Dear Parents/Carers,

**End of Year Festival**
We have only 8 days to go until our annual End of Year Festival! If you haven’t bought your ride passes or put your name down to volunteer at a stall now is the time to act. This event is always a spectacular night and requires the support of as many parents as possible. 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
All volunteers will get front row reserved seating for the performances.

**Congratulations to our sporting heroes!**
Congratulations to all of our sportsmen and sportswomen who received awards at last week’s Sports Presentation Ceremony. I would like to give a special mention to Hugo Cornish and Abigail Stuart who share the title of 2013 Sportsperson of the Year for North Sydney Demonstration School. Thank you to David Hearnshaw and the Sports Committee for their hard work in organising this ceremony.

**North Sydney Demonstration School Band Concert**
Next Monday all three North Sydney Demonstration School bands will be performing at their annual concert. The concert will take place at North Sydney Leagues Club and commences at 6.30pm. It promises to be another great night. If your child is in the band and you haven’t purchased your ticket yet, tickets are available at online at http://www.trybooking.com/DZAL

**Swim scheme is for swimmers too!!!!!**
There appears to be a misconception amongst our student population that Swim Scheme is for children who cannot swim. Please talk to your child and let them know that Swim Scheme caters to all swimming abilities and is aimed at improving skills at every level. Children who attend swim scheme will be with their peers but will also be grouped according to their ability. Australia is a beach loving nation and as our children enter their high school years they will want to head off to the pool and beach with their peers unaccompanied. Swim Scheme is a great opportunity for parents to make sure that their child’s swimming and survival skills are adequate to keep them safe. If you have a child in years 2-6 and you are interested in them attending swim scheme their note must come in TOMORROW as swim scheme starts next Monday and goes for 2 weeks. A note can be found in the notes section of the school website

**Finishing the school year early? Returning late in 2014? Moving School?**
If you are doing any of the above and you have not let the school office know please phone the office or send a note ASAP. Due to the nature of the Department’s staffing formulae the school needs to know the exact number of children who will be enrolled for 2014 so that we can finalise teachers and classes. If you have informed the teacher but not the office please send a note or phone the office as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

Myra Wearne,
Principal
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Gemma from Year 5 who won a Gold Medal as a team member for the Northern Suburbs Little Athletics Jump team. The team was placed first in the State Championships for combined long jump and high jump.

Here are some lovely photos of the North Sydney Demonstration School Junior Choir and other School Choirs at last week’s Ryde School Spectacular.

Congratulations again to the Junior Choir and Ms ter Heerdt.

2014 NSW Transport Passes – please return forms by Tuesday 10 Dec 2013

Students who are eligible for a transport pass who have changed their address in 2013 and all students in Year 2 2013 who are eligible to receive a free transport pass must re-apply for a transport pass for 2014.

2014 Transport application forms have been sent home with those students who are eligible to receive a transport pass and who need to reapply.

Please note: Eligible students in Years 3-6 in 2014 must live more than 1.6km from the School to receive free bus/train passes in 2014.

Please return completed 2014 Transport application forms to the School Office before 10 December to ensure that your pass will arrive early in 2014.

Tree of Joy – please return gifts by Friday 13 December 2013

The Chatswood Rotary Club Tree of Joy gift tags will be placed onto the Christmas tree in the Office Foyer today, Thursday 28 November.

Please supervise children so that they only take a gift tag if you are actually able to provide the requested gift.

Please return gifts to the tree/School Office by Friday 13 December 2013.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Tree of Joy!
North Sydney Dem Annual Movember Cricket Match

To celebrate the end of Movember we are once again holding the (in)famous teacher’s cricket match. On Friday 29 November at 8:30am - set to a soundtrack of Dragon, 10cc and Sherbet - some of the staff will dress up and show off their best 70’s and 80’s cricket styles. Think Lillee, Thomson, Hughes and Boon.

But, obviously, there is a more serious side to the month of Movember. The funds raised in Australia support the two biggest health issues men face: prostate cancer and male mental health. The funds raised are directed to programs run directly by Movember and their men’s health partners, the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and BeyondBlue: the national depression initiative.

Please visit the North Sydney Dem team’s mo-space page at http://au.movember.com/team/1510425 and sponsor the team or bring some change to throw in the tin and support a great cause.

We look forward to your support (and understanding).

The North Sydney Dem Mo Team

2013 Swim Scheme

Now open to all swimmers!

Students from the Dem will be participating in a learn-to-swim program at North Sydney Pool from Monday 2 December to Friday 13 December, 2013. This Department of Education and Training Swimming Scheme will supplement the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum undertaken in all classrooms.

All students are now eligible to join the program and refine their swimming skills!

The cost of the program is $75 which must be returned with the permission note to guarantee a place. Places are limited!

Travel to the venue will be by bus: Year 2 (leave school at 9:10am, returning to school at 11am); Years 3-6 (leave school at 9:50am, returning to 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)
**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** recipients for this week are Ashtyn, Kai & Nik from Year 1. These lovely boys were playing beautifully together in the playground, then decided to extend their play group by inviting some other children to join in their activity. Well done boys on your excellent display of friendship.

