Dear Parents / Carers

Staffing Update
Due to the increase in student enrolments, our school was recently reclassified from a P2 to a P1 school and we have therefore been given approval to appoint another Deputy Principal. On behalf of the NSDS community I would like to congratulate and welcome Ms Belinda Morgan to this newly created position. Ms Morgan is already known to staff and many students as she has been working in our school over recent years as an Assistant Principal, Mentor. Ms Morgan brings an extensive knowledge and expertise in curriculum and pedagogy and will make a valuable addition to our exceptional school Executive Team.

I’m also pleased to be able to confirm that Mrs Wearne will definitely be returning as Principal at the beginning of next term.

All Aboard!
Many thanks to the small band of committed parents who volunteered at last week’s P & C meeting to work with Year 2 Team Leader, Ms Jardin, to start a “walking bus” program here at the Dem. This is a great initiative aimed at getting more students walking safely to school every day. Please see the Walk Safely to School Day page in this newsletter for more details about the “walking bus” routes and how they will operate. We’d also be very grateful for more parent volunteers so we can look at developing even more “walking buses”. Please - get on board with this initiative in any way that you can.

MIRVAC
Our thanks to the 26 volunteers from MIRVAC who worked tirelessly yesterday to beautify our gardens and playground. This has become an annual event and we certainly are most grateful that MIRVAC had chosen to dedicate its community volunteer time to our school. Our thanks also to parent volunteer, Val Stamper, for being involved on the day as well as our General Assistant, Bruce Harrison.

Thanking you,
Catherine Williams
Relieving Principal
Dem News and Notices!

Opportunity Class Placement for students in Year 5 2014
This Friday, May 17 is the final day for OC applications. These can be submitted online at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement) or paper copies are available at the office. The test will be held on the 24 July.

NAPLAN
Students in Year 3 and Year 5 have been sitting the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests this week. Yesterday students completed the Language Conventions and Writing tests while today they showed off their reading skills. With only one test left tomorrow (Maths) we continue to wish students all the best and congratulate them for their efforts so far.

Belinda Morgan
Deputy Principal

Term 2 Calendar Updates
Please add the following date to your Term 2 calendar:

- Monday 20 May – National Simultaneous Story Time
- Monday 20 May – Premier’s Sporting Challenge commences
- Wednesday 26 June – Labs on Legs (Year 6 Incursion)

Please amend the following:

- Thursday 30 May - Multicultural Public Speaking Finals
  (previously scheduled for 29th May):
  - 9:35am to 10:55am (Years 5 & 6) and
  - 11:15am to 12:15pm (Years 3 & 4).

Stewart House Donation Envelopes – please return by Tuesday 22 May 2013
Stewart house donation envelopes have been sent home with students. To be included in the draw for the $4,000 holiday competition please return your donations in the envelopes provided by Tuesday 22 May 2013. Donations to Stewart House support the 1,800 children who attend Stewart house each year from public schools across NSW & the ACT.
**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Thank you to Mr Ray Jenkins who has volunteered to co-ordinate the NSDS collection of Earn & Learn sticker pages for the 2013 Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. Please affix your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker pages found at Woolworths stores (additional pages available at the School office) – max 60 stickers per page please. Please put your completed Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker pages into the box outside the school office. Thank you.

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**Library News**

**Returns and Library bags**

Thank you parents and carers for helping your child to return the books they borrowed for the holidays. Please keep them coming! We currently still have a large number of overdue books borrowed for last school holidays. Please also ensure that your child either brings a library bag or a strong plastic bag on their library day so that they can securely take their favourite books home. Last term several of our books had to be written off due to water damage. Needless to say there were a few disappointed faces in the library as a result!

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**Monday Lunchtime K-3 Drama Workshops in the Library**

On Monday over 40 students participated in the inaugural K-3 Drama workshop in the Library. Mrs Bennett and Ms Lanigan were thrilled to see so many students give up their play time to come in and find out about the Drama Workshop. Unfortunately due to limited space available in the Library, we have had to restrict this opportunity to 40 children who are not in the school musical or the K-2 choir. Next week we hope to welcome many enthusiastic actors and actresses to our second session in the library.

