

The Dem Newsletter

Friday 23 October 2015 - Week 3 Term 4

End of Year Festival

This year's End of Year Festival promises to be a thrilling event. With our new venue being North Sydney Oval we are able to add some extra fun activities to complement all of our traditional favourites.

The Raffle this year is coming along nicely with plenty of great donations.

If you, your business, your friends or your associates can help by donating a prize to the value of \$50 or more then please contact Carmen our raffle coordinator on 0416 334 175 or thedempc@gmail.com (subject "raffle"). We thank you in advance for your generosity.

On Sale Now!!!! The Little Mermaid tickets

Tickets have gone on sale for our school musical and they are selling fast! If you would like to be delighted by this homegrown performance on Wednesday November 11 at either the matinee or evening performance please purchase your tickets via trybooking using the following links:

<http://www.trybooking.com/JIUN> or

<http://www.trybooking.com/164125>

Alternatively you can go to www.trybooking.com and search for the event 'NSDS The Little Mermaid'.

Selective High School Applications

Year 5 students wishing to apply for a Selective High School placement in 2017 must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

Term 4 Working Bee: Sunday 1 November 9:30am to 3pm

Come and get your hands dirty at our Term 4 Working Bee!

What's On?

Monday 26 October

Kindy Orientation

Tuesday 27 October

Kindergarten Incursion

Thursday 29 October

* Kindy Orientation

* Junior Band Concert

Friday 30 October

Senior Choir Concert

Sunday 1 November

* Term 4 Working Bee

Monday 2 November

* Kindy Orientation

* Year 2 Excursion -

2BW, 2JT & 2JD

* Ryde Spectacular

*Healthy Harold starts

Tuesday 3 November

Year 2 Excursion - 2MT,

2LJ, 2AD

Thursday 5 November

Kindy Orientation

Tuesday 10 November

Little Mermaid Dress

Rehearsal

Wednesday 11 Nov

*Little Mermaid

Performances

*Year 5 Catholic

Scripture Excursion

Thursday 12 November

Kindy Orientation &

Parent Information

Term 4 Working Bee: Sunday 1 November (Continued)

We would love to see you for the day, but if not, then maybe an hour or two to help keep our school looking great. Please feel free to bring your kids along as it's a great way to get the kids involved in looking after their play areas.

On the agenda will be:

- Clearing the drains;
- Spring cleaning the library;
- Tidying the grounds; and
- Weeding and mulching the gardens.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Please let Christina and Val know that you will be coming along for catering purposes.

For more information please contact either:

Christina Silk: christina@silkcla.com.au or 0409 604 464 OR

Val Stamper: val.stamper@xtra.co.nz or 0416 392 021

Evaluation of Mandarin Program

Next week we will be including a survey about our Mandarin program in the DEM Newsletter as part of the school evaluation cycle. If you are interested in knowing more about the evaluation please refer to page 4 of this newsletter.

Healthy Harold

Life Education NSW will be visiting our school for two weeks commencing November 2 with their Healthy Harold Life Education van. All classes will have the opportunity to attend a life education session with their class teacher as part of the Healthy Harold Program. The cost of this program is \$10 and unfortunately was not included on the Term 4 Schedule of Payments. On Monday a note will be sent home with your child explaining this important program and providing payment options. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this activity not being included on the Term 4 Schedule of payments

2016 Classes

Next week we welcome our new students for Kindergarten 2016 at our annual Kindergarten orientation. We currently have 130 students registered for Kindergarten in 2016 and can't wait to meet them all.

This week notes went home to every student from Kindergarten to Year 5 asking for confirmation that they are returning in 2016 or notification that they are leaving. Please return this note ASAP so that classes can be formed.

Myra Wearne
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Sports Presentation Ceremony: Tuesday Nov 17 at 9:15am

Parent Online Payments (POP) – please check balance due

When using POP to make a payment, please itemise what you are paying for and also make sure that you pay the correct amount. Any money from overpayments will be applied to other outstanding amounts on your schedule of payments. **Please call the School Office on 9955 2822 from 8:30am to 3:15pm to check what amounts are actually still outstanding before paying online via POP.**

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Many thanks to another lovely family that donated lego bricks to the school this week – the lego will be enjoyed in the Library.



