Dear Parents / Carers

Real Engagement in Active Problem Solving
Dr June Maker
Many of you will be aware that the school has been participating in a research project with world renowned educator, Dr. June Maker from Arizona University. The project has focused on how teachers can support students in developing their real world problem solving skills. On Tuesday 17th February at 5pm Dr Maker will be conducting an information session for parents and teachers to communicate the results achieved to date. The session is scheduled to take place in the school staff room however it is important that interested parties RSVP so that a room change can be organised if numbers require a larger room. Please RSVP to myra.janes@det.nsw.edu.au. It is anticipated that the session will go for approximately 1 hour.

Real Engagement in Active Problem Solving
Thank you to the many parents who attended the Stage Information Evenings this week. The teachers appreciated you taking the time to find out what your children will be doing at school this term and during the year. If you missed your child’s information session most of the information can be found in the Term Newsletter for your grade which can be found on our school website by or clicking on this link http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/grade-notices-and-newsletters

Scripture
Please note that scripture will commence next Wednesday for participating students. Your child has been placed in the scripture group they attended in 2014. Newly enrolled students have been placed in the scripture group nominated by the enrolling parent at the point of enrolment. Should you wish to change your child’s scripture class please download and complete the appropriate form from the schools website and forward it to the school office. Changes are restricted to one per year unless approval by the Principal is received. Please click here for a note requesting a change in scripture group http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes-and-forms

Families in Cultural Transition Course
This year we will be running a series of workshops for parents new to the school and to Australia. The Families in Cultural Transition course (FICT) is being run by Ms Isabella Kim who is our school’s
Community Engagement Officer. The course will provide information about our health and legal system, how the school supports students learning English as an additional language, concerns about common scams, rental property information, cross cultural parenting and also communication within the school. We would love to have you join us. Please see the flyer on page 5 for more information about how to RSVP.

Myra Wearne
Principal
RECORDER NEWS

As part of the extracurricular music program at the DEM, we will be re-forming the recorder group for 2015. This group provides students with opportunities to further develop music skills as well as performance opportunities in front of their peers and at the Opera House.

Recorder group practice will be held on Thursday lunchtimes, in KEG classroom in Pacific Building.

Please return expression of interest notes to the office by Monday 3rd March 2015.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Liz Garrick, Elizabeth.Garrick@det.nsw.edu.au.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good break and sampled some amazing literature. This year is going to be another year of excitement and discovery. During this term there will be a Minecraft demonstration session in the library. Please keep an eye out for more details which will be in the newsletter closer to the time.

Exciting time ahead for all Kindergarten students!

Since the beginning of the term Kindergarten students have been visiting the school library to learn about routines and borrowing books. We have been spending time at school discussing library citizenship and how to take care of a book.

In WEEK 4 (commencing Monday 16th February) Kindergarten children will start borrowing during their weekly lesson:

Library borrowing days are as follows:

Monday – KAW, KHK
Tuesday – KML
Wednesday – KEG, KSB
Thursday – KKM
Friday – KHH

Your child/ren will need a bag to borrow as this protects the book and helps the student with organisation. We recommend the North Sydney Dem bag but any bag is fine – personalised bag, pillow slip, shopping bag.

Learning to read for a young child is a thrilling experience. You can foster this attitude by reading with your child and encouraging her/him to look at and enjoy books from early on in their education. Parents and carers are welcome to come and borrow with their children between 14:55 and 15:15. Look forward seeing you in the library! Still got library book borrowed from last year? Please return them so your child/ren can borrow this year.

Alice Bennett & Elizabeth Williams
Dear Parents, Carers and Community of the Dem,

Our P & C continues to be a good forum for liaison with the school, for the exchange of ideas between parents and the school and for creating opportunities that enable all parents to participate and contribute.

