



# Newsletter

## Events

31 October 2017

Week 4 Term 4

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday 1 November	Rugby League Gala Day Five Dock 8.45am Moonlight Market Raffle Tickets return to School Office
Thursday 2 November	Kindergarten Orientation – Well being focus 10.00am
Friday 3 November	3-6 Assembly School Hall 9am PSSA – Round 12 Softball & TBall – Meadowbank Cricket & Newcombe Ball – Morrison Bay Reserve Moonlight Markets DEPS 5pm-9pm Moonlight Markets all music ensembles to perform 5.15pm-7.45pm
Wednesday 8 November	Music Committee Meeting DEBASCA 7.30pm Bookclub last day The Cottage-2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Shop 9.20am-10.00am
Thursday 9 November	Kindergarten Orientation - -Welcome Morning Tea Parent Information Session Enrichment Education School Hall 6.30pm
Friday 10 November	Remembrance Day Assembly – Senior Band Performance 10.30am PSSA Round 13 Softball & Tball - Meadowbank Park Cricket & Newcombe Ball – Bremner Park Gladesville
Saturday 11 November	Strings & Guitar Workshop at School Hall 9.30am-3pm
Tuesday 14 November	Music Information Night School Hall 6pm-8pm
Friday 17 November	PSSA Round 14 Cricket & Newcombe Ball – Boronia Park TBall and Softball – Meadowbank Park
Thursday 30 November	Music End of Year Performance at School Hall 6.30pm-8.30pm

# Staff News

## Principal's Report

### Enrichment Education

At present we are undertaking an evaluation of our current enrichment education programs across the school. We are using relevant Departmental documents and research to implement clear identification procedures within our school for students who are gifted and talented. To begin this process in 2017 all families with children in Year 2 to Year 5 will receive a letter today outlining some changes to our processes for class placement in 2018.

We will be holding a parent information session on **Thursday 9 November at 6:30pm** in the school hall to provide you with additional information about the changes to enrichment class placement and enrichment education programs K-6.

### Travelling Overseas

If you are travelling overseas towards the end of this year or during the holidays and your children will be returning to school after Tuesday 30 January 2018, can you please provide this information in writing along with your travel itinerary that provides return flight details. It is extremely important that we have this information to ensure the students are allocated classes in 2018 and included in our school enrolment numbers. If you are travelling before the end of the school term can you please fill out an extended leave form.

### Playground



Over the school holidays our playground upgrade began. We have laid synthetic grass around the flag poles on the Lovell Road side of the school and we have had all of the lines repainted on the two courts on either side of the school and the linemarkings in the Kindergarten area. It is great to see so many children enjoying the playground spaces.

### Kindergarten Orientation



Our Kindergarten Orientation visits continue to occur on Thursday mornings from 10am until 11am. These have been a huge success. Parents have been involved in information sessions to better equip them with tools to support their children's learning, whilst the students have been participating in a variety of activities, including craft, singing and developmental play.

Last week we provided a more interactive session for parents. We set up a variety of literacy and numeracy activities that the teachers use to support learning in Kindergarten classrooms. This gave parents an insight into the ways in which student learning can be done through games and interaction.



We have also received some very positive feedback from the parents of our new Kindergarten children, informing us of what wonderful role models our Year 5 and 6 students have been during these orientation visits. Thank you to all the students who have been involved in this.

*Katrina Verinder, Relieving Principal*

# School Initiatives

## Anti Bullying

Over the next two weeks the students of Denistone East will continue with their learning about Bullying. This fortnight's lessons are

L- Learning how to respond to bullying and L - Let's help each other

The lessons will focus on how students can respond to bullying, and how they can help people who are being bullied.

## Road Safety

This term all students at Denistone East will be learning about Road Safety. Last Wednesday Stage 2 devoted the day to practical and interactive experiences, exploring three different areas –

**Pedestrian:** We took a walk around our school area and discussed how to keep safe and the rules associated with crossing at lights, crossing at roundabouts, zebra crossings as well as areas that are unsafe such as teacher's car parks and driveways.

