Wednesday 22 May – Week 4 Term 2

Dear Parents / Carers

Cross Country Team
Best of luck to our Cross Country Team competing tomorrow in the Zone Carnival:

Putting Our Best Foot Forward
Just a reminder that tomorrow we are celebrating national Walk Safely to School Day. This is a day that asks us all to consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.
Our school has been working closely with North Sydney Council in recent months and we are proud to be part of the Council’s official launch of the Transport Access Guide (TAG). The Mayor, Jilly Gibson, will be at our morning assembly tomorrow to talk to students and to launch the TAG.
Please see further in the newsletter for more details about tomorrow, the TAG and how all students can get involved in this day as well as in the “Walking Bus” initiative.

Kindergarten 2014
Now is the time to be enrolling children for Kindergarten 2014. Please spread the word amongst the Dem School community so parents can start the enrolment process now by downloading the enrolment forms from our website http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/kinder-enrolment or by collecting the forms from the school office.

Thanking you,
Catherine Williams
Relieving Principal
From the Deputy Principals

Reminder for K-2 Parents:
As there is a special morning whole school assembly for Walk Safely to School Day there will be no K-2 Assembly on Thursday 23 May 2013.

Mirvac Community Day
1LT exploring happily in our garden.

Thank you Mirvac for fixing our garden. We had so much fun!

Miss Saigon Musical
On Thursday all of Years 5 and 6 have been invited to attend North Sydney Girls and North Sydney Boys combined production of the musical Miss Saigon. Students will be walking up to North Sydney Girls High School at 10:40am and returning to school at approximately 2:15pm. Due to the weather forecast we encourage all students to bring a raincoat and an umbrella. Students will be having an early lunch and a late afternoon tea on the day so no canteen orders will be available. We understand that some students are committed to the Zone Cross Country, however if the carnival is cancelled due to rain we encourage those students in Year 5 and 6 to attend the musical.
Permission notes were handed out on Monday and are available on the school website if your child has forgotten to hand one in. This event has been paid for by our school’s Creative Arts committee.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3 and Year 5 completed the NAPLAN assessments last week and the results for each of these tests will be sent home later in the year.

NAPLAN results, at a school level are one tool used to identify the strengths and weaknesses of education programs which help us set goals for improvement. In the classroom, the results show teachers how their students’ achievement compares to a wider group of students across Australia.

Please remember that NAPLAN is simply a snapshot of the skills your child has developed up to this point in their education and may not reflect the full range of your child’s ability as the tests only measure a narrow range of skills. It is also important to
remember that the results reflect each student’s performance at a single point in time only. NAPLAN testing complements but does not replace the information that teachers gather as each teacher assesses student learning in literacy and numeracy on an ongoing basis.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
On Tuesday 86 students from Year 3 to 6 sat the ICAS computers test. The Computer Skills test assessed skills and knowledge in the areas of databases, graphics and multimedia, internet use and email programs, networks and other communications systems, spread sheets, word processing, operating systems and computer hardware. Parents can gain more information about ICAS at http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about

Upcoming test dates:

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* Please note that all applications for students to sit these tests have now closed.

Dem News and Notices!

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 Suriyan from KAW. Suriyan showed wonderful kindness to an injured classmate, staying with him and comforting him until the teacher arrived. Well done Suriyan!
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

JUNIOR BAND PRACTICE 17/5

Due to ill health Robyn Smart, our junior band conductor, had to cancel last week’s band practice. Practice will resume as normal this week and parents will be advised of a replacement rehearsal time asap.

BAND CAMP PERMISSION NOTE - REMINDER

REMINDER – Camp permission notes must be completed and returned to the office by this Friday. A copy of the note is also available on the NSDS website or at the office.

BAND CAMP PAYMENT

Please refer to the Term 2 schedule of fees. PLEASE NOTE: payment must be made prior to camp due to payment commitments to suppliers i.e. accommodation, food, transport, conductors, tutors and other expenditure for the camp. If full payment is not received, students will unfortunately not be able to attend.

BAND CAMP ATTENDANCE

Attendance at Band Camp is an integral part of the Band program. All students will receive intensive music tuition from experienced tutors, both as part of an instrument section group and as part of a band group. The tuition at camp enhances team work and offers great musical growth for all band members.

Parents, you will be amazed at how much the children learn and progress at camp. It is a wonderful experience for students and one of the musical highlights of the band program. The NSDS staff supervising camp this year are: Ashley Grimmond, Melissa Lanigan and Melissa Tracy.

For many Year 3 students, this camp might well be their first experience away from home. Parents please rest assured this camp is highly supervised by both male and female teachers who have all attended many school camps and are experienced in dealing with away from home nerves. Actually, as all Year 3 students will be going on camp later this year, attending the band camp will be a great introduction to the wonderful camp experience. If your child hasn’t had a night away from home yet, we do encourage you to organise a sleep over prior to camp with a family member or a friend to assist with making the experience as enjoyable as possible for your child.