**We are looking for a new Secretary** - The Secretary is responsible for taking the minutes at our meetings and distributing them via email to P & C members. If you are interested in taking on this position please come along to the next meeting in the school library or send an email to the P & C at thedempc@gmail.com

Dates for our 2015 meeting are listed below we meet in the school library - ANYONE CAN ATTEND THESE MEETINGS AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME ALONG

Wed 11 March 2015 – 6.30pm includes AGM
Wed 13 May 2015 – 6.30pm
Wed 10 June 2015 – 6.30pm
Wed 12 August 2015 – 6.30pm
Wed 09 September 2015 – 6.30pm
Wed 14 October 2015 – 6.30pm
Wed 11 November 2015 – 6.30pm
Wed 09 December 2015 – 6.30pm

Thank you
P & C Executives

**Welcome Festival on Harmony Day**

This year the welcome festival coincides with Harmony Day, **Friday 20th of March**. What better reason to celebrate our multicultural school and we are looking for ideas to do just that. Besides the rides we are hoping to have some other activities. Maybe you and a few friends can cook up some traditional snack/meal or show/teach a cultural skill (*think henna tattoo, origami, kids’ game, etc*).

We will meet weekly, on **Monday after the big assembly**. Normally near the small equipment, weather permitting, *(otherwise probably staff room)*. Of course, we are also looking for volunteers. Preferably as part of a group, so one of the group can attend the meetings to coordinate *(and discuss budget or items that will be required)*.

Hope to see you soon.
Gathering information for Dem Directory

The Dem Directory is a booklet, produced by the P&C. It contains information about the school, tuck shop, uniform shop, the band program, extra-curricular activities, etc. More importantly, it has details on all classes, such as teacher names and email addresses, class parents, kids and parents with contact details.

To be included (and implicitly give permission for the data to be published), the information needs to be provided by Friday, the 20th of February.

The data will not be shared electronically!

The electronic form is found on http://goo.gl/forms/ccG7tOSwV8
Note: the URL is case sensitive.

Have a great 2015!

The P&C team (thedempc@gmail.com)

Youth Mentoring Programmes in Local High Schools

There is a lot of information about our program on our website. Our programs are conducted in schools throughout the Sydney metropolitan area and we have just been awarded a State government contract to expand the program in new areas in Sydney and country NSW.

We are therefore looking for volunteers in each of our school areas who may be retired, parenting at home, or have flexible working hours, who would like to give back to the community. Mentors don’t have to be a teacher or an expert to be a mentor. What is needed is a non-judgemental good listener who can act as a sounding board for ideas and aspirations. Our mentors must importantly be genuinely compassionate and interested in young people.

To date over the eight years we have been running mentoring programs, we have had mentors ranging in age from 25 to 80. Our mentees gain so much from having a mentor assigned to them for the duration of our programs which run in high schools in terms 2 and 3. Mentors need to be available for about two hours each week at a designated day and time.

All mentors are trained through our TAFE accredited training program and will need to also undergo appropriate Working with Children and Police checks. All programs are supervised by a qualified Program Counsellor. As well as the mentees gaining so much from participating, our mentors report an enormous amount of fulfilment from supporting their mentees who in many cases benefit just from having a neutral positive role model who gives the simply their time.

Interested? Email: info@raise.org.au or visit www.raise.org.au

Thank you Janie Holyman

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service will be at Mary Mackillop Place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 17, 18, 19 and 20 February You can make an appointment online or call us on 131495.

Forestville Fun Run & Fair

Runners, joggers & walkers come join the Forestville fun run on 22nd March. The family friendly event includes 2km, 5km and 10km runs as well as food, activities and stalls. For more information and registration go to runforestrun.com.au
LIVING IN AUSTRALIA

I am very excited to announce that there will be the Living in Australia course run for parents/carers at school.

Dates: Monday 9th, 16th and 23rd March 2015

Location: Staff Room

Time: 9:15 - 10:45 am

Parents/grandparents will be provided information related to the EAL/D (English as Additional Language and Dialect) and support services that are available in and out of North Sydney Demonstration School. If you also concern about scamming, issues related to your rental property and cross cultural parenting, please come and join us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Isabella Kim on Mondays or email tae.kim70@det.nsw.edu.au.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND HAND IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

LIVING IN AUSTRALIA COURSE

☐ I would like to join in the course

Child’s Name: ____________________________  Child’s Class ____________________________

Parent’s Name: ____________________________  Contact Number: ______________________

Do you need an interpreter? Yes/No  If yes, what language? ________________
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Wednesday 11 March 2015

5.00 – 7.30 pm

School Hall

Principal: Ms Elizabeth Diprose
Phone: 9958 4141
Fax: 9967 2174
Extension Class Placement Test for Year 7, 2016

Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sit a placement test for our Year 7 extension class for selected students.

