Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support for an action packed and rewarding Term. The students are to be congratulated on their commitment and dedication to all the activities that have occurred during the Term. In particular it was fabulous to see the Jump Rope for Heart Skip-Off last week. I have been continually amazed by the development of the students and their enthusiasm to collaboratively work together to improve. Just to think, up until 5 days ago I thought that a pretzel was something you ate! Congratulations to Mrs Smith and Mr Mackie on the organisation of this wonderful initiative and your support of the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation.

Year Three and Four celebrates the end of a great Term at Camp! We wish both Years 3 and 4 all the best as they embark on camp this Thursday and Friday. Year 3 are set to have a fabulous time at the Morisset Outdoor Adventure Camp and will be enjoying their ever-increasing independence by completing such activities as the high ropes, abseiling and the flying fox. Year 4 will be enjoying the natural wonders of the Blue Mountains. They will be learning about natural habitats and taking in some of the most beautiful bush walking tracks that Australia has to offer. Students and staff are looking forward to having a great time. Thank you to Miss Rogers, Mr Pytko, Miss Green, Miss White, Ms Tracy, Mr Baldwin, Ms Williams, Ms Millicevic and Mrs Vaga for all of their hard work leading up to the camp.

Volunteers
During the Term it has been wonderful to see the contribution of the parent community to helping around the school. Whether it has been making mathematics resources, marking and counting Spell-a-thon or helping with reading in the classroom, no matter how large or small the contribution it has been greatly appreciated! Tomorrow, as part of our local community partnerships, eighteen volunteers from Lend Lease will be at the school contributing their time and expertise to improving the school grounds. Thank you to Lend Lease for this initiative - we look forward to admiring all the changes.

Outstanding Student Achievements
Outstanding student achievements this week include the Year 6 debating team who participated in the Northern Sydney Region’s debating round robin competition. Ten classes had all students complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge and enjoyed a celebratory morning tea yesterday.

Congratulations to Yuka from SSS who will represent NSW in the PSSA State Golf Team at the National Championships.

Congratulations also to Amber from 6JN who won the Regional Spelling Bee and has progressed to the State Finals in the Premier’s Spelling Challenge.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.
We look forward to seeing you revitalised and refreshed in Term 4. Students and teachers return to school on Tuesday, 8 October 2013.

Ashley Grimmond, Deputy Principal
Dem News and Notices!

Outstanding Student Achievements!

Premier's Reading Challenge
Congratulations to KTH, KML, KJW, KSF, 1JD, 1LT, 2JP, 4EW, 4PB and 4MT for all students in their classes completing the Premier’s Reading challenge. Mrs Wearne and Mrs Bennett thoroughly enjoyed the morning tea with you yesterday and I hope the upcoming holidays gives everyone another chance to keep on reading.

Debating
Congratulations to the Year 6 debating team that participated in the Northern Sydney Region’s debating round robin competition Final on Tuesday 17 September 2013. This competition was held at the Collaroy Centre for the top 16 teams. Our team, consisting of Liah Niadoop, Mia Wellisch, Mimi Chan and Abhi Sunnam, competed well and received encouragement medals. The team was narrowly defeated by Mona Vale Oracles on a very difficult topic: Poker Machines should be banned. They argued the negative position. Mia, Liah, Mimi and Abhi did an outstanding job and made us very proud.

Golf
This week we received the news that Yuka in 5SS has made the State PSSA Golf team. We wish her well in the National Championships and hope that she shoots the lowest score possible.

Spelling
Congratulations to Amber in 6JN who won the Regional Spelling Bee and has progressed to the State finals in the Premier’s Spelling Challenge. We now have a new proof reader for the Dem Newsletter!

Please return Home Readers and Library Books
A stocktake of Home Readers will be done at the end of Term 3. Please return Home Readers before the end of Term 3. Please also return overdue library books to the library.

Hindu Scripture starting Term 4 2013 at the Dem
If you would like your child to attend Hindu Scripture in Term 4 2013 please return a note before the end of Term 3. A copy of the note has been placed on the website: http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes-and-forms.

Thank you.
Lisa Jardin, Year 2 Teacher & Team Leader/ Scripture Co-ordinator.
On behalf of all Kindy and Year 1 teachers, I would like to thank the parents who came along to help make the Literacy and Numeracy resources over the past few weeks. We certainly did go through a lot of laminating pouches so I am sure that you are all experts in laminating now! Hopefully you were also able to pick up on a few new ideas for making maths fun at home too!

The teachers are truly appreciative of the amazing job you have done with these resources and are very excited about using them with their classes next term.

I would also like to personally thank Carmen Schnegg for her organisation and commitment towards ensuring that the days ran smoothly.

Thanks,
Amanda Vaga, Assistant Principal

Thank You and Farewell MTeach Students!

This term, we have been very fortunate to have a number of MTeach students working with us at the Dem. These Pre Service teachers were well liked by the staff and students and we have been most impressed by their enthusiasm and passion for teaching.

