

The Dem Newsletter

Friday 6 November 2015 - Week 5 Term 4

A new way of communicating – School Stream

Next week you will receive in your child's bag an instruction sheet explaining how to download an app to your phone called School Stream. The School Stream mobile app has been designed and developed in collaboration with Australian teachers, staff, students and parents in response to the growing and ongoing digital communication needs of school communities. School Stream delivers information from the school directly to you on your mobile device providing instant access to events, news, sport updates, newsletters, school travel information and much more. For those parents who do not wish to receive information in this manner our traditional methods of communication (DEM Newsletter, notes home, email and website) will still continue to be used.

Remembrance Day - Poppies and Wrist Bands

Next Monday and Tuesday children will be able to purchase a red remembrance wrist band (K-2) or a red poppy (3-6) at a cost of \$2. We encourage students to wear their band or poppy to school on Wednesday 11 November to acknowledge Remembrance Day. Children who are participating in the Musical on Wednesday may like to wear their wrist band or poppy on Tuesday. The funds raised from these items will go to a number of support services for our Defence forces under the RSL Appeal umbrella. A number of our student leaders will be attending the War Memorial in Ridge Street North Sydney for a special service.

Thank You Morning Tea

We are always appreciative of all the assistance the school receives from our parent and carer volunteers in various ways. We would like to thank you for your hard work and time given by way of a special Thank You Morning Tea. A note will be going home with your child on Monday, however please also see further details at page 6 of the newsletter.

Senior Choir Concert at the Opera House

Last Friday the Senior Choir performed at the Sydney Opera House and delighted the audience with their talent and their enthusiasm. Congratulations to everyone involved and thank you to Ms. Watts and Ms. O'Reilly for giving up their Friday night and many of their lunches so that the children could enjoy this amazing opportunity.

Term 4 Working Bee - Thanks

Thank you to Christina Silk, Val Stamper and all of the lovely families who came out last Sunday to beautify the school and grounds. We acknowledge and appreciate your hard work and contribution to the school community.

What's On?

Tuesday 10 November
Little Mermaid Dress
Rehearsal

Wednesday 11 Nov
*Little Mermaid
Performances
*Year 5 Catholic
Scripture Excursion
*Remembrance Day

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
Ceremony 9:15am

**Wednesday 18
November**
*Thank you Morning Tea
for Parent Volunteers
* Year 6 Fair
* P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Thursday 19 November
Year 5 attending Open
Day at Cammeraygal High
School

Tuesday 24 November
Kindergarten Excursion
to Botanical Gardens

Friday 27 November
End of Year Festival

Junior Choir at the Ryde Spectacular

On Monday our Junior Choir were very excited to perform at the Ryde Schools' Spectacular at the Opera House. Armed in their yellow shirts they performed proudly as part of the combined choir on stage along with 1000 other students to the theme of '*Enjoy the Journey*' which the audience certainly did. It was a fabulous night of singing, dance and drama to celebrate the passion and talents of the students and teachers across our Ryde network. Congratulations and thank you to all the Year 3 and 4 students involved! A special mention to Mrs. Nina Cook for overseeing the group and the event. A thank you also to Mrs. Alice Bennett for her support in rehearsals.



Mandarin Program Evaluation

As part of the school's Evaluation Program we will be evaluating the Mandarin Program this year. One of the evaluation tools being used is a parent survey. Please take the time to complete the survey via the following link: <https://www.surveymoney.com/r/DMJ2BNM>
The survey will close on November 20.

The Little Mermaid

Next Wednesday many of our students will be performing *The Little Mermaid* at North Sydney Girls High School. All tickets for the evening performance have been sold however there are still some tickets for the matinee performance available. If you would like to pick your child up from school and take them to the matinee session please go to 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>

Class Placements for 2016

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, 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 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 note there are two parent forms. One is for a request to have your child separated from another student. The second form is for a request for your child to be placed with another child. Please be aware that these requests are only granted for exceptional circumstances.

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.

During the next week, 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 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.

Before School Supervision

A reminder to parents and carers that the school playground is unsupervised before 8:25am when children are able to be out on the playground.

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!



Musical Tickets are still available for the matinee performance: Wed 11 Nov 2015!

The evening performance is currently sold out. There may be a limited number of last minute tickets available for cash purchase at the door on the night due to cancellations etc.

There are still tickets available for the matinee performance. To book please use the following links: <http://www.trybooking.com/JIUN> OR <http://www.trybooking.com/164125>

Thank you to all the families who have returned their permission notes!

