

# The Dem Newsletter

**Friday 30 October 2015 - Week 4 Term 4**

## **The Little Mermaid**

Not long now and *The Little Mermaid* will be here! Tickets for the evening performance (Wednesday 11 November 2015) have sold out! Tickets for the matinee performance are still available - to book, go to [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) and search for the event 'NSDS The Little Mermaid'. Alternatively, you can use the following links: <http://www.trybooking.com/JIUN> OR <http://www.trybooking.com/164125>

## **Attention cast and crew – The Little Mermaid**

Please ensure you have completed and returned the musical permission note that went home last week. If you require another note, please see the school office or school website: <http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes-and-forms>

## **Healthy Harold Life Education Program**

The Healthy Harold Life Education Program starts today and will continue for two weeks with each class having the opportunity to visit the Healthy Harold van for one session. All children will be attending unless we have been notified by a parent that they do not wish for their child to participate. A note explaining the program was sent home this week and is also on page 6 of this newsletter for your reference. Please return all notes and money to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. I apologise that this was not included in the Term 4 Schedule of Payments. If you require financial assistance with the \$10 payment or with other school fees please email me at [myra.janes@det.nsdw.edu.au](mailto:myra.janes@det.nsdw.edu.au)

## **Class Placements for 2016**

The placing of children into their new classes each year is a complex process. Classes at the DEM are not graded academically and each year we strive to ensure that we have well balanced classes taking into consideration the following points:

- Gender;
- Academic ability;
- Language needs;
- Medical needs; and
- Behavioural needs.

The school is very proud of the standard of teaching and the quality of teachers at the school. For this reason we do not believe that it is appropriate to consider any request for specific teachers.

Students from 58 different language backgrounds are currently enrolled at North Sydney Demonstration School and the school prides itself on its

## **What's On?**

**Friday 30 October**  
Senior Choir Concert at  
the Sydney Opera House

**Sunday 1 November**  
\* Term 4 Working Bee

**Monday 2 November**  
\* Kindy Orientation  
\* Year 2 Excursion -  
2BW, 2JT & 2JD  
\* Ryde Spectacular

**Tuesday 3 November**  
Year 2 Excursion - 2MT,  
2LJ, 2AD

**Wednesday 4 November**  
Year 6 Cammeraygal  
Information Session

**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

**Monday 16 November**  
Last day for Year 5  
students to apply online  
for a Selective High  
School placement in 2017

**Tuesday 17 November**  
Sports Presentation

welcoming and culturally inclusive environment. Cultural background is therefore not considered when making decisions with regard to class allocation.

If there are exceptional circumstances that need to be considered when allocating your child to a class for 2016, a referral form will need to be submitted to the School's Learning Support Team. This form will need to be completed by your child's current school or pre-school teacher and by you. Parent forms can be found on the school website under notes and forms (<http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes-and-forms>).

Please complete and return the form to the school office prior to Friday 20 November. The Learning Support Team will then review the information plus any information you supply with regard to how your child's learning may be impacted by being separated from (or placed with) any other student. We ask for feedback on any social or emotional issues as well.

In coming weeks we will be requesting that all students write the names of 5 children with whom they have a friendship. All attempts will then be made to ensure that every child is placed with one of the children on their list. It is important to note that it is not possible to ensure that each child is with their best friend.

## 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](http://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: This Sunday 1 November 2015! 9:30am to 3pm

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

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](mailto:christina@silkcla.com.au) or 0409 604 464 OR

Val Stamper: [val.stamper@xtra.co.nz](mailto:val.stamper@xtra.co.nz) or 0416 392 021

## Mandarin Program Evaluation

The parent survey referred to in last week's Dem Newsletter has not been finalised and will now appear in next week's newsletter.

***Myra Wearne***  
***Principal***

# SCHOOL NEWS

## REMEMBRANCE DAY FUNDRAISER

On Monday 9 November poppies and wristbands will be sold to students to be worn on Remembrance Day (Wednesday 11 November). Items will be \$2 each and funds raised will go to the local RSL. Thanks for your support.



## SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The School Opal card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday 2 November.

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don't need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to your school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.



## 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.**

## 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](mailto:alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au)) Research, ICT & Library



# 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 Amira, Violet, Grace and Olivia from Year 2 who found some glass and removed it from the playground AND handed in a lost book. Thank you girls for being so thoughtful!

The Years 3-6 FabStar!s for this week are Amy, Charley, Ashtyn, Hugo, Will and Javier from Year 3 who helped out a classmate who was hurt. What wonderful friends!





## BAND NEWS

### Dates for your Diary

**End of Year Concert** – 30 November – North Sydney Leagues Club, all Bands

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### Junior Band Concert

The **Junior Band** performed brilliantly at their first official performance event last night. The excited audience was treated to a succession of high quality whole band, small group and individual performances, supported by Richard Sandham and Phil Molloy from Directions in Music. The standard of the performances was outstanding and reflected the hard work and commitment shown by these students since commencing in band at the start of the year. A huge thank you to Richard for the amazing job you have done with the Junior Band in 2015. We can't wait to hear more at the End of Year concert on November 30!

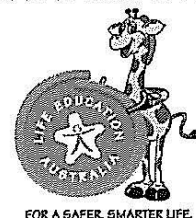


### Enquiries

Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan [MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au)



# Life Education NSW will be visiting our school



Here's a brief outline of the range of programs in which the children will be participating:

<b>Clued Up</b>	Early Stage 1 (K) – Healthy lifestyle, personal safety, safety with medicines, body knowledge & self-assertion skills
<b>Harold's Surprise</b>	Early Stage 1 (K) - Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety
<b>Harold's Mystery Tour</b>	Stage 1 (Yr 1) - Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making
<b>Harold's Heroes</b>	Stage 1 (Yr 2) - Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.
<b>All Systems Go</b>	Stages 1 & 2 (Yrs 2-3) Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, and safety with medicines.
<b>Harold's Diary</b>	Stage 2 (Yr 3) - Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles
<b>bCyberwise</b>	Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) – Explores cybersafety through animation, vox pops of children, relevant scenarios, discussion & problem solving.
<b>NEW!</b>	
<b>Mind Your Medicine</b>	Stage 2 (Yr 4) - Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication
<b>The Burning Issue</b>	Stage 3 (Yr 5) – Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.
<b>Think Twice</b>	Stage 3 (Yr 6) - Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.
<b>It's Your Call IMPROVED</b>	Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) – Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technology

*The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum.*

## **THE COST IS \$10.00 PER CHILD**

Please complete and return this form to your child's class teacher by Friday 30 October.

I acknowledge that my child ..... in class..... will be attending a Healthy Harold Life Education session (between Friday 30 October and Monday 16 November 2105).

Signature.....

Date.....

(Parent/Guardian)

**PAYMENT DETAILS:** Please tick the appropriate box to indicate your payment option:

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Enclose the correct amount of cash or cheque payment to 'North Sydney Demonstration School'

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Parent Online Payment (POP): Receipt Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applying for financial assistance or delayed payment

# P&C NEWS

Many thanks to the kind parents who welcomed the K 2016 parents to the school during the first two sessions of Kindergarten 2016 Orientation this week!



## 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](mailto:thedempc@gmail.com)

# The Dem Community News

**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 Sunday 8 November**

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](http://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](http://www.wep.org.au/host) or call 1300 884 733.



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