We would like to thank these students for their hard work and congratulate them on completing their practicum experience at North Sydney Dem.

We farewell:
- Christian Brown & Debra Foyer in KSF
- Monique Jamgotchian & Michaela Donald in KAW
- Dacre England & Jack Tier in KTH
- Priyanka Chowdhary & Noolee Han in 1MT
- Ashley Pladson in 1LT
- Esther Kim & Felicity Morgan in 3CP

Thank you must also go to the following cooperating teachers for taking the time to mentor and guide these students during their four weeks at the Dem.
- Ms Susi Forey KSF
- Ms Anamaree Williams KAW
- Mrs Taryn Hanley KTH
- Ms Melissa Turner 1MT
- Ms Louise ter Heerdt 1LT
- Mr Chris Pytko 3CP

Next term we will also be receiving Pre Service teachers from the Bachelor of Education program. We are looking forward to meeting them in Week 2, Term 4 2013.

Amanda Vaga
Assistant Principal & Practicum Coordinator
Additional 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge readers who read above and beyond the required number of books

I am delighted to announce more awesome readers who are joining this year’s list of students who have read above and beyond the required number of books in this year’s challenge.

The additional outstanding readers are:
Zara T (KSF)   Spriha G (KTH)   Laura C (1JD)
Alissandra B (1JD)  Valerie B (2LJ)

In total this year we have 41 outstanding readers who have read above and beyond the minimum required number. Let’s give them a big cheer!

Classes with full completion in this year’s PRC had their special morning tea with Mrs Wearne and Mrs Bennett

Yesterday KTH, KML, KJW, KSF, 1JD, 1LT, 2JP, 4EW, 4PB and 4MT had their special morning tea with Mrs Wearne and Mrs Bennett. What a brilliant achievement guys. Keep up the good work!

Calling for more photos for our Who Likes To Read wall!

Last year as part of our celebration for the National Year of Reading, a “Who Likes To Read” photo wall was created in the library. Children love to share photos with their peers and what a great way to celebrate and encourage reading by submitting a photo of your child reading or sharing their favourite books with a special someone.

A big thank you to Isabella (2JP), Kai (1MT) and Mia (3JW) for sending in their pictures. It was greatly appreciated.

Overdues

Currently there are many students with overdue books. While we don’t charge students for overdues, to ensure the smooth running of our lending service, books need to be returned on time or renewed if a longer reading period is needed. With the September school holidays fast approaching, why not help your child to return their library books so they can borrow some more for the holidays?

Happy reading!

Mrs A Bennett  Library Teacher (alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au)

The Dem Garage Sale Trail

The P&C will be hosting a Fundraising Garage Sale at the Dem as part of the National Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 26 October 2013 from 8:30am to 1pm.

Please bring 2 or 3 quality items for sale to the School Office on or before Friday 25 October 2013.

To volunteer or if you have other enquiries please email: thedempc@gmail.com

Thank you.

Julia Macdonald.
BAND NEWS

Dates for your diary
- **16 Oct** – Festival of the Arts – Senior & Intermediate Bands only
- **20 Oct** – Crows Nest Festival – Senior Band only
- **24 Oct** – Junior Band concert in the School Hall
- **2 Dec** – End of Year Band Concert – All Bands – held at North Sydney Leagues Club

Band rehearsals for ALL Bands will recommence week 1 of term 4.

**Festival of the Arts – Wednesday 16 October**
The Senior and Intermediate Band will be participating in the festival of the Arts event at school on the evening of 16 October. This event will commence at **6.30 pm**. Further information will be provided after the holidays regarding expected arrival times and arrangements for supervision and collection of children at the conclusion of the event. Pieces to be played are:
- **Intermediate Band**: *With Flags Unfurled* and *Just Dance*
- **Senior Band**: *Dance of the Tumblers, Castles & Dragons* and *Dynamite*

Please encourage your child to practise these pieces over the holidays.

**Crows Nest Festival – Sunday 20 October**
The Senior Band’s performance is scheduled for **1.10 to 1.30pm**. Full details regarding the arrival time and meeting point will be provided early next month.

Unfortunately, the Intermediate Band **will not** be participating in the Festival due to insufficient numbers of available students. Thank you to those Intermediate Band members who indicated their availability, however we only had 15 confirmed responses and Danika and Phil felt that the band could not participate with these numbers.

**Junior Band Concert – Thursday 24 October**
We are looking forward to a fabulous Junior Band concert on 24 October. We hope to see many – if not all – students performing a solo of their choice or a duet with a friend.

The Conductor, Heather strongly encourages all students to give it a go. Parents please do encourage your child to participate in this opportunity.

