Thursday 13 March – Week 7 Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

New Lower North Shore High School

Next Monday the NSW Department of Education and Communities will be holding an Information Session on the New Lower North Shore High School which will open in January 2015. If you would like to attend this information session please RSVP by completing question 3 of the attached survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JZWTKQL

The Information Session will be held in our school hall (Lady Hay Hall) commencing at 7pm and concluding at 9pm

Together We Can

Together We Can is the theme for this year’s Harmony Day celebrations. Harmony Day is being celebrated at our school next Friday 21 March with children being encouraged to either dress up in the traditional dress of their choice or to wear an orange shirt or t-shirt. Throughout the day we hope to expose the students to storytelling, cultural performances, art, craft and music from around the world. We need your help to make this happen. At North Sydney Demonstration School we have the privilege of having students from 51 different language backgrounds. If you would like to help us to celebrate this wonderful diversity by spending 20minutes in a classroom sharing a traditional story or leading a craft activity that reflects your cultural background please email Diane Milicevic at diane.milicevic@det.nsw.edu.au Don’t be shy we would love to hear your stories.

Also don’t forget to look out for the 21 national flags on display around the school and the multicultural book display in the library. We look forward to celebrating Harmony Day with you next Friday.

Welcome Festival

Next Friday is certainly the day to be at school. Following our Harmony Day activities we will be then holding our annual P&C Welcome Festival with rides, great food a PETTING FARM!!!!! and lots more. Make sure you have ordered your ride passes and saved the date in the calendar. See page 10 for more information
Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)
“What a great start to see over 130 students have registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) within two weeks of the online logon going live! Please see details in this week’s News from the Library regarding the forthcoming PRC workshop in week 8”.

Working Bee
Please join us on Saturday anytime from 10am- 2pm as we work together to freshen up our school grounds. If you can make it please call Val Stamper on 0416 392 021

Last Day for Uniform and Reports Surveys
Thank you to those who have completed the two surveys on school uniforms and school reports. The closing day for these two surveys is this Sunday 16 March 2014. If you have not yet completed the survey I can assure you that they are brief and I have provided the links below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FMVS65H
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W2PB2BL

Aboriginal Education
On Tuesday Year 5 was lucky enough to have Karen Smith sharing her knowledge and insights about Aboriginal Heritage and Culture. Karen is the Aboriginal Education Officer from the Aboriginal Heritage Office in Northbridge. Our students thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different aspects of Aboriginal life in our local area, the cultural traditions and the significant tools that have been used over time. Karen was a wealth of knowledge and the children were bursting with insightful questions.

Bilingual Book
The school is interested in increasing the bilingual section of the library so that students who are bilingual can improve their literacy in both languages and so that parents can read at home to their children in their first and second languages. Please see page 8 for more information

Myra Wearne
Principal
Well done North Sydney Dem! So far 131 students have registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge, what a great beginning to this year’s challenge.

The first Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) workshop will be held in the library on Monday 17th March (week 8) at 3 - 4 pm. If you have any questions regarding the PRC, please do come along. No questions are too small! I look forward to seeing you there.

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

North Sydney Dem
School P&C

Working Bee

Saturday 15th March
10am to 2pm
Bring your gloves and a hat and join us to help beautify our school.

Free morning tea

For information please call Val Stamper on 0416 392 021
The 2014 Harmony Day theme of ‘TOGETHER WE CAN’ is being celebrated at our school next Friday 21 March through dressing up, storytelling, cultural performances, art, craft and music. We celebrate the vibrant cultures, races and religions that make up Australian society. We will be celebrating in the classrooms and as a whole school. Look out for the multicultural flags and displays around the school! Wonderful stories from all over the world will feature in the library.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

On Harmony Day, students are encouraged to come to school dressed in national dress from a culture of their choice. If students do not have any traditional clothing they may come to school dressed in the ‘Orange’ which is the colour that symbolises harmony and multiculturalism.

Harmony Day Blog

This year, we have set up a Harmony Day blog where students, teachers and parents may add comments on the Blog relating to their cultures and Harmony Day. Traditional stories from different cultures can also be added as links for everyone to share.

Classroom activities

Parents and grandparents are invited to share their cultures with students in their child’s classroom. Next Friday will be filled with music, dance, storytelling, presentations and practical craft activities led by teachers, parents and grandparents. Please contact your child’s teacher if you are interested in visiting on Harmony Day.

We look forward to a special day for all!

Thank you,

Diane Milicevic (5DM) and the Harmony Team
Diane.milicevic@det.nsw.edu.au
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.

The K-2 Fabstar for this week is Laasya from Year 1. Laasya found and handed in a USB to a teacher, which was very much appreciated. Thank you Laasya!

The 3-6 Fabstar for this week is Isabella in Year 4 who organised 4 people to play handball so no one was left out.
BAND NEWS

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 11 April**: End of term morning concert – details TBA
- **22-23 May**: Band Camp – Senior and Intermediate Bands only.

