Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back
It’s great to be back at school and it's always lovely to see how excited the children are to be back too. This term we are looking forward to a number of events and activities including today’s Anzac Ceremony, the cross country carnival, The Festival of Instrumental Music (recorder group), Simultaneous Story Time, school photos and of course in week 9 student reports will be sent home. It promises to be another great term at the DEM.

New Playground Complete

We returned from holidays to discover the Kindergarten and Year 1 playground at the front of the school had been completed. The area looks amazing and the children have enjoyed exploring the playground over the last couple of days. While the playground is designated K/1 at recess and lunch time, many of our older grades have already enjoyed some time in this area with their class teacher and I’m sure a number of outdoor lessons will continue to occur in this space over the coming weeks and months. Thank you to the P&C who have funded the majority of this project and to the many parents who have financially contributed through paying their P&C contribution. A very special thank you is dedicated to Christina Silk and Laurens Libeton who have invested a remarkable amount of time, care and energy into making the playground meet the needs of our community.

What’s On?

Thursday/Friday 22/23 May
*Band Camp
*Zone Cross Country

Monday 19 May
Recorder Rehearsal

Wednesday 4 June
School photos
Anzac Ceremony
Today the students attended a special Anzac Day Ceremony to pay their respects to those who have died serving their country. We were delighted to welcome Mr Alex Wilson and Mr John Diews from the North Sydney Returned Services League and Lieutenant Shanna Stock from HMAS Penguin who kindly attended the ceremony.

Once again, our Student Executive did a wonderful job presiding over this special occasion. Well done! Congratulations also to the rest of our student body. The teachers all agreed that the respect and interest shown by the children made them feel very proud.

Winter Uniform
This is a quick reminder that all children should now be in winter uniform. Girls should no longer be wearing leggings as the winter stockings provide adequate cover and warmth. We have now analysed the responses provided in last term’s parent survey regarding the wearing of school uniform. The school will now update the school’s discipline policy and will communicate the expectation regarding uniform in coming weeks.

New North Sydney 7-10 High School
A panel has been formed to select the principal for the New North Sydney High School. The panel will be made up of the Hiring Manager, Sharon Sands, Director NSW Public Schools, a principal representative, a parent representative and a teacher representative. Elyse Sainty will be the parent representative on this panel. Elyse, who is trained in Merit Selection Procedures, has a son currently in Year 6 at the DEM who will be attending the new high school next year. Elyse has asked that any prospective parents of the school who would like to communicate their ideas or views to her regarding selection criteria should email her at elyse.sainty@bigpond.com

Library Volunteer Training
Next Thursday afternoon at 3:15pm the school will be holding training for parents interested in being a regular volunteer in the library. Attendees will be trained in how to borrow, return and shelve books correctly. Parents who have already been trained in these tasks and who currently already volunteer in the library are asked to attend for the second half of the training at 3:50pm. The training will take place in the library. Unfortunately in the event of rain the training will need to be postponed to allow for the use of the library by our after school care providers. Please direct any queries to
Opportunity Class Placements
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. A note has gone home this week with all Year 4 students requesting that they notify the school of their intention to apply so that a school assessment score can be calculated. Parents will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice on the application form. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014.

Myra Wearne
Welcome back! Hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and had a chance to relax with a book or two!

**Returns and Library bags**
Thank you parents and carers for helping your child to return the books borrowed for the holidays. Please keep them coming! Please also ensure that your child either brings a library bag or a strong plastic bag on their library day so that they can securely take their books home.

**Who Loves To Read**
As part the National Year of Reading initiative in 2012 we have created a **Who Loves To Read wall in the library.** What a great idea to celebrate and encourage your child’s love of reading by sharing a picture of your child either reading by him/herself, with you or their siblings with the school community. A big thank you to those families who have kindly sent me their pictures. You can either email me the pictures or let your child bring them in.

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**Literary Festival at Abbotsleigh**

The Abbotsleigh Literary Festival is an exciting biennial event for both students and adults. The festival offers students from all over Sydney, the Central Coast and further afield the opportunity to hear from and work with outstanding Australian and international authors and illustrators at minimal cost.

The 2014 Abbotsleigh Literary Festival will run from Monday 2 June 2 until Wednesday 4 June. Matthew Reilly, Andy Griffiths, Glenda Millard, Felicity Plunkett, Robert Gray, Belinda Murrell, Deb Abela, Geoffrey McSkimming and Jacqueline Harvey are confirmed with more to come. For more information please visit [http://www.abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au/community/litfest/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au/community/litfest/Pages/default.aspx) or contact Mrs Bronwyn Foxall, Head of the Betty Archdale Library

Phone: +61 2 9473 7774

Email: literaryfestival@abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au
BAND NEWS

“Hot Cross Buns” Morning Concert

What a wonderful way to end term 1!!

The Hot Cross Buns concert showcased the high standard at which all our bands are already playing, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the many parents who attended. The hot cross buns went down very well too! Well done to all those who performed – we look forward to many more excellent performances this year.

