Thursday 27 March – Week 9 Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Harmony Day
Last Friday was Harmony Day and you could feel the buzz in the playground and in the classrooms. We had international flags, national dress, art and craft, cultural performances, music, storytelling, blogging and so much more! We celebrated how special our school community is and the vibrant cultural backgrounds of our students. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who volunteered their time to come and visit classrooms and share their culture and stories with students and teachers, we truly valued this experience.

From Di Milicevic
Assistant Principal

Welcome Festival
It was great to be able to follow on from Harmony Day with another great event that night. The Welcome Festival, which is one of the highlights of our year included a petting farm, a magic show, rides, games and of course scrumptious food. Thank you to our many volunteers who ensured that everyone was fed and looked after. A special thank you goes to our organizing team who worked so hard to

What’s On?

Friday 28 March
*School Photos
*Last day to book Parent/Teacher interview

Monday 7 April
School Cross Country Yrs 2-6

Friday 11 April
*Last day for ICAS reg. forms and payment
*Last day of Term 1

Students return to school on Tuesday 29 April 2014
coordinate such a fantastic night. The organizing committee included; Amanda Vaga, Anastasia Ivanova, Ashley Grimmond, Carmen Schnegg, Gemma Garrod, Laurens Libeton, Mark van Kerkwyk, Nirmala Achilingam Sarah Dobbins, and Vanessa Horler. I would like to say a special thank you to Felix from 5DM who put in a huge effort in the post event clean up.

School Photos
This is a quick reminder that tomorrow is school photo day. Students need to be wearing their full summer uniform. If your child is likely to be in the front row please ensure that they have black shoes and the blue school socks.

Anaphylaxis
A note will go home next week reminding everyone that there are many children in our school who suffer from anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a life threatening allergic reaction. The most common allergen is nuts. We ask that you do not pack nuts in your child’s school lunchbox and that you do not use nut spreads such as Nuttella or Peanut Butter. There are a number of students who are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction to other food as well such as eggs, cow’s milk and wheat. Please ensure that you do not offer food to any child that is not your own. This is particularly relevant when parents bring in birthday cakes to celebrate a child’s birthday. The class teacher is aware of the needs of each student in his or her class and will distribute any cakes or food that need to be distributed. Thank you for assisting us with this important safety measure.

Merit Selection Training
From time to time we need to interview for new teachers, Assistant Principals, Deputy Principals and sometimes even Principals. While we have no positions becoming vacant in the foreseeable future, I am interested in training some new parents in the Merit Selection Procedures. The reason for this is that many of our previously trained parents have now left the school and it is prudent to always have a couple of parents trained for when they are required. If you would like to be involved in an interview panel as a parent I will be conducting the training next Tuesday at 3:30 pm at the school. The training is expected to take one hour. If you are interested and available please contact me at the following email address myra.janes@det.nsw.edu.au

School Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews begin next week. The last day to book your interview time is tomorrow, Friday 28 March at 3.00pm. See ‘Notes and Forms” on the school website under ‘Whole School’. www.schoolinterviews.com.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 K-2 Fabstar for this week is Sebastian from KHK. Sebastian showed lovely friendship skills when he took care of a new student in his class. Thank you Sebastian.

The 3-6 Fabstar for this week is Valerie and Ayan Year 3 who found a $50 note and handed it into the office. Very honest.

LIBRARY NEWS
North Sydney Demonstration School is proud to have had a highly valued partnership with the University of Sydney for 38 years. This partnership is managed by a team of Executive staff, teachers, parents and University academics who form part of the University Advisory Committee (ADCOM).