BAND CAMP FEEDBACK FROM 2012

Comments from students who attended band camp last year:

“It was lots of fun”, “I really liked it when we had instrument group lessons”, “the cabins were really nice”, “it was better than I thought it would be”, “I made new friends”, “we were given new music to practise”, “I really liked it when we played with all of the bands”, “the senior band were really good to listen to”, “the food was yummy” and “the best bit was when we worked in instrument groups”.

So, if you have been nervous about your child’s attendance until now, we hope you have been reassured and that we will see your child on the bus to Collaroy on June 11.

Enquiries

Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan: MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au
National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books.

Now in its 13th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades 1 to 6.

This year we started the celebration of this special event with our Relieving Principal Catherine Williams reading aloud Nick Bland’s nominated book - *The Wrong Book* to our students and what a fantastic turn out we had at Tuesday’s recess.

To continue the celebration of NSS, on Wednesday May 22 students were invited and encouraged to dress up as one of the characters in *The Wrong Book*. Check out those enthusiastic rats, queens, pirates and monsters!

Thank you NSDS students, parents, carers, teachers and execs for your eager participation in this year’s NSS!

**Drama Club Reminder:** K-3 students please remember to come to the K-3 Drama Club in the library on Monday during lunchtime.
REMEMBER TO WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY ON THURSDAY 23 MAY!

On Thursday morning NSDS will have a whole school morning assembly. This is to welcome our special guest, the Mayor of North Sydney, Jilly Gibson, who will launch the Transport Access Guide. The guide, which will be sent home to every household, explains parking restrictions, bus routes, cycling routes and walking routes in the area. This guide will help you to plan your daily trip to and from school safely without using a car.

Please remember that there are “Walking Buses” operating in the area. If you are interested please contact P&C members:
Jane Curbishley [jane@curbishley.net]
Julia McDonald [elevenatwood@hotmail.com]
Gemma Garrod [gemmaamond@hotmail.com]
Sydney University Partnership
Updates!

Research at the Dem
Agnes Hu is a PhD student at the University of Sydney and she is currently conducting research focused on investigating new learning methods to enhance students’ learning. This term, she is going to conduct a study in the area of Mathematics with Year 5 students. The findings of the study are expected to provide educators and instructional designers with empirical evidence to design more effective instructional materials.

Information and permission notes were sent home with Year 5 students this week. To complete this project, Agnes would like to have as many Year 5 students participate as possible. If your child is in Year 5 and you would like them to participate in this research study, please return the permission note to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the study please contact Amanda Vaga. amanda.coroneos@det.nsw.edu.au

Welcome to our Pre Service Teachers!
We currently have a number of Pre Service teachers from the University of Sydney at the Dem. We would like to welcome the following students and wish them every success for their Practicum experience.

Bachelor of Education Students – First Year
Sarah Williams & Anna Parker 1MT
Briana Barltrop & Zara Stanton KML
Melissa Bocska & Madeleine Borg KGW
Katherine Molloy & Zhizhen Jiao 1JD

Bachelor of Education Student – Fourth Year
Thomas Keeble 5TM

Master of Teaching Students – Second Year
Andrew Irwin 2JP
Sonata Devadas 5SS

Bachelor of Education Human Movement Students – First Year
Lachlan Charles & Emma Soutar 2NC
Alexandra Cropley & Sam Yang (past NSDS student!) 6AW

For further information about the partnership with the University of Sydney please visit our school Website.

Amanda Vaga
Assistant Principal
Come and enjoy the joint musical production of
NORTH SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
and
NORTH SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
present

MISS SAIGON

**Performance Dates:**
- Friday 24 May 2013
- Saturday 25 May 2013
- Friday 31 May 2013
- Saturday 1 June 2013

**Tickets:**
- Family (2 Adult + 2 students) $80
- Adults $30
- Concession/Student $20

**Venue:** NSGHS School Hall – 7.30pm

**ORDER TICKETS NOW**

Tickets can be purchased by registering with TRYBOOKING


Trybooking produces receipts at the time of booking.
Choose your seat and print off your ticket at the same time.

**TICKETS NON-REFUNDABLE**

**FOR ENQUIRIES:** Telephone: 9922 6666
Rain garden building workshop

Date: Saturday 15 June, 2013
Time: 9.30am to 1.30pm
Location: North Sydney Demonstration School, Bay Road, Waverton

Rain gardens absorb and filter runoff before it drains into the stormwater system. Learn everything you need to know about building a rain garden at this practical, hands-on workshop:

• How big should my rain garden be?
• What materials do I need?
• What sort of soil is best?
• How deep should my rain garden be?
• What plants are best?
• What maintenance is required?

The workshop will be conducted by water sensitive urban design specialists Equatica and is funded by the Caring for our Country grant program. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes and sun hat. The workshop involves lifting, carrying and digging. All tools and materials will be supplied. Light refreshments will be served.

For information about the workshop please call Claire Hanley on 0403 922 907.

Places are limited. To book, please call North Sydney Council on 9936 8100.
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