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to those students who have already returned the books that they borrowed for the school holidays. **If you still have overdue books please return them as soon as possible.** Please contact Ms Elizabeth Williams regarding any queries regarding your child's overdue books.

Alice Bennett (alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au)

Research, ICT & Library

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Term 4 Monday Special is Fresh Fruit Salad (vanilla yoghurt topping optional): \$4



Evaluation of the Mandarin Program

Dear Parents

As many of you will know the last few years has seen all Australian schools begin the process of implementing a new National curriculum. This is the first time that students will engage with the same K-12 curriculum regardless of which State their schooling occurs in. One of the objectives of the new Australian Curriculum is to deliver relevant, contemporary and engaging curriculum that builds on the educational goals of the Melbourne Declaration.

http://www.curriculum.edu.au/verve/_resources/National_Declaration_on_the_Educational_Goals_for_Young_Australians.pdf

Three areas identified by The Melbourne Declaration as important for the benefit of both individuals and Australia as a whole were: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia and Sustainability.

At North Sydney Demonstration School we are supporting teachers in meeting the delivery of the *Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia* perspective by offering Mandarin as a withdrawal program for 40 minutes once per week. This learning occurs at the same time that teachers are relieved from face to face teaching.

Our Mandarin program focuses largely on addressing the nature of past and ongoing links between Australia and Asia, and developing the knowledge, understanding and skills which make it possible to engage actively and effectively with peoples of the Asia region. These concepts and skills are drawn directly from the new Australian Curriculum.

http://www.acara.edu.au/curriculum/cross_curriculum_priorities.html

Next week we will be requesting that you complete a survey asking about our perceived progress in this area from a parent's perspective. Along with this data the school will also be surveying students and teachers, reviewing student work books, holding parent, student and teacher forums and conducting interviews with students. No child will be interviewed or surveyed without the permission of their parent or carer.

The results of this evaluation will be reported back to the school community in Term One 2016.

Kind Regards

Myra Wearne
Principal

23 October 2015

FABStar!

FABStar! is an initiative to recognise positive behaviours in the playground. A FABStar! slip was drawn from all the students who received FABStar! slips in recognition of their positive behaviours on the playground last week.



The K-2 FabStar!s for this week are Matisse and Sandra from Year 1. These very responsible and caring girls found a packet of nuts in the playground and took them to the teacher because they knew that some children in the school are allergic to nuts. Thank you girls for being so amazing!

The Years 3-6 FabStar!s for this week are:

Dakota in Year 4 who helped her friends to solve a problem when they were having difficulty solving it themselves; and



Daisy, also in Year 4, who displayed wonderful manners by standing aside so that a teacher could pass through the door.

Congratulations girls!





The 2015 NSW Chinese Language Spectacular

Twenty five DEM Mandarin Choir students performed at the 2015 Chinese Language Spectacular held in Sydney Town Hall on 14 October 2015. The performance was co-organised by the Chinese language Teachers Association NSW and the Confucius Institute at UNSW. Over 700 students from 32 schools and universities in NSW put on a stunning line-up of 22 Chinese language and cultural performances including dragon dance, martial arts, Tang poetry songs, Chinese folk dances and instruments. The performance was warmly welcomed and won rounds of applause from the audience.

Ying Tang, the Deputy Consul-General, Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Sydney, praised the outstanding achievement students made in their Chinese language learning and believed the student performers will be the cultural ambassadors of tomorrow. Professor Iain Martin, the Vice President & Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of UNSW emphasised in his speech the important role Chinese language plays in Sino-Australian economic and cultural exchanges. He encouraged students to learn Chinese language and better understand China.