**Passenger:** We discussed the different capsules and booster seats suitable for children and the recommended age for each.

**Wheels:** We discussed the need to wear helmets whenever riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard etc. and the different perspectives that the driver will have of our actions.

More information for parents and students can be found at

[www.safetytown.com.au](http://www.safetytown.com.au)



## Stage 3 Safety Day



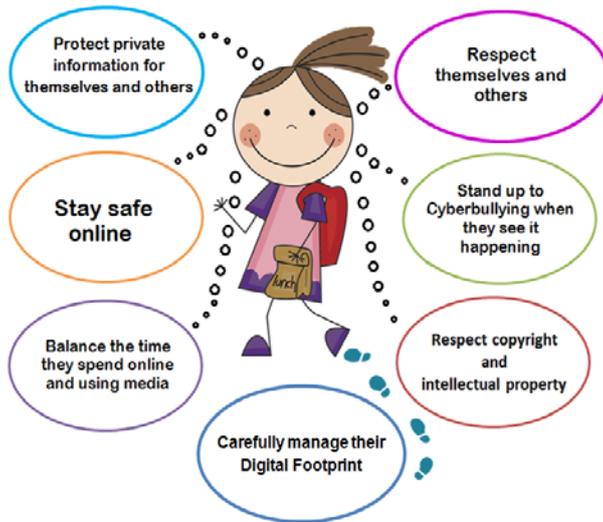
Last Thursday, Stage 3 students were involved in a circuit of activities throughout the day learning about Passenger safety, Safety on wheels, Key road safety rules and Pedestrian safety. The students had a lot of fun learning about how to stay safe on, and near, the roads



# School Initiatives

## Technology Information

### All Good Digital Citizens:



Welcome to the TECH CORNER—where you can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on your child/children's technology use.

Here you can find information for using safety settings on your family's web-connected devices, and strategies for keeping young people safe online.

Each fortnight you will find a link to a Safe on Social media Booklet or a website where more information on relevant topics can be found. It is important that we stay informed and try to stay one step ahead of our children in this ever changing digital world. It is also important that we as adults make sure we manage our Digital Citizenship.

It is important that we educate our children to be good Digital Citizens – that means teaching them to be **RESPONSIBLE**, **RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE** when using technology.

This week we are focusing on **FACEBOOK**. You can find the booklet on the School's website if you want more information. The booklet outlines bullying and harassment, tagging, privacy settings, followers, Apps, scams and much more. The information is able to be downloaded to your home computer for future reference.

Chriss Roberts  
Technology Co-ordinator

# Student News

## Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day, Armistice Day or Veterans Day) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth countries to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty since World War I.

Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the official end of World War I on that date in 1918; hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918.

A Remembrance Day assembly will be held in the hall at 10.45am on Friday 10th November. The Senior Band will be performing in the COLA before the Remembrance Assembly.

The assembly will be run by our school leaders. The Senior Choir will be singing and all SRC representatives will lay poppies on the stage as a symbol of remembrance, sacrifice and respect. The assembly will conclude with one minute of silence at 11:00am.

Recess will be held from 11:10-11:30am. Parents are welcome to attend our Remembrance Day assembly. If you are a returned/current serviceman or service woman and would like to attend the service, could you please contact Chriss Roberts via the school office by Monday 6 November.

Chriss Roberts

## Bookclub

Issue 7 is out now. This will be the last issue for 2017.

Please make sure that you have your orders back to school by Wednesday 8 November in order to make sure we get delivery before the end of term.

Online orders will also be due by this date

## Denistone's Got Talent

The audition timetable is now available up on the staffroom window. All requests on entry forms have been accommodated, therefore audition times are final and will not be changed.

All acts need to ensure they are aware of their allocated day and come prepared with their music, props, costumes etc.

