Dear Parents/Carers

**Sport in Schools**

*Sports In School* is a weekly sports program that aims to achieve the development of skills applicable to a range of sporting activities. The program will take place in our school throughout Term Four for all students K-6 (except students participating in PSSA T Ball). This week a permission note has been sent home with all children. The program cost is $50 per student and will appear on the Schedule of Payments. Payment will need to be made prior to week 2 and can be made online if this is more convenient. Please see the school website and click the POP link for online payment. Parents seeking financial assistance can email me at myra.janes@det.nsw.edu.au. This program is engaging and provides students with specialised instruction in the area of physical education. We encourage all students to attend.

**Math a Thon**

Congratulations! The Math a thon was a phenomenal success with students raising $11,393!!!

Congratulations to:
- 2AD who had the most correct answers K – 2
- KHK who raised the most sponsorship money K – 2
- 4MS who had the most correct answers 3 – 6
- 6KS who raised the most sponsorship money 3 – 6

Winning classes from K-2 will receive a medallion, a teddy bear and a class party with Mr Grimmond. Winning classes from 3-6 will receive a trophy and a class party with Mr Grimmond. Well done to all students who participated.

I would like to thank Carmen Schnegg for organising and coordinating this great fund raiser and Carol Kostamo and Sonya Braden for helping to collect and count the sponsorship money.

**Have you had your child’s eye sight tested?**

Academic achievement can be greatly impacted by a child’s vision. It is surprisingly easy for vision impairments to go unrecognised by parents and teachers. If you have not had your child’s eyes tested within the last 2 years why not take them for an eye check these holidays?

**Exploring Teens**

Exploring Teens is a new print and online parenting magazine for the parents of teens. The magazine is distributed free in Sydney and NSW and may be the perfect holiday read if you are the parent of a teenager (or a soon to be teenager.) I personally found it to be an informative and enjoyable read. Here is the link http://www.exploringteens.com.au/

**Myra Wearne,** Principal
What a fantastic result! This year nearly 500 outstanding students have finished their Premier’s Reading Challenge, what an awesome achievement North Sydney Dem! What is also truly brilliant is that we had a large number of classes where all the students completed their reading challenge. Big cheers go to: KHK, KLF, KML, KGW, 1JD, 2AD, 2JP, 3MT, 3JW, 3KW, 4AR and 4EW for their fantastic effort! Hooray! Hooray! Hooray!

One big round of applause goes to the following champion readers who have read above and beyond the minimum number of books this year:

Alex F (KHK), Gemma G (KGW), Georgie B (KGW), Tia B (KGW), Kiyora H (KLF), Fin W (1CS), Samara B (1JD), Zoe H (1JD), Sприha G (1JD), Yohan G (1JG), Mac B (1KM), Sutter M (1JG), Marika P (2JT), Shreya D (2LJ), Yuki E (2JP), Anna K (2JP), Erica F (2JP), Aeryn O (2JT), William B (2JT), Niharika M (2JT), Ryosuke S (2AD), Nic S (2AD), Ezekiel S (2JP), Ayane S (2LJ), Valerie B (3KW) Victoria K (3KW), Vaishnavi (3SF), Rodmina E (3SF), Isabella G (4AR),

Overdue Books

Currently there are many students with overdue books. With the September school holidays fast approaching, why not help your child return their library books so they can borrow some more for the holidays? We do not charge fines for overdue books, but rely on them being returned on time or renewed to ensure the smooth running of our lending service.

Have a great break.

Alice Bennett
Teacher Librarian
**BAND NEWS**

**Dates for your Diary**

16 October – Junior Band concert, 6.30pm, school hall  
19 October – Crows Nest Festival, Senior and Intermediate bands  
1 December – End of Year concert, North Sydney Leagues Club, all bands

**Crows Nest Festival**

The participation of the Senior and Intermediate bands in the Crows Nest Festival has been confirmed. Could any parents who have not yet returned their child’s permission note please download from the school website and return to the school office at the start of Term 4 or email Melissa Lanigan.