Junior Band Parent
Many thanks to Sonali Gokhale who has volunteered to be the Junior Band parent!

AMEB Exams
The Australian Music Examinations Board conducts practical examinations for a wide range of instruments. AMEB exams can take students from their first beginnings through to advanced and diploma levels. While sitting for these external exams is not compulsory, AMEB syllabuses can add to and enrich students’ school band experience.

It is a good idea to discuss whether sitting for an AMEB exam would be appropriate for your child with their tutor. If you decide to go down this path, the tutor will be able to assist with enrolment and preparation for the exam.

Introducing…the NSDS Flautists
Flutes are the earliest known musical instruments. The flute is a member of the woodwind family even though it is made of metal and doesn’t use a reed to create the sound. In order to produce a tone, the player blows across the tone hole of the mouthpiece, allowing the air to split at the far edge of the hole.

Aiming a thin air stream at the edge of the hole to make a sound can be a bit challenging at first but it gets much easier with time and practice.

Our talented NSDS flautists are:

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

We have been overwhelmed by the number of parents who have volunteered to come and help in classrooms this year!

If you are volunteering at school, please ensure that you sign in at the office on arrival and that you collect a visitors badge before heading into the classroom.

Many thanks,
Amanda Vaga (Assistant Principal)
Deb Culmer (STLA)

Are you interested in volunteering as a Hindu scripture teacher?

Mrs Saraswathi Sashi, Hindu Dharma Scripture Coordinator for this area, is keen to train parents/carers, family or friends who are interested in becoming Hindu Scripture teachers. If you are interested please email me at myra.janes@det.nsw.edu.au

TheDem Community News
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Catholic - First Holy Communion 2014

Catholic Children in Years 3 or above are invited to participate in this year's First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Program to commence shortly.

TO ENROL please attend on:
When: 7.00pm, next Tuesday 18th March 2014
Where: St Mary's Church, Corner of Ridge Street and Miller Street (opposite North Sydney Oval) at the Ron Dyer Hall
What to bring: A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate.
(Children not required to attend the Enrolment Evening)

At the Parent Information evening you will select your preferred home group.
Would you like to host and lead a group?
Please phone Edwin Galea 8918 4107 or email edwing@sjparishnsw.org.au

Key Dates for the Program

Start of Program & Mass of Blessing at St Mary's church 9am Sunday 4th May 2014
Reconciliation Group Sessions start Week commencing 4th May
Children do their First Reconciliation 7.00pm Friday 23rd May 2014
First Holy Communion Sessions (continue) Week commencing 25th May
First Holy Communion Sunday (1st Group) 12.30pm Sunday 15th June 2014
(2nd Group) 12.30pm Sunday 22nd June 2014

Further Inquiries please contact Edwin Galea, Pastoral Associate, 8918 4107 or email edwing@sjparishnsw.org.au
Multilingual books in the library

The school is interested in expanding the multilingual section of the library. We would like to invest funds into books that are in languages which will be most used by students.

The advantages of students reading in their home language are the same as reading in English: enjoyment, exploring other worlds and experiences through literature, expanding knowledge and mastery of language. There are additional benefits for bilingualism and learning English: expanding vocabulary in the home language transfers to greater depth of vocabulary in English as connections are made between the two languages.

Our Teacher Librarian, Alice Bennett, will be asking students literate in their home language how likely they would be to borrow from the multilingual section. In addition we would like feedback from parents.

Please complete the form below if your child/ren would use the multilingual section of the library or e-mail Ms. Bennett at alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au.

Expression of interest

My children are literate in their home language. My child/ren would be interested in borrowing books in our home language from the school library.

Our home language is ___________________________________________.

How old is/are your child/ren? ________________________________________.

I am more literate in my home language than English and would be interested in borrowing books in our home language from the school library so that I can read aloud to my child.

Our home language is _____________________________________________.

How old is/are your child/ren? ________________________________________.
NEW NORTH SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL
OPENING IN 2015

INFORMATION SESSION

Monday
17 March 2014
7-9 pm
The Hall of
North Sydney
Demonstration School
Bay Rd, Waverton
(off Pacific Hwys)

Next school year North Sydney will have a new comprehensive high school offering an extensive academic curriculum and strong focus on student wellbeing. Planning is well underway on the refurbishment of Bradfield College to make way for state-of-the-art learning facilities. Recruitment of a talented leadership team and highly-qualified teachers will also begin shortly.

Enrolments for Year 7 2015 are now being accepted.

If you are considering high school options for your son or daughter, I invite you to attend our information session to find out more about our community’s new school and to talk about your child’s education.

Your child’s primary school will be able to assist you with enquiries or call 9886 7001.

Sharon Sands
Director, Public Schools NSW
Hold onto your hats, there’s plenty going on at the Welcome Festival!