**Please email Melissa Lanigan with your child’s name, instrument and title of music they will be playing as soon as possible so that we can put together a program for the night.** Note: *Music Music Music, Beethoven’s Ninth* and *Let’s Rock cannot be selected as these pieces will be played by the entire band in the performance.*

**Band Survey**
Please take the time to answer a very quick survey regarding the band and tutorial program.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NSDS_Band_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NSDS_Band_Survey)

**Enquiries** - Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan [MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au)
Term 4 NSDS Card Art Fundraiser

Participate in this wonderful celebration of children’s art by purchasing your child’s artwork, printed onto cards, calendars or diaries. They make great presents or simple keepsakes.

Timeline:

- Order Forms will go home on Wed 16 October 2013.
- Order Forms returned by Friday 1 November 2013.
- Items ordered sent home on Fri 22 November 2013.

See School website for example images from each Grade:


TheDem Community News

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**Family Fun Day and Moon Festival** on Saturday 21 September from 10am to 2pm at Killara High School. Koola Avenue, Killara. Bookings essential – please call: 9424 0847.

**Hornsby Girls High School Open Morning** for Year 5 students seeking admission in 2015 on Friday 11 October 2013 from 9am to 11am. Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby NSW 2077. Please meet in the School Hall. If you would like to participate in band workshops after the open morning please contact the school. Phone: 9476 5711 or email: hornsbygir-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

**BROTHERS OZ TAG (Non Contact Rugby League) the Summer Competition** will start on Tuesday 15 October 2013 at Tunks Park, Cammeray. All games will be played on a Tuesday after school. The competition is for both Boys & Girls from ages 5 to 16. For all enquiries please contact Annette Hema on Ph: 0404 610 048 or email: brothersoztag@hotmail.com and please visit our website: [www.brothersoztag.com.au](http://www.brothersoztag.com.au) to register online.

**Go4Fun** is a free 10 week program for 7-13 year olds to become fitter, eat healthier, and improve self-esteem. It will run at various locations in Term 4 2013 including Wednesday nights from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at Fix Australia, 319 Penshurst street, Chatswood. Please call: 1800 780 900 or visit: go4fun.com.au

**WEP is looking For Volunteer Host Families**
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in January 2014. For information please call Sylvia Kelly, Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au Website: http://www.wep.org.au
Highlights from the Year 5 Canberra Camp

Last month, Year 5 students went on their much-anticipated trip to Canberra. The camp was based around an exciting tour of some of the most interesting attractions in our National Capital. Mikaila, Sky, Shivanija, Charlie, Hugo, Moshagururu, Stella, Vincy, Senan and Karl helped us to recall some of the highlights!

PARLIAMENT HOUSE
We went on a tour through the new Parliament House and gathered a lot of information from pictures, words, guides and our teachers. We were thrilled to be able to go into the House of Representatives and the Senate where our tour guides pointed out important and interesting features.

ELECTORAL EDUCATION CENTRE
At the Electoral Education Centre we learnt how to vote in a preferential election. This voting is completed by numerical preferences to provide a fairer result. We ran our own election and were very interested to see how the results were tallied. We also watched a movie about the history of democracy in Australia with special effects including holograms. We then completed interactive activities to do with how elections are run and we searched for family members on the electoral roll.

THE WAR MEMORIAL
We started off watching a video about World War 2 and how the Victoria Cross, which is the most important medal, can be earned for bravery. Year 5 also studied the Wall of Remembrance to see the people who had fought in war and looked for names of relatives. The wall was covered in poppies as a way for people to remember. We all wished we had more time, as it was very interesting.

QUESTACON
We were very lucky to have a whole morning at Questacon. We did many exciting activities like a very scary slide, lightning being made and experiencing an earthquake. We also got to buy some quirky science things in the gift shop! What a fantastic time!

OTHER PARTS OF OUR TOUR
Our tour also included a visit to Government House, the National Capital Exhibition Centre, the CSIRO Discovery Centre, The National Gallery, the Australian Institute of Sport and a bike ride around Lake Burley-Griffin! The Tall Trees Motel was a comfortable and enjoyable place to stay. The food was delicious and it was a good experience to share a room with other people as new friendships were made.

THANK YOU!
Thank you to our teachers Mrs Sundic, Ms Thomas, Mr Mackie, Mrs Madambikat, Mrs Jamieson and Ms Smith. They were supportive, helpful and fun! We liked the way they joined in with the activities and encouraged us as well. Year 5 really appreciate the time they took to take us on this trip and we would like to thank them so much!
The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the costs of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred for this trip. This contribution allowed us to reduce the cost of the excursion by $20 per student.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.
Stretch into Spring!
KIDDOS YOGA
with Penny Kidd
YOGA FOR AGES 6-12

@ Mantra Studios 1 Holtermann Street, Crows Nest
Term 4 Commences Monday 14th October
10 weeks: $130
Mondays & Thursdays 4:15pm (1hr)

Holiday classes: Tues 24th, Fri 27th Sept & Tues 1st Oct
4:00pm for 1 hour. $15 per class.

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