Dear Parents/Carers,

**Alice in Wonderland**

Only One week to go until 125 DEM students participate in the stage musical Alice in Wonderland. Tickets are available through [www.trybookings.com](http://www.trybookings.com) for both the matinee and evening performances on Wednesday 13 November. If you are unable to take your child to see this wonderful performance, 100 tickets will be available to purchase for $10 as part of a school group excursion. As these places are limited, students interested in participating in this excursion will need to return their expression of interest form by Friday 8 November at 9am. These notes went home on Monday this week and are available on the website. At 9.30am on Friday 100 names will be drawn from all returned forms.

**Year 6 Fair**

Tomorrow at lunch time Year Six will be entertaining students from K-5 with the annual Year 6 Fair. The Fair will take place in the playground with Year 6 coordinating a number of fun activities for students to participate in including face painting, hair spray, hot dogs and soft drink sales, teacher dunking, water play and many more exciting challenges. Children can bring a maximum of $10 to support this fair with all proceeds going towards the Year 6 gift to the school of lapel microphones.

**Well Done Robotics Team**

Our Year 4 Robotics team along with their Year 5 mentors competed last Saturday in the First Lego League Tournament. Our students were amazing and demonstrated great potential in programming, team work, research and public speaking. Thank you to Ms Tracy for all of the hard work that she put into this day being so enjoyable and productive. Thank you also to Ms Manning for her work earlier in the year and to Ms Bennett for her support on the day. For a glimpse of the day’s funs and excitement please see the Robotics Report in this newsletter.

**Congratulations Yuka**

Congratulations Yuka Lin who participated at the NSW PSSA Golf Championships at Port Macquarie in September. Yuka not only represented the Sydney North team which finished the carnival as runners up, but she was also selected to represent NSW in the upcoming Australian Championships! Well done Yuka!

**Remembrance Day**

Next Monday is Remembrance Day. The school will be acknowledging this important day with all students observing one minutes silence in their classrooms before being released for recess. Student representatives from Kindergarten through to Year 5 will place wreaths made by Year 6 in our Remembrance garden during this time and the Student Executive will be attending a special ceremony at North Sydney Leagues Club.

**Good Luck Amber**

Amber Setchell from Year 6 will be representing the Northern Sydney Region today at the Senior State Final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. We wish her the best of luck and feel very proud of her. Amber is a dedicated and hardworking student who is a great role model for all students. We hope she enjoys every moment of this opportunity.

**Absences**

This is a friendly reminder that the school is required to follow-up on all unexplained absences from school. If your child is absent from school please notify the school within 24hours. You may do this by sending an email to the teacher or to myra.dem-run.myra@det.nsw.edu.au. Alternatively, you may phone the office on 9955 2822 or you can send a note to school with your child. As this follow-up of absences is a Departmental requirement, the school must comply. Every minute spent phoning a parent is a minute not spent doing something that will make your child’s school day a more enjoyable experience. Please help. 😊

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 have been sent home with your child. 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.

Donate a Cake!
We would love it if you could donate a cake for our school musical interval. Please leave it on the table marked ‘cake donations’ in the corridor next to the staffroom in the McHatton Building on the morning of Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th of November 2013.

If you have a cake stand that we could borrow, please leave it in the same place, in a box with your child’s name and class clearly marked on it. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions please contact...
holly.kendall2@det.nsw.edu.au

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: http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=63593

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!
Congratulations!
2013 NSDS Lego Robotics Teams!!

NSDS entered two teams in this year’s **First Lego League** Tournament at Macquarie University.
We competed on Saturday November 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

**Congratulations to the Tsunami Surfers!!!!**
Josh Merchant, Rory Woods, Calum Gaynor, Niki Young, Aral Bagis, Sydney McQuillan, Gabriel Deldio and Tahlia Lunau

**Congratulations to the Craft Masters!!!!**
Max Belcher, Josh O’Donnell, William Anderson, Luca Buckley McDonald, Luka Cutts, Jason Dobes and Owen Johnstone

These amazing students represented our school with pride and displayed respect and encouragement to other teams on the day. We are VERY proud of you and all your efforts!