Please note auditions and finals are a student only event. We thank parents for assisting students with their preparation, however, parents will not be permitted to attend or assist on the day.

We are looking forward to seeing all the talent Denistone East has to offer.

Denistone's Got Talent committee.

# Student News

Congratulations to the following students

Mihir S (10) who received a silver medal in Gymnastics State Championships.

Eric M (4RW) received second prize in Chinese Composition and handwriting competition that was held by the Chinese Language Education Council (CLEC) who has run the Chinese Eisteddfod for the last 28 years.

Toby D (5O) came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m and placed 1<sup>st</sup> in his heat for the 800m. Which means Toby is off to Nationals in Adelaide in December for running.

Maxx H (Yr 5) who attended the water polo trials in Gosford earlier this term. Maxx reports "It was a tough competition but a fun day!"

Congratulations to these students, what amazing achievements.

School Leaders and SRC – Leukaemia Foundation



On Monday 30 October Mr John Alexander visited DEPS as part of his *100km Walk for Leukaemia*. The SRC and school leaders were given the opportunity to meet Mr Alexander or JA as he likes to be called and listen to him talk about his charity journey. Throughout October JA is walking across Bennelong raising money and awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation.

If you would like to donate to the foundation there is a donation bucket located in the school office. Thank you!

Jocelyn Lindley SRC Committee

## Library

Britannica School Online, World Book Online, Maths and English games can all be accessed by students in years 1-6. Students login to the student portal via <https://student.det.nsw.edu.au> and then enter their username and password. After clicking on the hyperlink for *Oliver Library* the library homepage will appear and access to all online encyclopaedias, hyperlinks to interesting websites and educational games. Any topic can be searched through the federated search tool available on the library homepage.

All students need to bring their own library bag with their name clearly printed on it to be able to borrow books. PLEASE return any spare library bags you may have at home. Any donations of spare bags will be greatly appreciated!

Please check out the NEW BOOKS stand!

Read a good book from the library? Why not write a review? Check out the link on the library website. Please report any graffiti found in books. It has been very concerning that so many books are being returned with scribbles and written comments. Please let your children know that we are able to track the loan history of every book.

Advance notice: All library books must be returned by the end of week 7 in preparation for stocktake so please hunt for any books you may have misplaced and let us know if you believe you have returned the books.

The Library is open every morning for students to return books.

Happy reading

Ms Murray & Miss Callanan.

# Student News

## Award Recipients

### Gold Badge

Rose C-Y4	Nilesh N-Y4	Alicia L-Y4	Ashton H-Y4	Jack L-Y5	Cody M-Y6
James C-Y6	Kelly L-Y6				

### Gold Awards

Arjun N-Y3	Kevin H-Y3	Koby S-Y3	Siena J-Y3	Tom B-Y4	Yalon C-Y4
Andy L-Y4	Ameen S-Y5	Luke R-Y5	Liam L-Y5	Victor H-Y6	Natasha G-Y6
Aiden A-Y6					

### Silver Awards

#### Year 3

Maddison M	Lorelle R	Phillip C	Emily B	Eve E	Austin T
Sarang O	Olivia Y	Matthew N	Angelina W	Sofia P	Krish C
James G	Jayden C	Lindy W	Sophia L	Andy G	Olivia T

#### Year 4

Kara W	Clara Z	Ethan D	Ted I	Elliot J	Jeannette C
Eliot W	Yu W	Feiyi F	Monica L	Jaiden B	Anson L
Hana A	Kevin W	Rebecca Y	ZiAo Z	Joanne K	Miki K
Sharan S	Rex Z				

#### Year 5

James C	Jennifer L	Toby D	Sienna C		
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#### Year 6

Cleo P	Tim T	Alex B	Ava P	Claire B	Aiden L
Jeremy K	Jacob J	Bodhi B	Ella R	Grace R	Sejal R
Lana M	Spring L	Sevana J	Sajeevan T	Grace P	

### Bronze Awards

Abi S-Y4	Tianyou J-Y6				
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# P&C News