Saturday 14th March 2015

9.15 – 11.30 am
School Hall

Please ring the school for further information and to book a test place.

Principal: Ms Elizabeth Diprose
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Studios are based close to North Sydney Demonstration School and our highly qualified teachers will tailor lessons to suit each student’s specific interests.

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ALICE (Violin): 0403 991 817
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EMAIL: info@musiclessonsSydney.com.au

2015 DRAMA PROGRAMME

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More Information
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“Clubs like the Norths Pirates Junior Rugby Club play an extremely important role in fostering passion for the game they play in Heaven” Joe Hockey

Rugby is divided into different modified games from ages Under-5 through to Under-17

- **Under 5 and 7**
  A simple, non-tackling introduction to the game which allows children to use the ball, by combining the skills of passing, catching and running. It is played on a smaller field with seven players per side.

- **MINI RUGBY Under 8 and 9**
  Continues the theme of free-flowing, running and passing Rugby. Most importantly, it introduces the young player to the contact elements of the game such as tackle, ruck and maul. It is played by up to ten players per side.

- **MIDI RUGBY Under 10 and up**
  This is the stepping stone to the full game. It is played between twelve or fifteen players on a standard field. It continues the theme and principles of Mini Rugby with a greater emphasis on the contest for possession.

**Pre-season training starts in March**

Free Junior Season Pass for the Waratahs (available for all children 4-12 years)

Go to the website to register for your free passes [Waratahs membership](#)

**Online Registration at**


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C O O K I N G  W I T H  T H E R M O M I X

Lemons make Lemonade

Have you noticed how soft drinks and pre-made drinks are part of contemporary diets today? A time when lemon was a homemade drink seems long ago and somewhat nostalgic.

I made lemonade at a Thermomix cooking class this week and was reminded how simple and easy it is to make a refreshing drink. The recipe used lemons, sugar and water and took about two seconds.

There was no additives or preservatives and I was using real fruit. Simple, delicious and nutritious.

I would love you to join me and see Thermomix at a demonstration. In less than two hours, we will experience the versatility of Thermomix as we see and taste five dishes ranging from entrée through to dessert.

For more information on how you can book your demonstration and experience the Thermomix, please contact me. To find out more visit thermomix.com.au

My Thermomix

Take a look at what the Thermomix can do:

- Beat
- Stir
- Emulsify
- Knead
- Steam
- Melt
- Whip
- Mill
- Cook
- Weigh
- Digital recipes

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Your Local Thermomix Consultant:

If you would like to see the Thermomix in action at a demonstration or class, contact Kate Were:

Mobile: 0438 013 386  Email: k_were@optusnet.com.au

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During Semester One, River Road Tennis will be running tennis lessons for your school as well as all the ANZ HOTSHOTS Squad Programs.
For more information call our proshop on 9428 3336 or visit www.riverroadtenniscentre.com.au

River Road Tennis Centre

North Sydney Demonstration School is pleased to continue its Seido Juku Karate Program for Term 1, 2015
Classes are held in the school hall and we take rolling registration each month

Seido Juku Karate @
North Sydney Demonstration School

What the Nth Sydney Demonstration School kids have told us:
• “I really want to get my junior black belt”
• “I liked winning a trophy at the Seido tournament”
• “I’m learning to defend myself”
• “We love the karate games”

Kid’s Karate Timetable
• Monday & Wednesday at 6pm
• Friday at 4pm and Saturday at 8am
• Passport rate includes classes at the Demonstration School & at our main dojo in Darlington up to 6 days a week

Join us for a free trial class, contact Leigh on 0411-821-531 or book a class online via our website www.seidojuku.com.au
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Established dance school at
the Dem for students Yrs K-6!

Enrol your children for dance classes run by CentreStage Academy in the Dem school hall

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Students can be dropped off/picked up from Demcare from 3:45pm onward.

Celebrating 8 years of quality dance tuition at North Sydney Dem. Classes are aimed at building strong dance technique & culminate in a spectacular end-of-year concert

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