Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done Junior Choir!

Our Junior Choir performed in the Ryde School Spectacular on Monday night at the Sydney Opera House. The children were great ambassadors for our school singing enthusiastically and joyously. We are very fortunate to be able to provide our children with such wonderful opportunities to perform at a world famous venue such as the Sydney Opera House. Thank you to Louise ter Heerdt for all of her hard work and organisation in making this night such a special night (especially after her involvement in the School Musical and of course her own wedding in October!!!!). Thank you also to Alice Bennett who supported Ms ter Heerdt at the Sunday rehearsal and on the night.

Sports Presentation Day

Please join us tomorrow morning at 9.15 am for our Annual Sports Presentation Ceremony. The parents of all award winners have been notified directly by Mr Hearmsow or their child’s teacher. Students who will be receiving an award have not been notified so Shhhhhhhhhhh it’s a surprise!

The following awards will be presented:  
Class Sports Award – Chosen by the classroom teacher this award can recognise any of the following criteria - achievement, effort or sportsmanship.  
PSSA Awards (Primary School Sports Association) – Chosen by the PSSA coaches (Coaches Award) and by their team mates (Players’ Player Award) these awards will be presented for netball, soccer and AFL;  
Carnival Age Championships – Awards based on achievement at the 2013 Track, Field, and Swimming Carnivals;  
Sports Person of the Year – The most prestigious of all awards, the recipient of this award has been chosen by the 2013 Sports Committee in consultation with staff and Stage Three students. It recognises performance and sportsmanship across a number of sports.

We look forward to celebrating the sporting efforts of these children with you tomorrow. In the event of rain the ceremony will be postponed. Please check the school website for details of any rain checks.

Selective High Schools

On-line applications for acceptance into a Selective High School in 2015 have now closed. Year Five students who have applied with a paper application must bring this application to the school office this week. The Selective High School test will occur in March 2014 with parents being advised of their test centre via post in February 2014.

Please direct any enquiries to myra.janes@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you Morning Tea

If you have volunteered and helped our school in any way this year, please join us at a special thank you morning tea this Wednesday. Every bit of help the school receives counts so even if it was just one book you covered please come along and accept our thanks. See the next page for more information.

Swim Scheme – Plenty of Vacancies!

Swim scheme starts in 10 days! If your child is not a strong swimmer please enrol them in this life saving program. A permission note can be found on the school website at http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes-and-forms

End Of Year Festival

Are you as excited as I am? If yes please help out by volunteering some of your time as we work together to host the best End of Year Festival yet!! Please go to VolunteerSpot.com to volunteer: http://vols.pt/xCLjgf

Myra Wearne,  
Principal
Term 4 Calendar Updates Please note the following amendments to your Term 4 calendar:
Student Leadership Elections will now be held in Week 8. Pre-elections will be held on **Monday, 25 November**. The final elections will be held on **Thursday, 28 November** at **11:15am** in the School Hall.

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**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 (If raining then it will be held in the Hall)

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

We hope to see you there!

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

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Last week’s K-2 FabStar Lucas from 1JD
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 K-2 Fabstar for this week is Silvio from 1MT who kindly supported another student who had been hurt by taking him to the teacher. Thank you for being so responsible and caring Silvio.

The 3-6 Fabstars for this week are Ethan and Nathaniel in Year 6 helped a teacher support a younger student in a mature and thoughtful way.
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 2 December to Friday 13 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)
Thank You and Farewell Mr Keeble!

This Term, we were very fortunate to have Mr Tom Keeble complete his Internship at the Dem. Last week, was Tom’s final week with us. We congratulate him on a very successful Internship and wish him all the very best for his future teaching career.

Thank you also must go to Mr Todd Mackie for taking the time to mentor Tom and allowing him to work closely with the students in 5TM.

This week we have welcomed back Miss Ashley Pladson who will be completing the final components of her Practicum experience with 1LT this term.

Amanda Vaga
Assistant Principal & Practicum Coordinator
amanda.coroneos@det.nsw.edu.au

SRC Fundraiser

gold coin donation

Movie Star Mufti Day

For Stewart House

Thursday 28 November

50c - $1

cup cakes
Hip Hip Hurray for our Library Monitors 2013!