## Pool & Grounds Update

Royal Life NSW provided an update on our pool at the P&C meeting last Wednesday evening. Royal Life will submit the finalised plans to the NSW Department of Education and Ryde Council in the next 3-4 weeks. Currently they are planning to build a 25m pool (subject to approval) facility which includes on deck showers, changing facilities, viewing area, meeting rooms and office space. This is a very sympathetic construction as the proposed building mirrors the tones and colours of our existing buildings, which means it will blend right in. Royal Life hope to start construction in early 2018, with hopes to have the pool operational within Term 1 of 2019.

Our relieving principal Ms Verinder shared the latest preliminary plans for the fantastic interactive learning and recreation area for our children that will include an artificial soccer pitch (which can be broken into two) replacement of existing synthetic play surface and the re-landscaping and planning of the play areas. These plans look fantastic and it is hoped that these works will be completed in early Term 1 2018.

At Wednesday evening's meeting, the P&C approved \$80,000.00 (which includes the Moonlight Markets fundraising) contribution to the project, taking total amount submitted by the P&C towards this project to \$110,000.00. Based on the feedback from the parent survey earlier in the year, the improvement of the grounds was a significant issue so the P&C have allocated funds accordingly.

## The Cottage (2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop)

The Cottage will be open on Wednesday 8 November 9:20am-10:00am and every fortnight after that (i.e. on every odd week of term 4). We would like to thank all the parents who have donated their kids' uniforms to the shop and we are always grateful for any donations of used uniforms in relatively good condition (please, no large tears/holes!)

*\* If you wish to donate used uniforms on the days we are not opened, please leave them with the school office for us to pick up on another day*

## Moonlight Markets

The school is planning a major upgrade of the grounds bordering Henderson Rd which will include new artificial turf, mini soccer pitch, new plantings and beautification of the area. This work is expected to cost approximately \$250-300K with work planned to commence in Term 4 this year. All funds raised from the markets will be used to support the grounds upgrade.

Returning this year will be the 9D-Cinema, Side Show alley with games for the kids, our ever-popular community food stalls plus performances from the school bands/ensembles and aerobics teams.

We hope to see all our families at this event, spread the word to your families, neighbours and friends.

Just a small reminder the P&C and community food stalls only accept cash, so we welcome any gold coins and small note denominations that you are able to bring along

## Moonlight Markets Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the Moonlight Markets. The P & C Market Committee are finalising the volunteer timetable and will be in contact soon regarding your allocated time.

## Moonlight Markets Raffle Tickets

Thank you for the wonderful response to our Market raffle to date. A reminder to return all raffle tickets both sold and unsold directly to the school office. Remember there are prizes on offer for the person who sells the most tickets and the class who sells the most tickets. Any families wishing to sell more tickets can collect additional books from the school office. If you don't get your tickets back to the office by Friday, please return them to the P&C Information desk on the night.

## Second Hand Book Stall

Please drop off donations of Second Hand Books to the school hall on Friday 3 November between 2pm-3:30pm.

# P&C News



## Gift Hamper Wrapping Bee



A huge thank you to all the Mums and Dads that helped out at our wrapping bee last Monday. The hampers look amazing!! Don't miss them at the Kindy Cola this Friday night.

## Second Hand Book Stall

Please drop off donations of Second Hand Books to the school hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November between 2pm-3:30pm.

## Silent Art Auction

The combined class artwork created by students for Education week Open day will be auctioned off at our Moonlight Markets this year. The artwork will be displayed in the library and friends and family will have the opportunity to bid on the artwork during the night. If you can't make it to the markets but would like to bid prior to market night please email the following details to [eventsdeps@gmail.com](mailto:eventsdeps@gmail.com) with the subject line 'Silent Art Auction'.

Your Full Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Class Artwork:

Bid Amount: (Minimum bid is \$50)

**Bidding via email will close by 3pm on Thursday 2 November**, the highest bid at this time for each artwork will be transferred to the bidding sheet for market night.