The Chinese Language Spectacular 2015 is particularly impressive because it takes 'Tang poetry songs' as its theme and students performed poetry songs produced by Jianfen Gu, a renowned Chinese composer. Learning and singing these songs helps to improve students' Chinese pronunciation and intonation and deepen their understanding of Chinese history and culture.



BAND NEWS

Dates for your Diary

Junior Band Concert – 29 October

End of Year Concert – 30 November – all Bands

Crows Nest Festival

The Senior and Intermediate Bands entertained a large crowd at the Crows Nest Festival last Sunday. Both bands played beautifully to represent the school in front of our local community. Another huge thank you goes to Danika Allars for conducting both bands! A special thank you also to Sonicka and Hannah for so confidently introducing both bands!!



2016 Junior Band Demonstration

Year 2 students attended an entertaining demonstration by Phil Molloy and Richard Sandham from Directions in Music as part of the recruitment process for the 2016 Junior Band. A big thank you to the current Junior Band students who stayed behind after their morning rehearsal to show the Year 2's how far they have come in their first year of band.



Junior Band Concert

The **Junior Band concert** will take place in the Lady Hay Hall on Thursday October 29 (week 4) at 6.30pm. Whole band, individual and small group performances will be included. We look forward to seeing as many parents and other family members in attendance as possible to support the Junior Band students in their first ever concert performance. Students are asked to arrive in the hall between 6pm and 6.15pm to set-up. Please speak to the Junior Band conductor, Mr Sandham, if you have any questions regarding this event.

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

P&C NEWS

A big thanks to Val Stamper for organising the very informative Parent Workshop held Tuesday 20 October that gave us some helpful ideas about how to encourage resilience and positive life skills.



End of Year Festival



& School Performances



at North Sydney Oval



Friday 27th November

4pm-9pm



more information coming your way soon...



Please Volunteer or Donate a Raffle prize by emailing: thedempc@gmail.com

The Dem Community News

Please donate blood! The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting **North Sydney-Mary Mackillop Place** on:

Tuesday 27 October, 8.50am– 2.00pm;
Wednesday 28 October, 8.30am – 2.00pm;
Thursday 29 October, 1.00pm – 6.20pm;
Friday 30 October, 8.30am – 1.30pm.

If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can [make an appointment online](http://donors-newsouthwales.cmail1.com/t/r-i-kkuhnt-yudkoiuik-u/) (<http://donors-newsouthwales.cmail1.com/t/r-i-kkuhnt-yudkoiuik-u/>) or call us on **13 14 95**.

1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

North Sydney Children's Festival "Cosmic Playtime" will be held at the Civic Park, Cnr Miller and McLaren Sts, from 10m to 2pm Saturday 24 October. Food, Art, Petting zoo, Dance/Music and many more exciting activities.

Parenting an Anxious Child - presentation for parents. Monday 9 November 2015 6-7:30pm at Ku-Ring-Gai Gordon Library. \$15. Please email: donna@approach-psychology.com.au

Parenting Courses including sessions regarding childhood anxiety, resilience, positive & emotionally intelligent parenting, transition to high school and more:

- Chatswood Community Health Centre: 57 Hercules Street Chatswood. Phone: 9887 5830 or go to <http://www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Services/CAP> for more information.
- Naremburn Family Care Centre: 40 Merrenburn Avenue Naremburn. Phone: 8425 8700 or <http://www.centacarebrokenbay.org.au/locations/naremburn-family-centre>

Willoughby Fun Run – Primary School Challenge This year the proceeds from the Willoughby Fun Run will be donated to Shoes for Planet Earth, a local charity that collects and distributes pre-loved sports shoes to people in need. Shoes for Planet Earth will also be collecting all types of pre-loved sports shoes at the Willoughby Fun Run from 6.30am to 10.30am on Sunday 8 November. See www.willoughbyleisure.com.au for more details and to register.

Homestay Families wanted for Italian exchange students Visit the WEP Student Hosting website: www.wep.org.au/host or call 1300 884 733.



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North Sydney Demonstration School is pleased to continue its Seido Juku Karate Program for Term 4, 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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