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.**

Whooping Cough!

We have had some cases of whooping cough in the school. This is a reportable, infectious disease. Please go to the NSW Health website for more information and a downloadable factsheet (available in different languages as well if needed) providing information on symptoms. If you have any concerns about your children, please visit your local GP.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Pertussis.aspx>

Tuckshop News

Keep an eye out for the 2016 Menu which will be finalized shortly. Our prices have not changed since early 2014 so the new menu will have some increases due to supplier price increases and increased running costs.

We adhere to the Government Guidelines for Healthy Tuckshops and don't sell anything within school hours that comes under the "red" colour code.

As the school grows the Tuckshop gets busier so if you'd like to help out we'd love to hear from you.

Drop by and let us know ...

Karen, Craig and Kristina.

School Student Transport Scheme & New School Opal

Many students with a current SSTS pass won't need to reapply as a new pass will be issued automatically. This will be either a School Opal card or a school travel pass if the student needs to travel outside the Opal network to get to school.



However, you will need to complete an application form if you are:

- applying for SSTS for the first time;
- enrolling in Kindergarten;
- progressing from Year 2 to Year 3;
- progressing from Year 6 to Year 7;
- changing name, school and/or address; and
- requesting a new additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

For more information please go to: <http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students>
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/>

Talent Fest

Talent Fest Nominations will close next Thursday 12 November, 2015. Students nominate themselves by talking to their class teachers and putting their name on the Talent Fest nomination lists. Students should be aware that they will need to hand in their music before their Talent Fest performance date. The schedule for performances will be published in this newsletter once available.



Morning Tea

It has been another busy year and we could not have offered so many opportunities for our students without our wonderful volunteers! If you have helped us along our way to success this year in any way, we would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution you have made to our school this year.

You're invited to an informal morning tea on Wednesday 18th November. Please RSVP prior to the event.

Time: 10:50-11:30am Wednesday 18th November
Location: In the staffroom

We hope to see you there!



I will be attending the Thank You Morning Tea on 18/11/15

Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

Please return this RSVP to Amy Rogers (4AR)

End of Year Festival & Grade Performances

Friday 27th November 2015: 4.00pm-9.00pm

NORTH SYDNEY STADIUM - Corner Miller & Ridge Streets

Rides Extravaganza

10 Awesome Rides brought to you by Planet Entertainment. 7 Adventerous Rides & 3 Smaller Rides for 'Kindy'.
Pre-Purchase \$25 Adventerous All Rides All Night Pass before 4pm Wednesday 25th November and save \$\$\$

www.trybooking.com/JPKL

Alternatively you can buy \$30 Adventerous All Rides Pass, \$15 'Kindy' Rides Pass & \$5 single ride tickets on the night from the Planet Entertainment stand.

Pre-Purchased passes can be collected at the festival from 4.30pm from the 'Pre-Paid' stand

3D Movie Experience

9D Mobile Cinemax will be presenting the ultimate 3D movie experience. \$10 tickets will be available on the night from the 9D Cinemax Stand.

Laser Tag

Get your friends together & **reserve** your spot online for a Laser Warriors laser tag session

www.laserwarriors.com.au/Events.html

\$5 tickets per person, per game - pay on the day

We Need You !

This is the biggest Dem festival of all time and we need the help of many. If you can spare 30 minutes or more to help set up & decorate, work on a stall or help the team pack up at the end of the night, it would be most appreciated. Pitch in with friends or meet some new faces. VOLUNTEER AT:

vols.pt/ANB1Ds

Raffle Prizes & Class Incentives

Attached is your raffle ticket booklet. There are many wonderful prizes to be won and incentive prizes for the class that sells the most tickets on average before Wednesday 25th November. See attachment for more details.

Raffle will be drawn at 7.30pm. More tickets can be purchased on the night from the Raffle & Information Stand.

Donate a Cake

We need lots of delicious slices, cupcakes, cookies to sell at the cake stall. Home baked or store bought goodies are welcome but must be NUT FREE please. On Monday 23rd November cake boxes will be given out in class to children who would like to donate a treat. If you do not receive a box and would like one they will be located at the school office foyer

Festival Feast & Treats

Chinese Fried Rice & Dumplings, Traditional Indian Chicken & Vegetarian dishes, Japanese Sushi
Hot Chips, Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall along with mini melts ice-creams, fairy floss, toffee apples, water & soft drinks.

