Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome Kindergarten
136 kindergarten children joined us on Monday for their first day of big school. Our teachers and learning support officers were delighted with how enthusiastically the children engaged in all activities and how settled and well-mannered they were. We are thrilled to have a new generation of DEM children starting with us and look forward to watching them grow, learn and flourish over the next seven years.

Stage Information Evenings
Next week we would like to invite all parents to join us for a stage information evening. The purpose of these evenings is to hear about some of the activities planned for your child this year and to be informed about the systems and processes that will support you and your child throughout the year. The date for each stage’s information session is in the What’s On column to the right of this notice. We are looking forward to meeting with you next week.

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 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

Excursions and Extracurricular events
Next week the Term One Schedule of Payments will be sent home via Australia post. If you have changed your address in the last 6 months please notify the office on 9955 2822 ASAP. On this Term’s Schedule of Payments you will find the cost of all excursions booked so far along with the year P&C contribution and the cost of subject specific texts. Please be aware that all excursions must be paid for at least 2 school days prior to the event. Students who have not paid by this time will take home a ‘Non Participation’ note to advise you that they will not be attending the activity. We do not wish
for any child to miss out due to financial difficulty at home. Each permission note will have a space for you to indicate that financial assistance is requested.

As these activities are priced on a set number of children attending refunds will not be issued unless extenuating circumstances occur and/or advance notice is received in writing. Unfortunately camp deposits are non-refundable.

We strongly recommend that parents pay via POP (online payment) where possible. For more information about how to pay online please see the school website.

Sometimes it can be difficult to remember if an excursion has been paid for or not. If you have some doubt please do not pay again. The office ladies would prefer to take your call and confirm payment then attempt to refund double payments.

I’m looking forward to sharing a happy and successful school year with you and would like to thank you in advance for your support and participation.

**School Banking**

If you would like your child to be involved in school banking with the Commonwealth Bank there will be an opportunity to set up an account on the morning of Thursday February 19th before school in the McHatton playground. You will need to bring 100 points of identification to set up the account.

**Myra Wearne**
Principal
This year North Sydney Demonstration is excited to be producing a school musical with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 invited to be involved. We will be performing a Disney stage production adapted for young performers of the timeless classic story, *The Little Mermaid*.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to journey “under the sea” with Ariel and her aquatic friends. In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid Ariel longs to leave her ocean home – and her fins – behind and live in the world above. But first she'll have to defy her father King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking.

Students may like to be involved in **performance roles** including singing, dancing and acting or **behind the scenes roles** of backstage crew, designing and making costumes, props and sets.

Expressions of Interest notes are due **on Friday 13 February 2015**.
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](http://goo.gl/forms/ccG7tOSwV8)
- Note: the URL is case sensitive.

Have a great 2015!

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

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**TheDem Community News**

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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.

**North Sydney Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club**

We are looking for additional players from 5 years old to Senior Players. We have great coaches & provide excellent training skills. It costs $100.00 per player which includes socks, shorts, jersey & player insurance, End of Season Trophy & a 2015 NRL Pass to all Club Games. Please register by calling Annette Hema on: 0404 610 048 or email: nsbros@hotmail.com or visit our website: [www.nsbrothers.com.au](http://www.nsbrothers.com.au)

**Greenwich Sports Club**

is looking for girls to join its Girls Under 10 and 11 Miniroos soccer teams. For more information or to register visit the club's website [www.greenwichsports.com.au](http://www.greenwichsports.com.au). Registrations open 5/2/15.

**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](http://runforestrun.com.au)

**North Pirates Junior Rugby Union Club from 5 to 17 years**

Rugby is divided into different modified games from ages Under 5 to Under 17. Online registration and more information at [www.northspirates.rugbynet.com.au](http://www.northspirates.rugbynet.com.au).
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For more information call our proshop on 9428 3336 or visit www.riverroadtenniscentre.com.au

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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COOKING WITH THERMOMIX

As a busy mum, juggling work and family, I used to find it hard to prepare healthy and nutritious meals. This changed a year ago when I was introduced to Thermomix. This innovative appliance brings together the functions of over 12 different kitchen appliances, in one compact unit. You can prepare delicious foods in minutes and will be amazed at the time and money you will save.

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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Upcoming Class
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- A delicious soup and a family meal using Varoma
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This class is suitable for all Thermomix owners and those who want to learn a little more. All samples are available for tasting. $20 per person

Tuesday 10 February 2015 7-9pm
Naremburn Community Centre
7 Central Street, Naremburn

Bookings and prepayment essential
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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