2014 ADCOM Members are: Amanda Vaga – Chair; Jon Callow - University Representative; Myra Wearne & Laetitia Kilpatrick – Executive Representatives; Louise Farag & Melissa Tracy – Teacher Representatives; Diane Jackson & Iris Bartula – Parent Representatives

There are many facets to this partnership including:

- DEM teachers providing demonstration lessons to Pre Service teachers
- High quality practicum experiences offered to a large number of Pre Service teachers
- Active involvement in current research studies and projects with University academic partners and Honours students
- DEM teachers delivering lectures and running tutorials at the University of Sydney
- Regular ADCOM meetings to discuss new initiatives and research proposals
- Professional Learning provided by University staff
- Ongoing support from University staff in a variety of curriculum areas
- Staff contributions to academic journal articles and University course content
- Scholarly Reading group

In 2014, the committee aims to continue to build an understanding of and increase the awareness of, the many benefits of this partnership across the school community. Strategies will include regular updates in the DEM newsletter, utilising school signage to welcome Pre Service teachers and ongoing communication with teachers, parents and staff regarding current research projects and university involvement at the DEM.

Research in 2014
This term, Dr Jon Callow will be commencing his research on: Assessing student comprehension of multimodal texts. This project aims to investigate the assessment of students’ reading, responding to and comprehending multimodal texts. The focus will be on how image and written text are comprehended by students as they read. It is also aimed to guide the development of an effective assessment process that teachers can implement in their classrooms.

This research is going to be conducted with a small number of students from KLF, 2JT, 3MT and 6LK. Classroom teachers will meet with Dr Callow and his honours student Ms Alicia Rankie to provide initial background information to help guide the research. It is
anticipated that these teachers will be provided with an invaluable opportunity to explore new ideas for assessing students’ understanding of texts with the potential to help inform the further development of quality literacy assessment practices in all classrooms.
Permission notes have been sent home for a small number of students in these classes. If your child has received one, please ensure that you have returned it to the classroom teacher in order for your child to participate.

**Semester 1 Demonstration Lessons**
This term, we will be providing demonstration lessons for a large number of Pre Service teachers who have just begun their university coursework. This will involve visits from students enrolled in the Master of Teaching (MTeach) and Bachelor of Education Primary (BEd) programs. The purpose of these visits is for these Pre Service teachers to observe quality teaching in a real school context.

MTeach students will be joining us for three Monday visits (24/3, 31/3, 7/4) and will be spending the day with the following classes: 2JT, 3SF, 4CP, 4AR, 5DM, 6LK and 6AW.

BEd students will be joining us for three Friday visits (4/4, 9/5, 23/5) and will be spending the morning session with the following classes: KAW, 1CS, 1JD, 1TM and 2LJ. The focus for these visits will be the observation of quality teaching in Literacy. Observations will be followed with Pre Service teachers working with pairs of students and implementing a variety of Literacy based activities.

For further information regarding our partnership with the University, please contact Amanda Vaga or refer to the school Website.

Amanda Vaga
Assistant Principal
amanda.coroneos@det.nsw.edu.au
It’s been nearly one month since the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) online logon gone live, already we have nearly 300 students who have registered to participate in this year’s challenge, 70 of which have reached their 10 book milestone. What an amazing start! Keep up the good work boys and girls.

So far in their library lessons the following grades have read and experienced:

**Kindergarten**

‘Maizy Goes to the Library’ by Lucy Cousins (ID: 33912)

‘The Children Who Loved Books’ by Peter Carnavas (ID: 5367)

‘No Bears’ by Meg McKinlay (ID: 58700)

**Year One**

‘A Monster Wrote Me a Letter’ by Nick Bland (ID: 18561)

Reading for the PRC is a great way for your child to sample some of the quality texts created by a wide range of brilliant authors and illustrators. Did you know as well as storybooks, there is also a wide range of factual books included in the challenge every year? Why not come down to our library with your child to find out more information.

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

**TheDem Community News**

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**Go4Fun** – a free 10-week program for kids aged between 7 and 13 years and their families to become fitter, eat healthier and improve their self-esteem. Venues include Chatswood, Waitara, Nth Narrabeen and Nth Ryde. To register call freecall 1800 780 900 or go4fun.com.au
BAND NEWS

School Photos tomorrow
The Band photo will be taken first thing tomorrow morning. Please:

- Meet at 8:15am outside the School Hall. If wet weather, we will transfer to the library to assemble for the photo.
- Wear your band uniform (band shirt, blue pants, black shoes)
- Bring your instrument

Group photo envelopes will be available at the school office for those parents who wish to purchase a band photograph.