The Junior band celebrating the successful completion of their first concert.

Band Camp

Band Camp is just around the corner - Thursday 22 May & Friday 23 May - for the Senior and Intermediate bands. The venue for the camp is the Collaroy Centre. Students will be transported to and from the camp from school by bus.

Notes were issued at rehearsal this week containing all the details. If your child did not attend rehearsal this week and therefore did not receive the notes, they have been uploaded to the school website and are also available at the office. Attendees will work hard on their musical development and will also have a chance to have some fun!

Band Camp is an integral part of the band program, and it is hoped that most band members will be able to attend. Each year, the outcomes of the camp in terms of skill development and increased enthusiasm of students is remarkable.

Please note also that a separate Junior Band intensive day is being planned for later in Term 2.

Introducing the NSDS Keyboard Players

Much effort has gone into creating an instrument that sounds like the piano but lacks its size and weight. Today, the term "keyboard" is most commonly used to refer to keyboard-style synthesizers. Under the fingers of a sensitive performer, the keyboard may also be used to control dynamics, phrasing, shading, articulation, and other elements of expression.

In a school band, the keyboard player has an important role in providing a bass line. At the same time, they work along with the percussionists to create a clear rhythmic pulse.

**Our talented NSDS keyboard players are:**

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Enquiries
Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au
THE NORTHBRIDGE COMMUNITY FIREWORKS ARE ON AGAIN!
saturday May 10 at the northbridge oval, Sailors Bay Road
4:00 pm Gates Open, $10 for adults, $5 for children, $25 for a family of four
4:30 pm Entertainment by the Northbridge and Cammeray Primary School Bands
    Rides, Jumping Castles, Face painting
    BBQ chicken kebabs, party pies, antipasti, fairy floss, soft drinks, ice cream, COFFEE
7:00 pm Fireworks Display
Organised for the Community by the Rotary Club of Northbridge. Proceeds to helping disadvantaged youth in Willoughby and in East Timor. **Proudly sponsored by Northbridge Plaza**

**Go4Fun**
We still have a few places remaining on our FREE Go4Fun healthy lifestyle program this term in Chatswood. Families can register up until Friday 9th May.
Tel 02 9976 9532 | Fax 02 9977 7531 | jonathon.noyes@health.nsw.gov.au

**Urgent!!**
3-4 girls needed in years 4, 5 or 6 to play soccer for a new all girls North Sydney United team. Games Sundays at 10.30 and training Thursday afternoons. If you and a friend are keen please call: Jennifer Neil-Smith 0400 246 786.


**The Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE** are running programs to develop skills for future employment. The course runs for 6 weeks 10am-2pm from Friday 2 May. Call 8425 8700 for booking and information
The Rhythmic Gymnastics Programs with Club PERÓ develop a blend of Athleticism, Artistic Interpretation and Musicality, in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

Club PERÓ is open to students of the school and girls aged 4 to 20 years of age in the community.

We offer Foundation and Competition Streams, with classes to fit students of all ages. Our Programs are aimed at developing Strength, Flexibility, Hand-Eye Coordination, Spatial Awareness and Music Appreciation with Rhythmic Gymnastics Apparatus including Rope, Hoop, Ball, Clubs and Ribbon.

School Term and Holiday Programs are run from Monday to Saturday during the school year.

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A guide to protecting your child’s baby teeth

Setting up good dental habits early on can have many positive benefits for your children’s teeth as they grow.

It’s important to do what you can to protect, clean and care for your child’s baby teeth. This can extend through to the food and drinks they consume, as well as dental check-ups and procedures.

Caring for your children’s teeth

Set up good dental habits by brushing your child’s teeth as soon as they start to show, using the appropriate toothpaste targeted for their age group.

Healthy habits

It’s important to limit the amount of sugar that your children consume, for their overall health and as well as their teeth. Encourage your children to drink plain water, rather than soft drinks or sugary fruit juice, and cut back on the amount of sweet foods you give them.

How often do you visit the dentist?

Visiting the dentist regularly may just seem like yet another thing to have to remember. However it is one of the things in life that can end up causing more problems and costing more money the longer you leave it!

Visiting our practice frequently can help detect any problems early on and get you the treatment you need faster. The field has also seen many technological advances that have produced more pain-free and efficient procedures, so it’s easier than ever to improve your oral health.
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River Road Tennis Centre and Lane Cove Golf Course offers classes tailored to your kids after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with a free pick up and return to your school.

Squads and Competitions also available.

For more information please call 9428 3336 (Tennis) or 9428 1316 (Golf)

English Tutor Available

ENGLISH TUTOR. I am a local mother, qualified and with extensive experience tutoring ESL and Literacy for children and adults. I can assist with grammar, reading, spelling, comprehension, self-expression and creative writing. I am also experienced in providing conversational and business English classes to adults. For any enquiries, please contact Antonia on 0435 582 606 or antoniatutor@yahoo.com.au

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