# P&C News

## *Moonlight Markets Schedule*

### P&C Marquee

5:00pm	Raffle Ticket Available to purchase
7:30pm	K-2 Colouring Competition & 3-6 Design Competition winners announced
8:30pm	Raffle Drawn

### Library

5:00pm	Silent Art Auction
8:00pm	Art Auction Closes
8.30pm	Silent Auction Winners Announced

### Kindy COLA

5:15pm	Junior Percussion
5:30 pm	Holland Strings
5:45 pm	Sculthorpe Strings
6:00 pm	Grainger Strings
6:15 pm	Intermediate Band
7:15 pm	Training Band
7:30 pm	Senior Band
7:45 pm	Guitar Ensemble

### Library Soft Fall

6:00pm	Kang's Taekwondo Academy
6:30pm	Aerobics Teams

### Dance Stage

6:00pm	Avenue D Performance Studio
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### Moonlight Games Brabyn Street

5:00-9:00pm	9D Cinema Action
5:00-8:00pm	Carnival Games
6:00-6.30pm	Paper Plane Competition
6.30-7:00pm	Bottle Toss

# P&C News

## Moonlight Markets – Contribution Acknowledgements

The DEPS P&C and school community would like to extend our sincerest thanks and great appreciation to the following DEPS families and businesses for their generosity of sponsorship, in-kind, and raffle prize donations for the Moonlight Markets.

We would like to ask families if they have an opportunity or need, to consider supporting these businesses who are so generously supporting our children's school.

### Event Sponsor

We would like to recognise the following major event sponsors for their generous sponsorship of our Moonlight Markets, their sponsorship contributions will significantly contribute to our profits for the event.

- **Michael Dowling from McGrath Ryde**
- **Homart**
- **Pacific Mortgage**

### Service Donations

We would like to say thank you and acknowledge the support from

- **Hire a Hubby Ryde & Gladesville** (Neil Gibbins) – setup of lighting on the evening
- **Kennards** – for supply of lighting for the evening
- **Snap Printing Eastwood** – helping with our printing needs

### Raffle Prize Donations

Many thanks and appreciation to the following families and businesses for their prize donations for our Moonlight Markets raffle.

## DEPS Families

Chen Family (event sponsorship), Chiang Family (assistance with event sponsorship), Hong Family, Iemma Family, Jefferey Family, Laxale Family, Sriram Family, Trombetta Family.

## Organisations

AJ's Indian Restaurant, Birdsnest, Bondi Pizza Top Ryde, Bricks for Kids, Brother International, Carlingford Court, Club Ryde, DEPS P&C Canteen, Eden Gardens, Everything Party, Fibonacci Coffee, GK MBJ Haircare, Just Glow Photography, Little Birdy Finds, Lone Star Rib House, Macquarie Centre, Midway Market Place Fruit & Deli, Munchbox, My Gym Australia, Top Ryde City, My Musical Adventure, Next Gen Health & Lifestyle Clubs, North Ryde Golf Club, Ocean Foods Drummoyne, Officeworks West Ryde, Paynter Dixon, Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (Ryde Council), Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, Ryde TAFE (The Northern Sydney Institute), Star Discount Chemist West Ryde, Superfresh Eastwood, Swanes, The Epping Club, The Yoga Parent, Top Ryde City, Umii Japanese Restaurant

# P&C News

## Music News

### Music Committee help needed

We are in urgent need of more parent volunteers to help out in the Music Committee in the following roles:

- **Instrument coordinator:** The instrument coordinator maintains the database of DEPS P&C-owned musical instruments. They are responsible for hiring out and collecting from hire instruments (mostly Term 1 and Term 4) and organising their ongoing maintenance and storage.
- **Music camp organiser for 2018:** Remember that without a camp organiser there can be no camp!
- **Fundraising organiser:** Responsible for coordinating fundraising activities (around 2 per year).
- **Band coordinators:** There is one coordinator for each of the bands and these are the liaison between the music committee and the band conductors as well as being the main point of communication with band parents.
- **Guitar groups coordinator:** This person is the liaison between the music committee and the guitar conductors/tutors and is the main point of communication with parents of guitar students.