K-3 Students who wish to participate in the K-3 Drama Workshops should be willing to make a commitment to attend the workshop every Monday lunchtime during Terms 2 & 3 2013. In Term 2 Drama Workshop students will participate in drama games designed to build their dramatic skills. In Term 3 Drama Workshop students will develop and perform a script based on the text *The Wrong Book* by Nick Bland.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. A. Bennett ([alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au))
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.

Our K-2 Fabstar is Sarah from KSF. Sarah showed kindness to her new classmate by playing with him and showing him some games on the equipment. Thank you Sarah for your caring behaviour in the playground!

Our 5-6 Fabstars are Lilian and Gala from 4PB for helping Kindergarten children negotiate and decide on a game that they could play together.
BAND NEWS

TERM 2 - dates for your diary
• 11 – 12th June - Band camp for ALL bands
• 17th June - Band committee meeting, 5pm in the connected classroom
• 20th June - Senior Band performance – Yamaha Band Festival
• 25th June – Mid-Year Concert (in the NSDS Hall) – All Bands

Band rehearsal time is 7:45am SHARP on your band rehearsal day
As the colder mornings are fast approaching we understand how hard it is to get to school early BUT please remember that each band member is an integral part of the band – if one person is missing or late it does affect the whole band. Prompt arrival is important, parents your help in this matter is appreciated, as is help in setting up in the mornings. **Percussion Parents** Please assist your child to set up their percussion instruments every week at band rehearsal. Currently it is taking students longer than is necessary to set up equipment which is delaying the start of rehearsal for all bands.

BAND CAMP
Permission notes were sent home last week; it is important that these are completed and returned to the office ASAP. The note is also available on the NSDS website and also at the School Office. Attendance at the Band Camp is compulsory; it is an integral part of the Band program. Tutors attend the camp and provide intensive tuition that promotes teamwork and great musical growth for all band members. It is a lot of fun and one of the musical highlights of the band program.

The band camp fee is added to your Term 2 schedule of fees and covers accommodation, food, transport, conductors, tutors and other band expenditure for the camp. Please note all camp fees must be paid prior to camp; if full payment is not received the student will unfortunately not be able to attend.

Senior band performance at Yamaha Band Competition
Senior band welcomes the following students to join the band for the Yamaha competition: Kai Myers (trombone), Luka Cutts (trumpet), Jack Maitland (trumpet), Andre Garcia (clarinet), Nova Kutlutan (clarinet).

These students are committing to attend both the intermediate & senior band rehearsals every week until the competition, (that is Wed & Thurs mornings at 7:45am). Strict attendance is required. After the competition they will return to intermediate band. Well done and thank you boys for your hard work and commitment (and a special thank you to the parents as well).

Parents can purchase tickets to attend the competition, details will be provided on the permission note & also in the newsletter closer to the time.

Reminder - band shirts are only to be worn on band rehearsal day or at a band performance. Parents please DO NOT ALLOW your child to wear their band shirt to school on a non band rehearsal day.

Enquiries
Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan: MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2013

LET'S START WALKING!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

At NSDS we want to encourage students to walk to and from school as often as possible. The benefits include:

- Less traffic in the immediate school vicinity
- Healthier, active children
- A smaller carbon footprint

Parents from the P&C have organised 3 “walking buses”. If you are interested in joining a walking bus, or organising your own walking bus, please contact the P&C walking bus representatives to help with coordination. The proposed routes and times are as follows:

1. Lord/Short street and along the length of Edward St. Monday - Thursday morning initially. Gemma Garrod [gemmaamond@hotmail.com]

2. The bottom of Bank street, up through to Priory Rd, out onto Bay Rd to school. Julia McDonald [elevenatwood@hotmail.com]

3. Cnr Shirley Rd and Belmont Ave down Newlands, up Morton, crossover Rocklands, over Hazelbank, up Crows Nest Road and then up McHatton. Mornings on Monday through Wednesday. Jane Curbishley [jane@curbishley.net]

Ms Lisa Jardin
Teacher - Year 2 Team Leader

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