Thursday 9 October – Week 1 Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yuka Lin – 2014 Minister’s Awards for Award of excellence

Congratulations Yuka Lin who was awarded the 2014 Minister’s Award for excellence in Student Achievement, Community Languages. Yuka was presented with her award on Monday 29 September by an officer of the NSW Department of Education and Communities at a special ceremony. We are very proud of Yuka and her achievements. Yuka was also selected to represent NSW in the National PSSA Golf Championships this year.

Sport In Schools

Sport in School starts this week for all students (excluding PSSA T Ball players). All children with signed permission notes will take part in this program provided payment is made by Wednesday 22 October. All parents should have received the Term 4 Schedule of payments by next Friday.

Good luck at the Opera House Junior Choir

Good luck to our Junior Choir who will be performing at the Opera House on Monday night as part of the Ryde School Spectacular. What an amazing opportunity for our children.

Interrelate

Last Terms Interrelate session that were postponed due to the ill health of the presenter is now booked for Tuesday 28 October Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. These sessions are for children in Years 3 to 6 and their parents. All students must be accompanied by a parent or carer to be able to attend.

Bus passes

State transit has requested that we remind all students who travel by bus to have their bus pass with them each day.
School Uniform
All children should now be wearing the summer uniform including black school shoes or black runners. Please ensure that your child’s hat is clearly labelled with their first and last name.

2015
Time is running out for students who wish to commence their schooling in Kindergarten 2015. If you have or know of a child who plans on starting school at North Sydney Demonstration School in 2015 please ensure that enrolment occurs next week. Kindergarten Orientation starts in the week beginning 27 October 2014. All documents are available on the website at http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/kinder-enrolment

On behalf of Oxfam, thanks for the goats!
Our recent ‘Goat Naming’ SRC fundraiser raised enough money to purchase 6 goats for a Mozambique community. Well done boys and girls!

Myra Wearne
Principal
FABStar! Features

FABStar! is an initiative to recognise positive behaviours in the playground.

Two FABStar! slips were drawn from all the students who received FABStar! slips in recognition of their positive behaviours on the playground last week.

The K-2 Fabstars for this week are: Zoe Belcher, Caroline Radovanic and Charlotte Morris from Year 2. These lovely girls helped a new student in Kindergarten to find friends and played with him. Thank you girls for being so caring.

Matthew from 4AR supported a younger student and took her to office for first aid.
BAND NEWS

Dates for your Diary

16 October – Junior Band Concert

19 October – Crows Nest Festival Senior and Intermediate bands

12 December – End of Year Concert

Welcome back for the last term of the year – it will be an action packed couple of months for the band program, with several performance opportunities and the creation of next year’s Junior Band.

Junior Band Concert

The Junior Band Concert will be held next Thursday October 16\textsuperscript{th} at 6.30pm in the school hall. This is an excellent opportunity for students to develop confidence playing in front of an audience – and a lot of fun too. At this point all children should know which pieces they are playing in their solo or small group performances, and doing lots of practice to clear away the holiday cobwebs!

Crows Nest Festival

The Senior and Intermediate bands will be performing at the Crows Nest Festival on Sunday 19\textsuperscript{th} October. The performance times are as follows:

- Intermediate Band: 12.30 - 12.50pm
- Senior Band: 1.10-1.30pm.

As with the Junior Band, all students should be doing lots of practice to get ready for this exciting public performance. The pieces each band should be practising are:

**Intermediate Band:**
- With Flags Unfurled
- Rock Around the Clock
- Star Wars
- Rolling in the Deep
- Dragon’s Lair

**Senior Band:**
- Party Rock Anthem
- Rum-bah
- Circle of Life
- I got You
- Sway or Rawhide (TBC in rehearsal)

**Combined Intermediate and Senior Bands:**
- Fighting Falcon March
- Roar

Students will need to wear full band uniform (including long blue pants, band shirt and black shoes). Please ensure your child arrives at the venue no later than 30 minutes prior to their band’s performance time. The school stage is on the corner of Willoughby Road and Atchison St. Parking will be extremely limited. All acts have been asked to park on the surrounding streets and/or surrounding car parks,

End of Year Concert

Save the date! The End of Year Concert is scheduled for Monday December 12\textsuperscript{th}. This concert is the high point of the band calendar, and an excellent opportunity for all our bands to show how much they have developed this year. Planning is underway and details will be provided shortly.
2015 Junior Band
Budding musicians wanted! This term we will be recruiting for the 2015 Junior Band. Details about the registration process will be provided soon, but in the meantime parents of children in Year 2 and year 3 should start thinking about whether they would like their child to participate.

Enquiries
Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS
Welcome back to term 4. Hope you all had a great break. Starting from next week any students who have given me their Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) Above and Beyond reading record will be receiving a certificate of achievement.

Please help your child to return all the books that were borrowed before the holidays, so your child can borrow for this term. Thank you.

Alice Bennett
Teacher Librarian

Torres Strait Islander Incursion (for grades 2, 3, 4 and 6)
We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Tassie McDonald (Auntie Tassie), a Torres Strait Islander elder, to our school in the week commencing 13 October for a musical and cultural incursion.

She will be accompanied by a school parent, Damian Barbeler, who is a composer and has worked extensively with Auntie Tassie to produce an engaging program. It aligns well with our cross curriculum priorities and will give students a deeper understanding of indigenous culture and perspectives. The program will include storytelling, singing, percussion and dance, including traditional and modern compositions. If you have any further questions, please contact Jo Penn.
SCHOOL BANKING

We Need You To Join Our Crew

Our students are enjoying participating in the The Dem's Commonwealth Bank School Banking programme and are learning invaluable saving skills along the way. The number of students joining the programme is growing each week, which is fantastic - but we need some extra help from you to help keep it running smoothly.

We have a small team of parent volunteers who run the programme but not everyone can make it every week so we’d like a few more volunteers to join the team. School banking is every Thursday. We meet at 9.30am after the teachers have collected the bank wallets and are usually finished by 11am. You don’t have to commit to every week but having a wider team of volunteers to call on would help to ensure that the responsibility of keeping the programme running doesn’t fall on just a few people.

Please contact us by email at thedembanking@gmail.com if you’d like to volunteer some time to help run and grow the school banking programme at The Dem.

Congratulations to the students who are about to earn their 10th silver Dollaramites token. Once they have their 10th token they need to return all 10 silver tokens for a gold token that they get to keep and they can then order a fantastic reward item. For these children, please complete the reward card coupon we’ll put in their yellow wallet and return it, along with their 10 tokens, on the next School Banking day and the item they choose will be ordered for them.

*All items except the Penguin keyring are currently available (even where it lists availability as just Term 1, 2 or 3 on the reward card).
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Date: Tuesday, 28th October 2014

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
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