Note that you will be working with the incumbent coordinators for the rest of the year to learn the roles, so you will not be learning from scratch. Please email [denomusicord@gmail.com](mailto:denomusicord@gmail.com) if you can help with any of these roles.

### Strings and Guitars Workshop registration now open

All students in the String Ensembles (Holland, Sculthorpe and Grainger) and Guitar Ensembles (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) are invited to attend a day workshop on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. You should have received a link to the registration form by email. Alternatively, please [click here](#) or see below link to register.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf09CxXqUaSp0CWifz\\_nnJQagriFsQdd0zdlx8-GhDOHoLIEg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf09CxXqUaSp0CWifz_nnJQagriFsQdd0zdlx8-GhDOHoLIEg/viewform)

Parents are urged to complete the registration process as soon as possible to help the organisers prepare.

# P&C News

## Canteen

### Special – Limited Time Only!

For the next 2 weeks we will be having homemade **Nachos** for lunch. It is available Monday to Friday at \$4.00 each. Available over the counter and through munch monitor. Final day is 14 November.

### Volunteers

Our annual Christmas thank you dinner for volunteers is on Saturday 25 November. Further details and invitations will follow shortly.

### Roster/Volunteers

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1/11:Help Needed	2/11:Rowena Henry	3/11:Amanda Kahani
6/11:Shelley-Anne Sansone	7/11:Amy Wu	8/11:Help Needed	9/11: Help Needed	10/11:Help Needed
13/11:Terry Hulme	14/11:Andrew Wong			

# Community News

Free workshop for  
parents & carers of  
young people on the  
autism spectrum!

Waitara

Sat 18 November 2017

Register your place:

[positivepartnerships.com.au](http://positivepartnerships.com.au)

 positive partnerships

## CHELTENHAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

The Promenade Cheltenham NSW 2119

Telephone: 9876 4481 Facsimile: 9869 8521

Email: [Cheltenham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Cheltenham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Website: [www.cheltenham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.cheltenham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

### YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY 2017

Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017



#### Information and activities include:

- A welcome assembly showcasing our junior choir, uniforms, and presentations from various student committees – from 10.00am
- Meet your homeroom teachers
- SRC activities
- Peer Support
- BBQ lunch
- Opportunity to purchase uniforms at the Uniform Shop
- An opportunity for parents to pay financial contributions – from 8.30am

Year 6 students will receive an information package in the mail prior to the event.



**Street by Street**

— BRINGING NEIGHBOURS TOGETHER —

#### Connect with your neighbours

If you are fortunate enough to live with a sense of community, where you know the people who live near you, share experiences and help one another, then you'll probably agree, your life is richer for it. The Street by Street project is seeking community minded people to turn streets into communities in your area, through simple social activities. We'll support you to do this. Contact Irene Opper at [irene@streetbystreet.org.au](mailto:irene@streetbystreet.org.au) or 0413 706 233. See [www.streetbystreet.org.au](http://www.streetbystreet.org.au) for more info

#### Nominations Now Open

The City of Ryde Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards recognise outstanding accomplishments by individuals in our community who have excelled in their chosen field. The awards are open to all Australian citizens living in the City of Ryde.

- **Citizen of the Year** recognises outstanding service to the community over an extended period of time.
- **Young Citizen of the Year** recognises outstanding service to the community over an extended period by a young person between the ages of 16 and 25.

The awards are held under the auspices of the Australia Day Council of NSW and judging is conducted by a local selection panel. The awards are presented during the City of Ryde Australia Day celebrations.

If you know someone who deserves to be recognised for their contribution to our community, please nominate them today.

Nominations close at **4.30pm on Friday 17 November.**