This is an Alcohol Free & Glass Free Event - High Heels are not recommended on the oval.

For any enquiries contact the Dem P&C at thedempc@gmail.com

P&C NEWS CONTINUED

RAFFLE – AWESOME PRIZES TO BE WON

Attached is your booklet of \$3 raffle tickets. We thank you in advance and hope you will support this fundraiser by selling tickets to family & friends or perhaps buy the lot yourself.

Please return all money raised in an envelope with your **child's name & class** on it to their teacher by Wednesday 25th November.

Raffle will be drawn at 7.30pm. More tickets can be purchased on the night.

WIN 3D MOVIE TICKETS, LASER TAG TICKETS or MINI MELTS ICE CREAMS FOR YOUR CLASS

There are unique incentive prizes for the class that sells the most raffle tickets on average by Wednesday 25th November.. see attached for more details.

WIN MuMu Grill Restaurant \$20 Voucher

Every family who sells the entire \$30 raffle booklet is invited by MuMu Restaurant to register their details online to receive a \$20 meal voucher go to:

<http://goo.gl/forms/9lJiwXNXG4>

Raffle Prizes Include

One Night Stay at the Kirkton Hunter Valley + Golf & Lunch at Cypress Lakes (\$963)

- * Laser Warriors DIY Laser Tag Package x 2 (\$500)
- * Big Music School Holiday Program (\$440)
- * McLaren Hotel 2 Night Stay (\$400)
- * Morgan & Elwood 'Morgan' Beauty Package (\$325)
- * Gift Card from Westpac (\$250)
- * Inspire School Holiday Program x 4 (\$216)
- * Wildfire Hair Studio Gift Voucher (\$200)
- * Bricks for Kids School Holiday Program (\$180)
- * Kidds Yoga 1 Term Voucher (\$150)
- * Makers Loft Holiday Workshop & Cafe Voucher (\$140)
- * Taronga Zoo 2 Adult Passes (\$92)
- * Thomas Dux Hamper (\$50)

and more....

You can contact the Dem P&C at thedempc@gmail.com

P&C NEWS CONTINUED

CLASS PRIZES TO BE WON!

We have 3 fantastic prizes to give to the top 3 classes that sells the most tickets on average before Wednesday 25th November. Make sure your raffle tickets are returned in an envelope with your NAME & CLASS on it.. and your class could win....



1st PRIZE

Win tickets for your class to attend the sensational 9D Cinema at the End of Year Festival.

2nd PRIZE

Win your class tickets for an awesome session of Laser Tag brought to you by

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3rd PRIZE

Win vouchers for the delicious Mini Melts Ice Creams available from 9D Cinemax.



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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 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.

Mobile Blood service is visiting North Sydney in November and December 2015

Tuesday 17 November, **8.50am – 2.00pm**

Wednesday 18 November, **8.30am – 2.00pm**

Thursday 19 November, **1.00pm – 6.20pm**

Friday 20 November, **8.30am – 1.30pm**

If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can call us on **13 14 95**.

**ROLL UP YOUR
SLEEVES AND
GIVE BLOOD**

**Mobile Blood Service visiting:
North Sydney**

Mary Mackillop Place, 7-11 Mount Street

Wednesday 2 December	8.50am – 2.00pm
Thursday 3 December	8.30am – 1.30pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate.
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch.
Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call 13 14 95
or visit donateblood.com.au

 **Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE**

Kaleidoscope of Lane Cove event taking place in the Lane Cove Plaza Friday 13 November 4.00pm-6.00pm. It's going to be a free afternoon for kids and parents alike with lots of fun activities and music.

9911 3594 cultural@lanecove.nsw.gov.au www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/festivals

Twilight Food Fair in Civic Park, North Sydney from 5.30pm – 9.30pm every Friday from 20 November 2015 to 18 March 2016 (excluding public holidays). This is a free community event that consists of international food stalls, a live music and alternating children's activities.
http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Recreation_Facilities/Markets/Twilight_Food_Fair



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Camp 2: 11-15 JAN
Camp 3: 18-22 JAN

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DEC 2015 / JAN 2016
AGES 5-17 YEARS

NEW - Drop off available from 8.30am. After camp care from 3.30-6pm – all centres – \$10 per hour

CAMP 1: 14-18 DEC, CAMP 2: 21-23 DEC
CAMP 3: 11-15 JAN, CAMP 4: 18-22 JAN

9:30am – 3:30pm • Registration from 8.30am
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