Dear Parents/Carers,

What a Great Night!!!!!

Last Friday’s End of Year Festival was certainly a night to remember. With rides, performances, delicious food, fairy floss and even a man on stilts, it was always destined to be a fitting finale to a fantastic year. I would like to give special thanks to the many volunteers who gave their time and who ensured that everything went off without a hitch. This wonderful community tradition is dependent upon people like you lending a hand. Most importantly, I would like to thank the following people who have spent hours, days, weeks and for some even months planning and preparing for the Festival or who spent the whole night volunteering. The school community thanks you for sending the year out on such a high note.

Thank you to:
Mark Van Kerkwyk, Julia Macdonald, Vanessa Horler, Laurens Libeton, Peta Alpen, Julia Macdonald’s dad!
Samantha Tunbridge, Sonia Braden, Carol Kostamo, Kha-Van Pennefather, Lisa Tonzing, Adam Olesen
Vasi Damianos, Mark Rees, Anthony Damianos, Karen Stewart
Samantha Tunbridge, Mark Rees

Talent Fest
Our annual Talent Fest commenced this week with Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 having already delighted their peers with their amazing talents. Years 4 – 6 will be out to impress on Thursday and Friday this week before the final performance on Wednesday 18th December.

While parents are more than welcome to attend this annual event, what’s worth celebrating is that this explosion of talent has been organised by the children for the children. Well done kids !!!!!

2014 Bus passes for children in Year 3-6
Students who will be in Year 3 or above next year and who require a bus pass must apply NOW. If you are not sure about your eligibility please speak to the office ASAP. Students in year 3 and above must live at least 1.6 km from the school to be eligible for free transport.

Last chance for feedback re playground designs
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, one of the School and P&C initiatives this year has been to develop a playground design for the Lower Pacific Playground. The Working Party consulted with parents, students and with KU Dem Care to come up with some ideas that would form the basis of the current concept plan. This plan has been added to the school website in the Latest News section: [http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). This is the last opportunity for the school community to review this plan and provide any relevant feedback. Feedback should be directed to myra.janes@det.nsw.edu.au.

Any necessary changes will be made upon the appointment of the builder and works are expected to commence in January 2014.

Returning late in 2014?
If you are aware that your child will be returning late in 2014 and you have not let the OFFICE know please email me at myra.janes@det.nsw.edu.au so that I can ensure that your child is allocated a class for 2014.
Believe it or not, sometimes students leave the school and parents do not let us know. If your child does not arrive at school on Wednesday 29th January and you have not offered an explanation to us (e.g. sick, still on holidays etc.) we will assume that you have left and will assign your child’s class place to another student. This may mean that when they do arrive back in the following week or fortnight that they will be allocated another place in another class with no guarantee of a friend from their 5 friends list. This would be unfortunate so please let us know.

Myra Wearne, Principal
**Dem News and Notices**

**TUCK SHOP NEWS**

The last day for lunch orders will be Monday 16 December. The Tuck Shop will **not** be open on Tuesday 17 or Wednesday 18 December 2013 (*Tuesday and Wednesday in the last week of school*).

Thanks to all the families who used the Tuck Shop throughout 2013.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!

_Craig, Karen & Peta_

**TREE OF JOY – please return gifts by Friday 13 December 2013**

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

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

***The last day for Uniform Shop will be open in 2013 is **Wednesday 18 December** from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm***

***In 2014 the Uniform Shop will be open from **8:30am to 9:30am on Tuesday 28 January, Wednesday 29 January, Thursday 30 January and Friday 31 January**. It will also be open from **2:30 to 4:00pm on Wednesday 29 January and Friday 31 January 2014**.***

**Talent Fest 2013**

Students will soon be provided with an opportunity to demonstrate their talents as Talent Fest is nearly upon us! This year we will be continuing with the same format as last year. Students register to perform in Talent Fest 2013 with their class teacher. Performers may register in **1 act only** and performances are to be no longer than **one and a half minutes**. Grade heats will be held during class time towards the end of the term. SRC Representatives from a different grade will judge the performances. Parents are invited to attend. Heat and final dates will be communicated through the Dem Newsletter and on the school website. The final will take place in week 11. We look forward to watching the performances!
The schedule for performances is as follows:

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**BAND NEWS**

**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

**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.

**Carols on the Hill** - Sat 14 December 2013 at St Thomas’ Anglican Church, Cnr Church & McLaren Streets, North Sydney. This is a relaxed family event with face painting and a sausage sizzle in the church grounds from 5pm and carols beginning at 6pm. Hope you can make it! Contact the church office on 8908 4800 if you have any queries.

**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/)
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.

Meisha from Year 2 demonstrated excellent reflective thinking and maturity when she responded calmly and sensibly to a difficult situation in the playground. Meisha sought teacher assistance to resolve the conflict and listened to advice given to her. She has learned that by making a positive choice, disputes are able to be overcome. Well done Meisha!

K-2 Fabstars from 5 December
Kodhi and Rion
The Dem P&C wants to say a

HUGE

thank you

to all the wonderful parents, carers, teachers and staff who generously gave their time, enthusiasm and energy to be awesome festival volunteers last Friday night

The events we produce are only possible due to the kindness of all these people who exhibit such fantastic school spirit
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| Frozen Yoghurt and Coffee Crows Nest |
| North Sydney |

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| Tel 0422 923 198 / 0410 031 521 |

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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.

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NEW SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Tennis Hot Shots, Multi Sports & Activity Camp
For kids aged 5–12 years

SPECIAL OFFER JOIN FOR ANY 5 DAYS AT CAMP & RECEIVE THE PUPIL FREE DAY FREE!

NEW Multi Sports Highlights

**Tuesday 21 January**: Full day conducted at Willoughby Leisure Centre for swimming (inflatables), plus multi-sport outdoor activities.

**Friday 24 January**: Full day conducted at Tunks Park for multi-sport outdoor activities, bushwalking, ultimate frisbee, Teddy Bear’s Picnic, plus optional 45 minute Kayak Intro with qualified instructor Laura Stone for 8+ year olds. Contact Laura or Tina regarding details on Kayak option.

**Tennis Hot Shot & Multi Sports Program**
Smaller courts, lighter racquets and low compression balls that make learning tennis fun, easy and perfect for primary school-aged children. Learn ball skills and ball sense in a range of additional multi sports and activities. Loads of games based challenges. A great way to keep kids fit & healthy these holidays!

**CAMP LOCATIONS**

RTC: Ridge St. Tennis Centre (above car park)
Level 2, 37 Ridge Street, North Sydney

AC: Anzac Club Tennis Courts
Anzac Avenue, Cammeray

WLC: Willoughby Leisure Centre
Small Street, Willoughby

TP: Tunks Park, Brothers Ave., Cammeray

**WHAT TO BRING**

- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Morning Tea
- Lunch
- Afternoon Tea
- Drink Bottle
- Racquet if you have one.

**DAILY**

- Drop off & pick up from Willoughby Leisure Centre.

**TUES 21 JAN, 2014**

- Daily*, except racquet, plus swimmers and towel.

**FRI 24 JAN, 2014**

- Daily*, except racquet, plus Teddy Bear & Picnic Plate to share. Drop off & pick up from Tunks Park.

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS**

Please return this form & payment to Have 4 Sports, 34 Harden Avenue, Northbridge 2063, or via email to tina.s.gibson@gmail.com.

Internet Banking Details: BSB 082 401, Account No. 82 225 2717, Account Name Have 4 Sports, Reference Child’s Name (Camp).

**CONTACT**

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Parent/Guardian: (Please Sign) ____________________________ Date: ___________________