Dear Parents/Carers,

**Surveys – Uniform, School Reports and New Lower North Shore High School**
Thank you to those who have completed last week’s surveys on school uniforms and school reports. The closing day for these two surveys is next Thursday 13 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

There were a couple of questions left out of the uniform survey that I overlooked and I would really like your feedback on these points. I have therefore included the two questions in the survey below along with an expression of interest in attending an Information Session for the New Lower North Shore High School which will be held on the evening of Monday 17 March *(more details to be sent out next week)*

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

**Congratulations**
Congratulations Mrs. Corrigan who will be expecting her second child in early August. We are delighted for the Corrigan family.

**Good Luck**
Good luck to all of our children participating in the Zone Swimming Carnival next week at North Sydney Pool. Participants will meet Mrs. Williams and Mr. Pytko at the pools entry at 8:30AM and will need to be picked up by parents at 2:55PM from North Sydney Swimming pool
ICAS
This year we will be offering students in Years 2-6 the opportunity to once again participate in the University of New South Wales ICAS assessments. Students in Year 3-6 may participate in one or more of the following assessments: computer skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Year 2 students may participate in assessments in English, Mathematics and Science. To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form which was sent home today and return it, with your entry fees, to school by Friday 11 April.

Lunchtime Creative Arts
Creative and Performing Arts at the Dem this year is looking very exciting! Our K-2, Junior and Senior Choirs are all starting up and the Recorder Group is again getting ready to learn their new repertoire. There will not be a school musical this year as it will be undertaken every second year, however, we are running a Year 2-3 Dance Group, a K-2 Drama Group and a 3-6 Drama Group to continue to provide our students with artistic development and performance opportunities. Please note that K-2 Drama will not begin until Term 2.

If your child is interested in being part of one of these groups they need to listen carefully for any announcements and complete the relevant Expression of Interest form. These forms are available on the school website under Notes and Forms. Unfortunately, clashes between certain lunchtime activities are unavoidable with so many fantastic lunchtime enrichment programs. Please advise your child to choose wisely.

If you have any enquiries please see or email Jemma Thomas:  jemma.thomas4@det.nsw.edu.au

Myra Wearne
Principal
FABStar! Features

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 3-6 Fabstar for this week *Max* in Year 5 helped a younger boy who fell over.
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)

JUNIOR CHOIR

If your child is in year 3 or 4 and has a keen interest in singing then this is the group to join! Junior choir rehearses every Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Farag (Miss ter Heerdt) to rehearse for the exciting Ryde School Spectacular combined choirs at the Opera House. They will sing as part of the celebration of exceptional vocal, musical and dance talent involving over 900 talented students from across 30 different schools in the Sydney region. Please collect the expression of interest note from the office. The note is due back by Wednesday 12 March.
Dear Parents and Carers,

The **Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2014** has now started! This challenge run by the Premier’s Office, encourages NSW students to READ. Our school has launched the celebration of this year’s PRC and students will be shown how to get started by their teachers.

- K- 2 are required to read 30 books, of these, 25 must be from the PRC booklist and up to 5 can be “free choices”.
- Students in Years 3- 6 read 20 books, of these, 15 must be from the PRC booklists for Years 3-4 and Year 5-6.
- Students who are good readers are encouraged to read books from a higher level challenge. E.g. students from Years 5-6 might like to try some Year 7-9 challenge books.
- Only 2 books from a PRC Series can be listed for the challenge but more books from a series can be listed as “free choice” books.
- Some PRC books will be read at school; however, most of the books will need to be read at home.

Reading records are entered online. Go to the PRC website and logon using the DEC username & password given to students by their teacher: [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html).

The PRC booklist is also on the PRC website: [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html)

At the end of the challenge students receive a certificate from the Premier’s Office. After doing the challenge 4 years in a row, students will receive a gold certificate. For those students who complete their challenge for 7 years, a platinum certificate will be awarded to them in recognition for their outstanding achievement. In addition, we will have a number of encouragement awards from the school.

Our school library has an excellent selection of PRC books that can be borrowed by students. Please see the library pages on the school website for opening hours and more information about the PRC: [http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/library](http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/library). Public libraries also have copies of PRC books.

Please encourage your child to get involved in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Happy Reading

Alice Bennett, Teacher Librarian
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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WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Open night
Wednesday 12 March 2014 from 5.00 to 7.30pm in the school Hall

Extension Class Placement Test for Year 7 2015 (for Year 6 students 2014)
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