pm to 3.15pm
- Thursday 5 December: 8.20am to 9.10am. Then again from 2.30pm to 3.15pm.
- Friday 6 December: 8.20am to 9.10am only.

Collect your pre-paid passes on the afternoon of the festival from the Rides Stall from 2.30pm
Please line-up in the Collect Pre-Paid Rides Passes queue.

Purchase your passes on the afternoon of the festival from the Rides Stall from 2.30pm
Please line-up in the Purchase Rides Passes Here queue.
Cash only. Please note increased prices: All Night Rides Passes $25. Single ride tickets $5.

--- If paying by cash or cheque, please cut here and deposit in the P&C box in the sick bay by 3pm Tuesday 3 December ---

Quantity ___ x $20 Pre-Paid All Night Rides Pass = Total $ _________________________________
Quantity ___ x $5 Pre-Paid ‘Pre-Schooler’s Haven Rides Only - All Night Pass’ = Total $ ___

Please write the name of the parent / carer who’ll be collecting and signing for the tickets
First name: ______________________  Surname: ______________________ GRAND TOTAL $ ________

Please tick payment type  Cash _________  Cheque made payable to NSDS P&C _________
The Dem P&C is running a

**Fund-raising Raffle!**

All the winners will be drawn and announced at the End of Year Festival on Friday 6 December 2013

A book of 10 x $2 raffle tickets is attached

Please try to sell all the tickets to family and friends or just buy the lot yourselves - remember, you’ve got to be in it to win it!

Raffle tickets will also be for sale at the festival, just look out for the Raffle Ticket stall.

Remember - the ticket stubs must be returned to your child’s teacher along with the money by Thursday 5 December 2013.

**Here is a sneak preview of some of the fantastic prizes you could win:**

Cool, ergonomically-designed ByK Bike from Bike Bug North Sydney – up to $500 value

Three hour chocolate-making class for two from Sydney Chocolate School - $300 value

Super fun Art Party from 4Cats Art Studio North Sydney- $225 value

Really cool MGP Scooter from Rebel Sport Westfield Chatswood - $170 value

Group of 10 people to slide for two hours of fun from Manly Waterworks - $170 value

Dinner for two from Uncorked Restaurant, The Union Hotel, North Sydney - $100 value

Delicious hamper of chocolates from Ferrero - $80 value

Lunch voucher for yummy meal from Peckish, North Sydney - $40 value

Awesome Giant Slinky from Professor Plums, Crows Nest - $35 value

Beautiful patchwork quilt made by and donated by Dem parent Martine Bruce – priceless!

**Keep an eye on The Dem newsletter over the next few weeks for announcement of more wonderful prizes.**
Go on, make your kids proud as Punch!

**Become a festival volunteer**

**All volunteers will enjoy reserved front row seats to watch their children's performances**

To show her appreciation for their strong school spirit, Ms Wearne has organised this fantastic seating for all festival volunteers!

This event can only keep running each year if lots of parents and carers volunteer a little of their time. Why not talk to your friends at school and volunteer for the same shifts so you can hang out together? Or just book yourself in for a shift, come along and make some nice new friends!

There are various volunteer shifts you can choose from within the following timeframes:

- **1.45pm to 3pm**  Set-up for the event – so doing things like putting up the tents, assembling the tables, bringing out the chairs, firing up the BBQs.
- **3.30pm to 9pm**  Working on the stalls - helping to prepare or cook food, serve customers re-stock merchandise, raffle ticket sales, ride pass sales and collection.
- **From 9pm**  Pack-down of the event – tidying up, getting everything back in it’s place.

We’re continuing to use an online tool to organise the roster, VolunteerSpot.com. It allows everyone to view the shifts available and sign up for what they want to do. It’s really easy - you don’t need to open an account or join anything. Importantly, your contact details aren’t shared with anyone except the festival organisers. Here’s how it works:

**Step # 1.** Type [http://vols.pt/xCLJgf](http://vols.pt/xCLJgf) into your browser to go to VolunteerSpot.com Enter your email address, repeat it, press submit.

**Step # 2.** Click the orange ‘Sign Up!’ button on the shift you want.

**Step # 3.** Type in your name and mobile phone number and then press save. That’s it!

The P&C email address is: thedempc@gmail.com

Please contact us with any questions or if you experience problems. If want to volunteer but don’t want to use the online tool please send your name, email address, mobile number and the shift you want and we’ll book your shift for you.
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**Learn Music on keyboard in 2014**

North Sydney Dem School

Currently Taking Enrolments Now! Limited Vacancies

* 45 minute weekly lesson - small group
* Instrument not required initially
* Music material provided
* Competitive rate - $25 per session
* Convenient at-school venue

**Smart Kids Love Music!**

Call: 9411 3122 to enrol

(www.learnmusicalschool.com.au)

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**Awaken the dancer within your child from Yrs K-6!**

Enrol your children for 2014 dance classes run

by CentreStage Academy in the Dem school hall.

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**CELEBRATING 7 YEARS OF QUALITY DANCE TUITION AT NORTH SYDNEY DEM!**

Free trial class available 1st week of December 2013 or 1st week of February 2014

Students can be picked up from Demcare and returned there after class.

Classes commence on Tues 5 Feb

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**ENROLLING NOW for 2014**

Phone Helena: 1300 322 243 or 0404 118 267  Email: info@centrestageacademy.com.au

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