Junior Band Practice Reschedule
The Junior Band will not be having their regular practice tomorrow due to the clash with the school photos – we have rescheduled this practice to Monday 7 April at the usual time.

End of Term Concert
All parents are invited to attend a short concert in the last week of term – our bands look forward to showing off how far they have come in the first term of the year! The performance will take place on Friday 11th April at 8am in the school hall.

Tea, coffee and Hot Cross Buns will be provided by the school to help students and parents enjoy the event.

Introducing…the NSDS Saxophonists

The distinctly curved saxophone is one of the most widely used woodwind instruments in popular music. While the saxophone has been around since the nineteenth century, the instrument became prominent with the rise of jazz.

In primary school we play the alto and tenor saxophones. Learning the fingering on one saxophone allows students the versatility to play all saxophone types; soprano, alto, tenor, baritone and bass. It is suitable for all students, but difficult to play if they are small.

Our talented NSDS saxophonists are:

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Enquiries
Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au
HARMONY DAY
WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY! THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Are YOU a Winner of the
FUND-RAISING

We had a fabulous turn out for our 2014 Welcome Festival and an even greater response to the raffle prizes up for grabs — so who were the winners? Look for your name below or someone you know and come and collect your prize from the school office.

- Pre School & Adult Gymnastics Class from Lane Cove Gymnastics Centre $255 Value
  Ticket #6203 — Alex Conna
- Full Check Up & Clean Plus Electric Toothbrush — North Sydney Dental - $500 Value
  Ticket #5987 — Isaac Sairlo
- Term of Kids yoga from Kidds Yoga (Penny Kidd) - $130 Value
  Ticket #5076 - Olivia
- Two night stay at McLaren Hotel, North Sydney (incl Breakfast) - $350 Value
  Ticket #385 — Nita Yule
- Food and Wine Hamper full of goodies from McGrath - $150 Value
  Ticket #674 — Josh Miller
- 1 hr Personal Apple Consultation of your devices from Set Up and Sync - $75 Value
  Ticket #733 — Paul Rossiter
- 1 child's hair cut from Lumix Hairdresser, North Sydney - $30 Value
  Ticket #5236 — Julie Smith
- Belle Fleur Fine Chocolates voucher - $30 Value
  Ticket #51 - Gabrielle
- Arts and craft from Faber Castell - $150 Value
  Ticket #524 — Rebecca Nash
- Breakfast for two at Utopia coffee shop/restaurant, Waverton - $50 Value
  Ticket #3993 - Hayke
- Gift Hamper from Unilever - $150 Value
  Ticket #389 — Nina Yule
- 4 x Golden Ridge Farm Tickets - $50 each (x4)
  Ticket #611 — Diana Rodriguez
- 2 x Luna Park Tickets - $90 Value
  Ticket #3174 — K. Harvey
- Bravo trattoria Restaurant voucher, Crows Nest - $80 Value
  Ticket #4095 — Al Hooper
- Mixed box of wine from Bonds Corner Fine Wine - $350 Value
  Ticket #4492 — Caitlin Leonard
- 2 x one month unlimited gym vouchers @ Fitness First - $100 each
  Ticket #2154 — Arabella Raupach
- Plaza Fruit Market Voucher - $30 Value
  Ticket #4220 — Donna Melling
- Manicure from Rose Diamond, Crows Nest - $30 Value
  Ticket #2464 — James Bennett
- Voucher from Commodore Hotel Bottle Shop - $150 Value
  Ticket #1773 — Danielle Ashton
- Book hamper from the Constant Reader Book Shop, Crows Nest - $250 Value
  Ticket #4628 — Marika Paton
- Super Fresh Deli voucher, Crows Nest - $30 Value
  Ticket #6292 — Astrid Miller
- Blues Point Pizza deal (1 large pizza, Garlic Bread and bottle of soft drink) - $30 Value
  Ticket #4924 — James Horler
- EnSemble Theatre (Kirribilli) Tickets for two to see Richard III - $140 Value
  Ticket #4583 — Nova
- Beautiful patchwork quilt made and kindly donated by Dem parent Martine Bruce — priceless!
  Ticket #1762 — Shalini
- CSIRO Holiday Program for 2 children - $190 Value
  Ticket #62 - Alex Fedorov
- Two adult passes to Taronga Zoo - $88 Value
  Ticket #1626 — David Swaddle
**Once again, a very big thank you to our wonderful raffle prize donors...**