At the DEM our Library Monitors demonstrate their leadership qualities through serving the school community daily during lunchtime and after school when the library is open by helping students and parents to locate, lend and recommend books.

Yesterday, as per tradition, we held a thank you pizza party for this year's Library Monitors and reflected on the highlights that they will always remember for years to come.

Thank you Library Monitors 2013 for all your hard work and enthusiasm. We will miss you!

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

Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Number 8: Hard Luck

More copies have arrived in the library!

We have bought 4 more copies, but 49 children have reserved it.

Please help your child to read it quickly when it is their turn and wait patiently until then.

If your family decides to buy a copy rather than wait, please let the library know so we can take your child off the reservation list and let another child read it sooner.

TheDem Community News

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*Single with Children – a non-profit social group operated by the Single Parent Family Association. For information regarding activities and support call 1300 300 496 or visit www.singlewithchildren.com.au

*2014 Soccer Season
North Sydney United (NSU) Football Club's Director of Youth Coaching, Jason Grinnell, will be conducting trials for the 2014 Football Season for interested U7-U11 players into the Rising Star and Development Squad Training Programs. Venue: Forsyth Park, Montpelier Street, Neutral Bay. Further information: Please contact Jason Grinnell on 0400 374 700 or via email, coaching@northsydneyunited.com.au All attendees will need to register prior to trialling via the following link: https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=9xk6SfiO9iu0QmklkkQs0Q
JUNIOR BAND RECRUITMENT

The recruitment process for next year’s Junior Band is now underway, with applications having been sent home with all Year 2 students at the conclusion of last week’s demonstration by Phil Molloy from Directions in Music. The final date for submission of on-line applications is Friday 29th November. A number of applications have already been submitted and we hope to receive many more before the final date.

Here are a few words from three members of our current Junior Band giving their insight into the benefits of being a member of the school band program.

Why I like band

By Seb Grehan 3AR
I like band because we get to play new pieces of music like Jingle Bells and Kawanza Celebration. I play drums so I can keep everyone in time with the conductor and play different parts of the kit. I like to play different instruments such as the trumpet and piano. Being in the band helps me improve my technique and rhythm on my other instruments. I recommend that everyone has a go at band.

By Sonicka Sierins, 3JW
You get to play in front of an audience which is really exciting. I enjoy meeting new friends from Year 4. You learn heaps in one year and it gets more fun every time you play your instrument. (I play the clarinet!).

By Oscar Setchell 3AR
I love band as I learnt to play my instrument better and also learnt to play with other band members. It has also improved my overall reading of music. Performing at concerts have been highlights of my time in band. I recommend that everyone tries band as it is a lot of fun and you get to spend time with your friends.

Please contact Melissa Lanigan (melissa.lanigan@det.nsw.edu.au) or the school office if your child did not receive an application form last week or if you require further information about the band program.
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 was sent home to each family on Monday 18 November as part of the festival info pack. Please see the Fundraising Raffle page.

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 the 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](http://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.*

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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 _________
Go on, make your kids proud as Punch!

Becoming 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 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.
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 raffle tickets was sent home to all families attached to the festival info pack on Monday 18 November.

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!

If you want to purchase more, they will 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 Pekish, 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 these pages over the next couple of weeks for the announcement of more wonderful prizes.
**a very big thank you to ...**

**our wonderful raffle prize donors**

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Kidd’s Yoga Crows Nest [www.facebook.com/KidsSsYoga](http://www.facebook.com/KidsSsYoga)
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We prepare the children for school.

We have limited vacancies in our two day programme (Thursday and Friday) for 2014.

For more information or to fill out a waiting list form go to st-thomas.org.au (or scan the qr code below with your smart phone), or call Alex the Preschool Director on 9922 2878.

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North Sydney Dem School

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- 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 (business hours during school term)

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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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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.

**ENROLLING NOW for 2014**

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13th to 24th January 2014

Intensive workshops for students in Years 3-9 run on the North Shore & Eastern Suburbs.

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