**This week’s Fabstars** from Year 4 are Katelyn, Sophie and Chloe who are celebrating Movember. The girls were very honest and handed a box of money that they found to a teacher.
Dates for Your Diary:

- **Monday 2 December** – End of Year Concert – North Sydney Leagues Club
- **Friday 6 December** – End of Year BBQ – all bands performing, 4pm start

**Last Band Rehearsals for 2013**

- Intermediate Band Wed 4 Dec
- Senior Band Thu 5 Dec
- Junior Band Fri 6 Dec

**End of Year Band Concert**

The annual end of year concert for all bands will be held on **Monday 2 December at North Sydney Leagues Club**. Students must arrive at the venue between 6pm and 6.15pm, ready for a 6.30pm start. Students must bring their instruments and music, plus dress in their band uniform (band t-shirt, blue school pants and black school shoes). Tickets are **$20 per family or $7 for a single ticket**. This charge will cover the cost of venue hire. Tickets can be purchased online at [http://www.trybooking.com/DZAL](http://www.trybooking.com/DZAL) or by completing the payment form issued to students last week and available on the school website.

*Please practice the following pieces for the end-of-year concert:*
  - Intermediate: La Bamba, Minkas Sleigh Ride, YMCA
  - Senior: Castles and Dragons, Dance of the Tumblers, Mambo #5
  - Junior: Bunyip, We are young, Geronimo

**End of Year BBQ**

All three bands will perform at the start of the end of year BBQ on **Friday, 6 December**. The first performance will commence at **4pm sharp**, however students are required to be at school by 3.45pm to ensure all bands are organised and ready to play by 4pm. An information note with further details will be provided to students prior to the event. Parent volunteers to assist with the set up will be greatly appreciated. Please email Melissa Lanigan if you are able to assist.

**Junior Band Recruitment**

The recruitment process for the 2014 Junior Band is now underway, with applications open to all students who will be in **Year 3 or above** next year. Submissions can be made online at [www.directionsinmusic.com.au](http://www.directionsinmusic.com.au), and are due by **this Friday**. If you have any questions regarding the band program, please contact Leah at Directions in Music on 9662 2211.

**Position vacant!**

At this point, the 2014 Senior Band does not have a keyboard player. The keyboard plays an important role in reinforcing the bass line in a piece of music, so we would ideally like to fill this “position vacant”. If your child will be in Year 5 or 6 next year and plays the piano (passed at least AMEB Grade 1 or equivalent), we would like to hear from you. Playing in a band is an excellent way to consolidate musical skills, and to have a lot of fun. Please contact Melissa Lanigan to discuss this opportunity.

**Enquiries**

Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au

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**TheDem Community News**

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**Carols under the Bridge** - Sat 14 December 2013 from 5pm at Bradfield Park, Kirribilli. Activities for children, food stalls, a jazz band and then the main event a great night singing Christmas Carols at 7:30pm – all under the Harbour Bridge in Kirribilli. Church by the Bridge.

**China Night Concert** – Tues Feb 11 2014 8pm in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. [http://www.cn-au.org/](http://www.cn-au.org/)
The End of Year Festival hosted by the P&C will be held on Friday 6 December with performances starting at 4pm.

A note will go home with every child on Monday 2 December explaining what time and where they will need to meet their teachers on Friday afternoon. After their performance children will be escorted through the Pacific Building by their teacher. Please collect your children promptly from the area behind the Kindergarten demountable (KTH).

Parents are requested to ensure appropriate supervision arrangements are made for children between the end of school and the commencement of the concert i.e. from 2:55pm to 4:00pm.

Grandstand and Demcare will not be taking children to the performance. If your child attends Grandstand or Demcare you will need to pick them up to ensure they don’t miss out. If it is impossible to pick up your children personally, please speak to Demcare and organise for a friend to pick them up. It would be very sad for anyone to miss out on the performance.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday 6 December 2013 to celebrate another successful year at North Sydney Demonstration School.
Amazing performances! The festival begins at 4pm. Each year group will perform a spectacular dance routine in the Pacific playground. Please see the running order listed on the previous page 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 preschoolers 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. Remember you need to return them with the money to your child’s teacher by Thursday 5 December. Please see the Fundraising Raffle page for news on the wonderful prizes and donors.

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
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 $ _________________________________
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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!

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 its 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](mailto: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!**

A book of raffle tickets was sent home to all families with the festival info pack. Please try to sell all the tickets to family and friends or just buy the lot yourselves - you’ve got to be in it to win it! Remember - the ticket stubs must be returned to your child’s teacher along with the money by **Thursday 5 December 2013**.

If you want to purchase more tickets, they will be for sale at the festival until 6.45pm - just look out for the Raffle Ticket stall. The draw will take place in the school hall at 7.00pm, all are welcome to witness. The winners will be announced at 7.30pm.

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

- Sweetheart Cottage dollhouse by Le Toy Van gift from Dem parent Marianne Schmidt - $199 value
- Golf umbrellas and golf bag from McCarroll’s Automotive Group & Lexus of Chatswood - $200 value
- Four adult tickets to visit Taronga Zoo from Presence of IT North Sydney - $176 value
- Five $10 vouchers for yummy frozen yoghurt or coffee from Yogurccino Crows Nest - $50 value
- A meal voucher from Greenwood Chinese Restaurant North Sydney - $50 value
- Two night’s accommodation at the McLaren Hotel North Sydney - $420 value
- One term of children’s yoga classes from Kidd’s Yoga Crows Nest - $130
- Marvellous Mini ipads from McGrath Neutral Bay - $600 value each – two to be won!
- 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 kindly donated by Dem parent Martine Bruce – priceless!
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Pop over and say hello to the team, they’ll be sizzling sausages at the festival!
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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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Limited Vacancies

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- Instrument not required initially
- Music material provided
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- Convenient at-school venue

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.

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