**Performance times:**  
12.30 – 12.50pm Intermediate band  
1.10 – 1.30pm Senior band

The possibility of both bands combining for 2 songs in between these session times is also being discussed with the organisers. Once this is confirmed, parents will be notified. All students are expected to arrive at the venue by 12.15pm to assist with set up and organisation.

The bands will be performing a selection of their greatest hits from the year! Students should make sure they are still familiar with these pieces.

**Intermediate Band:**
- With Flags Unfurled
- Rock Around the Clock
- Star Wars
- Rolling in the Deep
- Dragon’s Lair
- Fighting Falcon March (combined)
- Roar (combined)

**Senior Band:**
- Party Rock Anthem
- Rum-Bah
- Circle of Life
- I Got You
- Sway or Rawhide (TBC in rehearsal)
- Fighting Falcon March (combined) Roar (combined)

**End of Year Concert**

Each band has been given a piece to focus on in their practice over the holidays. This music is for the end of year concert, and should also be taken to their next tutorial session. These pieces are: Intermediate band: **YMCA**; Senior band: **Beyond the Riverbend**.

**Junior Concert**

The Junior Band concert will take place on Thursday October 16th in the school hall. The whole band pieces to be performed will be: **Huckleberry Hedgehog, Bugeler’s Dream, Mickey Mouse March and Bunyip Blues**. Students are asked to practise these pieces over the holidays as well as their individual piece if they have decided to do a solo, duet or small group performance at the concert. Please remember to email Melissa Lanigan with the name of your child’s individual piece as well as the names of any students performing with your child. This information is required in order to develop the program for the night.

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

This week's 3-6 Fabstar! is.

Isabella in Year 4 supported a new student when she was upset. Very caring
A big thank you to all the parents and students that are already supporting the School Banking.

If you missed the account opening session last Thursday you can still join the programme by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s licence and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the programme.

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.

School Banking at the Dem is every Thursday. Our kids really enjoy participating in the programme. It is a fun, engaging way for young Australians to learn life-long money-management skills.

Please contact us through dembanking@gmail.com with any queries.
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* first 25 sign ups only. Call us or drop in at the club to make an appointment.

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OPEN DAY
Special Offer!!*
Sat 20th Sept

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Come join in a new, exciting and fun Saturday morning 6-a-side Summer Football Competition for U6 to U10. Our 6-a-side competition provides summer football in the Willoughby City Council & Lower North Shore area. Boys & girls can keep fit & keep their football skills up. Don’t get stuck indoors ..... Organise a team of friends for some fun. Played on purpose built, first class synthetic turf pitches.

We take care of it all – Insurances, Referees & Prizes to be won.

When: 11th October 2014
Where: The Willis Recreation & Sports Centre
Eastern Valley Way, Castle Cove.
Contact: info@football365.net.au & register a team on our website.
Website: www.football365.net.au

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Over the School holidays we are running two Tennis and Golf holiday camps.

With NEW and EXCITING excursions available.

Ten-Pin Bowling & Laser tag!

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For bookings either call on 9428 3336 or visit us on www.riverroadtenniscentre.com.au
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HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
(They’re educational! but, shhh ... don’t tell the kids! They think it’s fun 😊)

1st Willoughby Scout Hall, 56 Laurel Street, Willoughby, NSW 2068

Remote Control Mania
9am – 4pm (two days)

Angry Birdies / Bad Piglets
1pm – 4pm (half-day)

Mining & Crafting
9am – 4pm (two days)

Super Hero Academy
1pm – 4pm (half-day)

Space Adventures
9am – 4pm (two days)

Pirate Quest
9am – Noon (half-day)

Teenage Mutant Brick Turtles
9am – 4pm (two days)

Amusement Park Mayhem
9am – Noon (half-day)

Cost
Two day workshop $180, incl GST
Half day workshop $45, incl GST

Each child will receive a BRICKS 4 KIDZ® t-shirt and a custom LEGO® mini-figure.

Please note that food is not provided. Please provide a nut-free snack for your child to enjoy during every day of vacation care. If staying for the full day children will need to bring their own nut-free lunch.

For a full description of each program and to register online, please visit our website at bit.ly/SydHols