A wonderful experience was had by all who attended Saturday’s tournament! A HUGE thank you to Ms Wearne and Mrs Bennett who came on the day to help out!!

*Ms Tracy - Program 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 K-2 Fabstar for this week is Jennifer Elmslie from Year 2. Jennifer showed care and kindness towards her friends during a skipping game by allowing friends who had tripped on the rope to have another turn. What a lovely friend you are Jennifer!

Thank You and Farewell BEd Students!

This term, we have been very fortunate to have 14 Pre Service teachers completing their Practicum with us, as part of the Bachelor of Education program at Sydney University.

On behalf of the staff and students at the Dem, I would like to thank these Pre Service students for their hard work and congratulate them on completing their Practicum experience at North Sydney Dem.

Thank you and farewell to: Alisa Ritchie-Dibbs 2AD, Genevieve Hawkins 2LJ, Greta Barlow 5JT, Lauren Duncan 5/6KS, Xiao Shen KML, Sian Tutt KML, Leora Rudanksy 1JD, Sean Casey 1JD, Ann Hodgson 1KV, Erica Phillips 1KV, Jess Harris 3AR, Michael Fletcher 3AR, Abby Clarke 4DM and Etiosa Okunbor 4DM.

Thank you must also go to the following cooperating teachers for taking the time to mentor and guide these students during Practicum experience.

Mrs Alyssa Anstey & Mrs Annabel Davis 2AD, Ms Lisa Jardin 2LJ, Mrs Jemma Thomas 5JT, Mrs Karin Sundic 5/6KS, Ms Melissa Lanigan KML, Ms Jennifer Davies 1JD, Mrs Holly Kendall 1KV, Ms Amy Rogers 3AR and Ms Diane Milicevic 4DM.

Amanda Vaga
Assistant Principal & Practicum Coordinator
As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates for those outstanding readers who completed the challenge, here are some interesting facts for you:

### Student Completion (NSW statewide)

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To receive a **gold certificate** your child will need to have 4 years of participation in the PRC. To be awarded a **platinum certificate**, all readers will need to have 7 years of participation. Students who complete the Challenge each year from Year 3 to Year 9 inclusive receive a **PRC medal**. For more information please visit this website:


This year’s PRC certificates will be arriving in December. As soon as they are sorted, any student who have completed the challenge and had their record validated will receive a certificate from the premier’s office for their outstanding effort. In addition, those awesome students who have read more than the required number of books will receive an “Above and Beyond” certificate as well as their PRC certificate.

If you have any queries regarding the PRC certificate please do let me know.

**NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge app – now available!**

The PRC office are delighted to announce the Department of Education and Communities has been working in association with Microsoft and Avanade to create a NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge app. The free app will assist students to search for books on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge book list, record the books they have read and track their progress in the Challenge.

The app is available from the [Windows Store](https://www.windows.com/store) and can be downloaded free on any Microsoft Windows 8 device.

Kind regards

Alice Bennett  Library Teacher (alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au)
**P&C News**

**Thank You to all who responded to NSDS garage sale trail!**

Greetings North Sydney Dem Community,

MANY THANKS to all those who donated items and their time to our school Garage Sale.

Special thanks to Mrs Wearne who was there to support us at 06.30am!

It was a lovely morning and we all got into the spirit of things, having conversations with people we see each day but never get a chance to actually stop and say hello to.

Great sausages thanks to Craig Cook, Greenwood and the coffee van on trial for the End of Year Festival certainly passed the test.

We made $1400, which will go toward the upgrade of the playground area in front of the Pacific Building on Pacific Hwy.

**SEEKING HELP!**

Next week at the school production of ‘Alice in Wonderland’, refreshments will be served at intermission and we are looking for some volunteers to help serve at the two performances.

If you are available and would like to be involved, please email me at thedempc@gmail.com or see Holly Kendal (Year 1 teacher) or Amy Rogers (Year 3 teacher).

Thanks again on behalf of the P&C team!

**Julia Macdonald**
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