- 8 exhilarating rides plus some gentler ones for the little ones.
- Popcorn, fairy floss and fairground fun
- 2 marvelous magic shows
- Petting Farm
- Henna tattoo art for all
- Delicious food & scrummy cake stall PLUS
- Amazing prizes to be won — see the raffles pages for more details

Quick Reminders:

1. Buy your all night Ride Passes now to save yourself time and $$, Only $20. [www.trybooking.com/eyju]. Cut off for pre paid is 4pm Wednesday 19th March. Or buy on the night for $25 or $5 single ride passes.

2. 8 x Cake boxes will be distributed to each class on Monday — if you don’t receive one but would like to make or donate a sweet treat you can collect a box at the stay and play table throughout the week. Remember No Nuts.

3. Please help. We really rely on your help to make this event a success so please support us and sign up to an activity by visiting: [http://vols.pt/kSY7Np]. Thank you.

Friday 21st March

4.30pm – 9pm

See you there...and don’t forget your all night ride passes!
The Dem P&C is running a Fund-raising

A book of raffle tickets was sent home with the Welcome Festival info pack a couple of weeks ago. If you didn’t receive this please email us at thedempc@gmail.com.

Please try to sell all the tickets to family and friends or just buy the lot yourselves - you’ve got to be in it to win it! Remember - the ticket stubs must be returned to your child’s teacher along with the money by Wednesday 19th March.

If you want to purchase more tickets, they will be for sale at the festival until 7pm - just look out for the Raffle Ticket and ride stall. The draw and announcements will take place on the McHatton steps at 7.30pm, all are welcome to witness.

Here is a sneak preview of the fantastic prizes you could win:

- Pre School & Adult Gymnastics Class from Lane Cove Gymnastics Centre - $255 Value
- Full Check Up & Clean Plus Electric Toothbrush — North Sydney Dental - Value $500
- 1 Term of Kids yoga from Kidds Yoga (Penny Kidd) - $130 Value
- Two night stay at McLaren Hotel, North Sydney (incl Breakfast) - $350 Value
- Food and Wine Hamper full of goodies - $150 Value
- 1 hr Personal Apple Consultation of your devices from Set Up and Sync - $75 Value
- 1 day family pass at ClimbFit, Artarmon - $75 Value
- 1 childs hair cut from Lumix Hairdresser, North Sydney - $30 Value
- Belle Fleur Fine Chocolates voucher - $30 Value
- Arts and craft from Faber Castell - $150 Value
- Breakfast for two at Utopia coffee shop/restaurant, Waverton - $50 Value
- 3 x term workshops at North Shore Drama (45 mins for 7 weeks) - $130 each
- Gift Hamper from Unilever - $150 Value
- 4 x Golden ridge Farm Tickets - $50 each (x4)
- Ferrerro Food Hamper (contains nuts) - $80 Value
- 2 x Luna Park Tickets - $90 Value
- Bravo trattoria Restaurant voucher, Crows Nest - $80 Value
- Mixed box of wine from Bonds Corner Fine Wine - $350 Value
- 2 x one month unlimited gym vouchers @ Fitness First - $100 each
- Plaza Fruit Market Voucher - $30 Value
- Manicure from Rose Diamond, Crows Nest - $30 Value
- Voucher from Commodore Hotel Bottle Shop - $150 Value
- Book hamper from the Constant Reader Book Shop, Crows Nest - $75 Value
- Super Fresh Deli voucher, Crows Nest - $30 Value
- A Family Walking Tour in the Rocks - $62 Value
- Blues Point Pizza deal (1 large pizza, Garlic Bread and bottle of soft drink) - $30 Value
- Food and Wine Hamper from McGrath - $150 Value
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Good Luck in the Raffle!

We look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Festival

Friday 21st March – 4.30pm – 9pm
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**Sports Fundamentals** will be running AFL Camps during the April School Holidays. The camps provide a **FUN** and **HEALTHY** program for **BOYS** and **GIRLS** aged 4-12 years.

**Camp 1: Mon 14th & Tues 15th April** Gore Hill Oval, Pacific Hwy, St Leonards

**Camp 2: Wed 16th & Thur 17th April** Balmoral Oval, The Esplanade Balmoral

**Cost:** 1 Day $60, 2 Days $110 1/2 day options for Under 6’s $50 per day.
Group/Family Discount: 10% per child per day for groups of 5+ or families.

**Times:** 8.30AM to 3.00PM

**What to bring:** Hat, Runners, Drink bottle, Snacks and Lunch
Contact Ben on 0403 618 963 or email ins@sportsfun.com.au

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The multi sport camps focus on a number of sports including cricket, soccer, basketball, tennis, hockey, T Ball, and football.

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**Half Day Camps Times:** 9.30 am – 1.00 pm. Cost $50 per child (GST Incl.)

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