Friday 17 October – Week 2 Term 4

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Junior Choir at the Opera House

The Junior Choir performed on Monday night at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Ryde School Spectacular. It was a dazzling event and our students were once again amazing. Thank you to Ms Farag for all of her hard work in preparing the choir for this event and for leading the children throughout the year. Thank you also to Ms Bennett from the library for providing her support on the night. Finally thank you to the 24 students involved you were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Community Connection

Last term Isabella Kim joined the staff of North Sydney Demonstration School as the Multicultural Community Liaison Officer. Isabella works at a number of schools and is based at the DEM on Mondays. Already she has met with many parents from our school and particularly new parents who have relocated to Australia from overseas. Isabella’s role is to provide information and strengthen the links between the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities within our school and the school itself.

What’s on?

Thurs. 16 October
*Jnr Band Concert
6.30 in Hall
*School Banking

Friday 17 October
*T-ball begins

Sat. 19 October
Crows Nest Fair
School bands participating

Wed. 22 October
*ECO Ambassador excursion to Coal Loader 3-6
*K to Zoo

Mon 27 October
Kindy Orientation

28 October
Interrelate evening
6pm

Thurs 30 October
*Kindy Orientation
*School Banking
As part of strengthening these ties we would like to invite parents from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds or new parents arriving from overseas to join Community Connection. This is an App that aims at connecting new families at the school and which gives families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds an equal voice in our school. If you are interested in joining a group please read the further information on page 4.

**Teach Talk**
Yesterday over 100 teachers from in excess of 14 schools and organisations attended Teach Talk in our library. Teach Talk is an opportunity for teachers to showcase best practice programs, tools, and strategies along with samples of associated student learning. Thank you to Laetitia Kilpatrick, Melissa Tracy and Jacqui Adamse for organising and supporting this initiative.

**Enrolling or Leaving**
There is only one week to go until Kindergarten Orientation for 2015. If you know of a child intending to start at North Sydney Demonstration School in 2015 please ensure all documentation is received by next week. If your child is a student currently in years K-5 please ensure that the returning note sent home last week is returned by next Friday. A copy of this note is on the school website under the heading Notes. All students need to return the note so that classes can be formed.

**Sport in School and T Ball payments**
Thank you to all the parents and carers who have paid for Sport in School or T-ball. This week you should have received your Term Four Schedule of Payments. Please note that sometimes payments for excursions or sporting activities are made by parents or processed by the office after the Schedule of Payments has been dispatched and a paid item may still incorrectly appear as owing. If you have paid for T Ball or Sport In School and it is still appearing on your Schedule of Payments please adjust your final payment accordingly.

**Myra Wearne**
Principal

**Junior Band Concert**
Thank you to all the Junior Band performers last night. It was an amazing evening with many students performing solos for the first time. Thank you to Directions in Music, in particular MC Phil Molloy and Junior Band conductor Heather Davies. It was a magnificent showcase of how the children’s musical abilities have advanced.

**Ashley Grimmond**
Deputy 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.

Harrison in Year 3 is this week’s 3-6 Fabstar. Harrison helped Mrs Farag during the choir excursion to the Opera House. He showed initiative by offering to help carry equipment.

Oscar from Year 1 is this week’s K-2 Fabstar recipient. Oscar showed his honesty by handing in some money he found in the playground. Thank you Oscar!
**BAND NEWS**

**Dates for your Diary**

16 October - Junior Band Concert

19 October - Crows Nest Festival Senior & Intermediate bands

1 December - End of Year Concert

**Junior Band Concert**
The Junior Band Concert is on tonight at 6.30pm in the school hall. Good luck to all the soloists and small group performers - we hope you thoroughly enjoy the experience!

**Crows Nest Festival**
The Senior and Intermediate bands will be performing at the Crows Nest Festival this Sunday 19th October, and the sun is scheduled to be shining!
The performance times are as follows:

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

Students will need to wear full band uniform (*including long blue pants 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.

**End of Year Concert**
The End of Year Concert for all bands is scheduled for Monday December 1st (*not the 12th as advised in the last newsletter*). The concert will be held at the North Sydney Leagues Club. Further details regarding this event will be provided closer to the date.

**Enquiries**
Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan

**MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au**
NSDS Backstage Group

Showbiz isn’t just about being on the stage – what happens backstage is very important as well. Students in Year 3, 4 or 5 and who are interested in learning about things like sound and lighting and sets and props met Ms Thomas in the hall on Thursday lunchtime.

Torres Strait Islander Visit for years 2, 3, 4 and 6

Unfortunately the visit by Mrs Tassie McDonald (Auntie Tassie) this week has been postponed due to health issues. We will let you know as soon as the dates have been rescheduled. We wish Auntie Tassie all the best for a quick recovery.

Christmas Cards for Meals on Wheels

Every year our school makes Christmas cards for the clients of North Sydney Council's Crows Nest Centre Meals on Wheels. Hand-made Christmas cards can be left at the office before the middle of November. The Centre would like about 70 cards, so if the creative spirit is moving make a couple. Thank you
Dear all parents of North Sydney Demonstration School,

First of all, I would like to thank you all parents who attended the initial consultation meetings that were held last term. I do really appreciate your input and ideas to help to grow the school community.

Community Connection aims at helping more parents to be connected to their own community group to share information and socialise with other parents especially those who are new to the school.

From the consultation meetings, it is suggested to form community groups through a chosen messenger app. At the moment, the Indian & Sub-continent, Chinese and Korean groups were agreed to be part of the Community Connection.

If you would like to join in your community group or to add your group in, please fill in the form below and handing it in to the school office or email to Isabella Kim at tae.kim70@det.nsw.edu.au

I would like to join in (Chinese/ Indian & Sub-Continent/Korean) community group (Please circle your community)

Parent’s name: __________________    Contact No:_______________
Child’s name: ___________________    in class _____________

Do you need an interpreter? Yes/No    If yes, what language? ______________
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 Dollarmites 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).
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SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2014
Willoughby Rd Crows Nest - 10am-4pm

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