Dear Parents / Carers

Swimming Carnival

Good luck to all students participating in next Tuesday’s school swimming carnival. Buses will leave at 9:15 sharp for all students who turn 8 years or older in 2015 and who returned their permission note prior to the 17th February. Students remaining at school in Years 3-6 will engage in a Cricket World Cup unit of work with a focus on Science and Maths relating to cricket. Good luck boys and girls!

Dr June Maker and Real Engagement in Active Problem Solving

Thank you to the parents who attended Tuesday evening’s information session with Dr June Maker regarding Real Engagement in Active Problem Solving (REAPS). The session not only provided parents with information about the REAPS teaching model that we are using at North Sydney Demonstration School but also provided an opportunity to consider some of the data that has been collected so far in the longitudinal study on the effectiveness of REAPS in improving student outcomes at our school.

All students in Years 1-6 have been engaged in active problem solving as part of their Science and Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) units since January 2014. We are fortunate and appreciative of the fact that the vast majority of parents have signed consent forms for their child’s assessment data to be anonymously included in the study. This has allowed us to gather information that we can use to inform our teaching.

Students who are currently in Year 1 along with newly enrolled students and students who have not previously returned a consent form will shortly receive an Information sheet and a Consent Form requesting that their child’s assessment data be anonymously included in the continuing study. A summary of the data collected to date will be included in the newsletter next week.

To support this very important focus the school has this week sent five of our leading teachers to an intensive workshop led by Dr C. June Maker, Dr Bob Zimmerman and Mr Randall Pease. The workshop has focused on ensuring that all teachers have expert knowledge and training in the most effective ways to develop your child’s problem solving abilities in the area of science. We look forward to having these teachers return to school next Wednesday and to witnessing their ongoing leadership of this quality teaching method.

What's On?

Tuesday 24 February
Swimming Carnival

Friday 27 February
School Clean Up Day

Thursday 05 March 9:15am
Leadership Induction for Student Executive, SRC reps, Eco Ambassadors, House Captains and Library Monitors
The following links provide further information about the REAPS model and Dr C.J Makers credentials. I recommend that you watch the YouTube clip embedded in the second link if you are interested in knowing more about the REAPS model.

https://www.coe.arizona.edu/faculty_profile/252
http://www.discover.arizona.edu/whats_new.htm

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 7 for more information about how to RSVP.

Myra Wearne
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

‘Teaching Reading’ Workshop for parents and classroom helpers.

Anamaree Williams will be running this workshop on Monday morning Week 6 at 9.30am in the staffroom.

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.

P & C NEWS

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.
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

**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 Wednesday, the 25 February.

The data will not be shared electronically!

- The electronic form is found on [http://goo.gl/forms/ccG7tOSwV8](http://goo.gl/forms/ccG7tOSwV8)
  Note: the URL is case sensitive.

Have a great 2015!

The P&C team *(thedompc@gmail.com)*
FABStar! is an initiative to recognise positive behaviours in the playground.

Two FABStar! slips were drawn from all the students who received FABStar! slips in recognition of their positive behaviours on the playground last week.

Haasini from Kindergarten is this week’s K-2 Fabstar. Haasini showed lovely kindness when she searched for and found her friend’s drink bottle during a hot lunch time. Thank you for being so caring Haasini!
BAND NEWS

Dates for your Diary
22/23 May – band camp for senior and intermediate bands

All three bands have had a successful start to the term with their conductors Danika Allars (Intermediate and Senior Bands) and Richard Sandham (Junior Band). Congratulations to Junior Band members on the commitment they showed at their first ever rehearsal. Please ensure that your child arrives at rehearsals on time and sets up quickly to avoid delays in the commencement of the session.

Band Committee members wanted
The NSDS band committee comprises school staff and parent volunteers from all three bands, as well as Mr Phil Molloy from Directions in Music, who collectively work hard to identify development and performance opportunities for our band students. With the departure at the end of last year of Year 6 parent representatives, we are now seeking interested parents to join the committee. This would include:

- attending a meeting after hours once or twice per term at the school;
- being present at weekly band rehearsals to provide support to the conductors and students if required;
- assisting with the transportation of equipment to band events;

Any parents with a background and / or interest in music, or who simply wish to take an active role in their child’s experience with the band program, please email Melissa Lanigan – Melissa.lanigan@det.nsw.edu.au. Parents with experience in financial services are also encouraged to give consideration to joining the committee. The committee’s AGM is scheduled for this Monday at 5pm in the staffroom. Interested parents are welcome to attend.

Enquiries
Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au

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

- **Under 5 and 7**
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- **MINI RUGBY Under 8 and 9**
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- **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]

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COOKING WITH THERMOMIX

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

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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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