Dear Parents/Carers,

NAPLAN
Next week students in Years Three and Five will complete national assessments in literacy and numeracy. These assessments provide information to schools about what students can achieve in an exam environment. This information is often very helpful to teachers and schools in determining how student learning and student achievement can be supported.

Students will be assessed on their understanding and use of language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) on Tuesday morning. Reading and Numeracy will be assessed on Wednesday and Thursday mornings respectively.

If your child is in Years 3 or 5 they will need to arrive at school on time to ensure that they do not miss important instructions prior to sitting the test. Please also ensure that your child has had a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast prior to coming to school. Parents will receive the results of these assessments in Term 4.

CROSS COUNTRY
Last week students form Years 2-6 participated in the School Cross Country at St Leonards Park. Many teachers have commented to me about the enthusiasm with which students entered this event and importantly the encouragement that they provided to each other. Good sportsmanship is alive and well at the DEM! Students will be notified shortly if they will be required to represent our school at the Zone Cross Country later this month.

TERM TWO SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS
The Term Two Schedule of Payments will be sent home next week. Please help the school to continue providing your child with great resources and opportunities by paying your fees promptly.

Term One fees are now overdue. If you are experiencing financial difficulty and need assistance with school fees please do not hesitate to contact me on myra.janes@det.nsw.edu.au. All communication will be confidential.

Myra Wearne
Principal
TUCKSHOP NEWS

INTRODUCING . . . SOUP ON MONDAYS – Next Monday it will be Pumpkin soup – suitable for vegetarians. Please note it will contain a little Buttermilk.

Soup $ Roll $4.00

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 is Owen from Year 5 was a wonderful supporter during the Cross Country and encouraged other students to do their best.
Welcome Pre Service Teachers!
This week we welcome the following Pre Service teachers who are joining us to complete a four week Practicum as part of the Masters of Teaching Primary Year 2 program.

Welcome to:
Mr Mark Tipping on 4AR
Mr Ross Adcock on 5SS
We wish them all the best for their Practicum experience at the Dem.

Bachelor of Education Visitors
This Friday, NSDS will be hosting a series of demonstration lessons for over 125 Pre Service teachers who are in their first year of the Bachelor of Education Primary program. They will be accompanied by our academic partner Jon Callow and his colleagues; Alyson Simpson, Penny Hutton and Kathleen Rushton. These Pre Service teachers will be spending the morning session with the following classes: KAW, 1CS, 1JD, 1TM and 2LJ. The focus for this week’s visit is effective modeled reading strategies and the explicit teaching of phonics. Demonstration lessons will be followed with Pre Service teachers working with pairs of students where they will implement a variety of phonics based activities.

2014 Academic Research - Updates
This term, Dr Jon Callow will be continuing 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.

In term 1, Dr Callow met with classroom teachers to find out more about their classroom practice. This term, he will be working with Alicia Rankine to implement the next phase of his project, which will involve working with individual students. These students will be involved in a short reading of a text or story, followed by a discussion about the words and images in the text and they will also complete a short response task. Participants include a group of randomly selected students from the classes listed above, who have provided parental consent.

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

Amanda Vaga
Assistant Principal
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Tom's Playtime is a fun and relaxed time for children not yet at school and their mums/carers. Playtime includes Junior Jivers (sing, dance, move, story) and morning tea. **Starting this Friday, 9th May** from 9:30am - 11:30am the group will run fortnightly during school terms in The Cottage Hall at St Thomas' Anglican Church, Cnr Church & McLaren Sts, North Sydney. For more details call 8908 4800 or visit st-thomas.org.au

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**NORTHERN SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CENTENARY**

Register your interest at nsg100.net

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**FESTIVAL DAY**

**SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2014**

*Celebrating a century of excellence and contribution to the wider community*

11.00am – 3.00pm

Unveiling of a reproduction of the original school crest
Archival displays
Performances by current students and primary school students
Jumping Castle
Food Stalls
Buskers
Face Painting

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**PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**

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**AURASMA**

Some of the items on display have been tagged with an Augmented Reality app. To experience these please download and install the free app: “AURASMA” before you attend on the day. Simply search for it on your iTunes or Android App store and download. It’s free!

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Tell us about your childcare needs &
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If you have a child aged up to 12 years and you live in the North Sydney area you are eligible to enter. The information collected will help us to prepare our new childcare strategy.

TO ENTER THE COMPETITION

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• Scan the QR code with your smartphone
• Visit northsydney.nsw.gov.au

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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 child’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.

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

*Thurs 6pm-9pm by appointment
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