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We thank you for your support and generosity.
Oh what a Night!

The Welcome Festival wouldn't have been the success it was without the amazing support of those who volunteered to help.

Thank you all very much for raising your hand and getting involved in the event.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you and big shout out to the following people for the time, energy & creativity they contributed to the evening:

The fabulous & creative Indian Henna Tattoo Ladies (who also helped cook some of the fine Indian food on offer that night): Priti Mahnot, Udaya Kolluri, Anuradha Raja, Radha Natarajan, Jeelani Begum

Restaurant Bel Pease for providing the Spaghetti Bolognese

The Grace Of India in Kirribilli who sponsored the potato & peas curry - saving the mums having to cook this!

Mr Chowdhury - Chef at Cumin Restaurant who cooked all the butter chicken for the Indian stall

Vasi and Anthony Damianos for cooking the fabulous food at the Nachos Stand

Rachelle Murphy for providing the scrumptious Slider hamburgers

Karen Stuart for running the Tuck Shop and offering delicious wholesome food

McGrath Neutral Bay for manning one of the BBQs
WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

**HARRY MAK** FOR HIS BOUNDLESS ENERGY,
FUN AND CAPTIVATING MAGIC SHOWS FOR THE KIDS.

He volunteered his time to come and perform the two shows to support the Schools fundraising efforts.

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Children's Charities
How to brush your teeth effectively

Are you brushing your teeth correctly? Many people think they are, but would be surprised to learn that their technique is not up to scratch.

- **Soft is best** - Use a soft toothbrush as a hard brush can cause damage to your teeth
- **Don’t be a scrubber** - Use a gentle circular motion
- **Keep it regular** - Ensure you keep a regular brushing routine morning and night
- **Don't skip** - Make sure you brush each and every tooth
- **Tongue action** - Make sure you remember to brush your tongue to remove any bacteria from the surface
- **Change is good** - Replace your brush regularly (Every 3 months, unless you’ve had a cold)

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Do you know about the Federal Government’s new Child Dental Scheme?

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) is a $2.7 billion measure that will provide a Commonwealth funded capped benefit entitlement for basic dental services for children.

Around 3.4 million children aged 2-17 in families who meet a means test will be eligible for benefits each year.

This means eligible patients are entitled to a rebate on our normal fees (there may be a gap). Contact Medicare to check your eligibility.

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**North Sydney Dental Practice**

2nd Floor 83 Mount Street
North Sydney NSW 2060

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Mon 8am - 6pm
Tue 8am - 6pm
Wed 8am - 6pm
Thu 8am - 9pm*
Fri 8am - 5pm

*Thurs 6pm-9pm by appointment
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Sports Fun AFL Camps Ages 4-12 years

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

Sports Fun Multi Sport Camps Ages 3-8

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

Neutral Bay Tennis Centre 3 Westleigh St Neutral Bay –
Week 1 Tues 15th, Wed 16th, Thur 17th April

Week 2 Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd, Thur 24th April

Contact Ben on 0403 618 963 or email ins@sportsfun.com.au
Half Day Camps Times: 9.30 am – 1.00 pm. Cost $50 per child (GST Incl.)

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10% discount for families and groups of 5 or more

Mention this ad to receive a FREE day when you book two or more days
Enquiries / Registration:

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