



# Newsletter

## Events

12 December 2017 Week 10 Term 4

### Upcoming Events

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| Wednesday 13 December | DEPS Staff Appreciation Lunch School Hall 1pm  |
| Thursday 14 December  | All Guitar Ensembles DEBASCA Christmas Performance 8.45am-9am<br>K-2 Party Day & Gigalees Performance  |
| Friday 15 December    | Final Day of School<br>Year 6 Graduation Assembly School Hall 9.15am   |
| Saturday 16 December  | Cake & Secondhand Book Stall Election Day 8am-1pm  |
| Tuesday 30 January    | Years 1-6 First day of School 2018<br>Kindergarten 2018 Best Start Appointments Tuesday-Friday<br>Uniform Shop Open normal hours 3pm-4pm<br>(order online via <a href="http://flexischools.com.au">flexischools.com.au</a> ) |
| Wednesday 31 January  | Uniform Shop Open normal hours 9am-10am<br>(order online via <a href="http://flexischools.com.au">flexischools.com.au</a> )  |
| Thursday 1 February   | Uniform Shop Open extra hours 3-4pm<br>(order online via <a href="http://flexischools.com.au">flexischools.com.au</a> )  |
| Friday 2 February     | Uniform Shop Open normal hours 8.30am-9.30am<br>(order online via <a href="http://flexischools.com.au">flexischools.com.au</a> )   |
| Monday 5 February     | Kindergarten 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School<br>Kindy Welcome Morning Tea Kindy 2017 (Year1 2018) to host School Hall 9.45am   |

# Staff News

## Principal's Report

2017 has seen the students at our school participate in many quality learning experiences within their classrooms and enabled students the opportunity to participate in an extensive list of extra-curricular activities to enhance their learning. All students are to be congratulated on another successful year!

We wish our Year 6 students every happiness for their future journey into high school and hope that you come back every now and again to visit. Good luck to any other students who are moving away from Denistone East at the end of this year.

Thank you for making my time here at Denistone East so memorable. I have enjoyed getting to know all the students, the parent community and working with the entire staff.

I hope that you all have a lovely festive season and new year. The staff at Denistone East look forward to seeing **all the students back at school on Tuesday 30 January 2018**. Kindergarten students begin school on Monday 5 February after they attend their Best Start appointment.

Please stay safe over the holidays and enjoy your break.

*Katrina Verinder, Relieving Principal*



# A Year in Review





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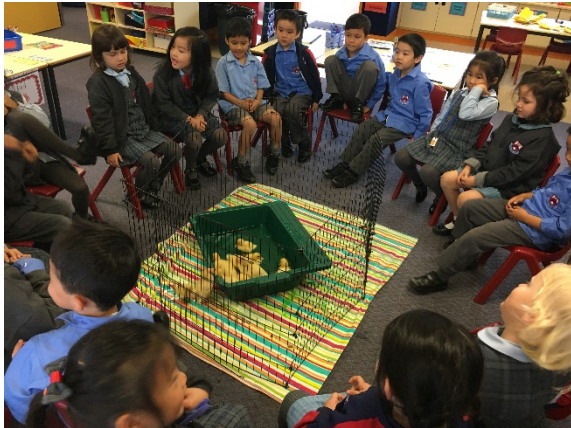


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# Student News

## Library

Library stocktake is continuing!

All library books need to be returned immediately. Please hunt for and return any books that have a Denistone East Public School barcode on them.

Let us know if you believe you have returned books and we can check the library for them. Reminders will continue to be sent home this week for any books that have not be returned. Many thanks for doing your best to return all books.

PLEASE return any spare library bags you may have at home. Any donations of spare bags will be greatly appreciated!

We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas with lots of great books to read!

Ms Murray, Miss Callanan & Ms Stephan

## Congratulations



### Sporting Achievement

In week 10 Toby from year 5 went to Adelaide to compete in the swimming and running national competition. Toby achieved the following results:

#### Running

1st in the 800m  
2nd in the Swedish Relay  
2nd in the 8 x 80m Relay  
3rd in the 8 x 100m Relay

#### Swimming

1st in the 50m Relay  
5th in the 50m Freestyle

Congratulations to Toby on his outstanding results.

# P&C News

## DEPS Staff Appreciation/Thank You Lunch – Wed 13 Dec

Our long standing tradition of an appreciation lunch for the teachers and support staff at Denistone East Public School is scheduled for this coming Wednesday 13 December in the school hall.

We would like to say thank you to all the families for their generous contributions for this lunch, this is greatly appreciated.

## Election Day Cake & Book Stall – Sat 16 December

Our school is an official polling centre for the Bennelong by-election on Saturday 16 December, so we'd really appreciate your help one last time this year in baking some goodies such as cupcakes, cookies etc

The eldest child in each family has received a cake box and note and we ask that you please return the baked goods to the school canteen on

Friday 15 December from 8:30am - 9:10am OR from 2:45pm - 3:15pm

or

Saturday 16 December from 8:00am - 11:30am

All good quality second hand books are welcome and can be dropped off at the school hall on Friday 15 December from 2:45pm – 3:15pm.

We also welcome any parents who are able to help us with the stalls from 8:00am – 1:00pm on the Saturday morning. We thank you in advance for any assistance you can offer us with this fundraising opportunity, it is greatly appreciated.

## Kindy 2018 Welcome Morning Tea – Monday 5 February

A welcome morning tea is planned for the parents/grandparents/carers of our new Kindy students starting at DEPS in 2018. We would like to kindly request the help and support of our current 2017 Kindy families for this event.

We are requesting any families who can assist with the donation of food or drink and/or come along for an hour to help welcome our new families! The morning tea will be held in the school hall from approximately 9:45am – 10:45am, so if you can please come along, babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers warmly welcomed.

## DEPS P&C 2017 Wrap Up

One of the big achievements this year of the P&C and our school community was the finalisation of the decision on the school pool. The school will now have a \$4.5 million 25m indoor pool available for year-round use with community access outside of school hours. We would like to extend a big thanks to everyone in our school community who helped get the word out for people to register their interest in the community forum, this support was a key reason why we saw the positive outcome. This is planned to open by mid-2019.

I would like to acknowledge the generosity of our DEPS families' financial contributions via the P&C annual levy, building fund contributions and fundraising efforts, your support has been greatly appreciated.

Through our fundraising efforts we have managed to raise over \$35,000 with the Moonlight Markets (~\$25,000) being the major contributor with contributions from the Mothers & Father's Day stalls, family photos, school disco and Election Day stalls.

This year the P&C has contributed over \$170,000 into purchasing resources, improving school facilities or running events to benefit our children. From our current and previous year's contributions, the P&C has committed to the school during 2017

- Brabyn St Grounds Upgrade - \$105,000. Coupled with the \$30,000 commitment from 2016, this provides a total of \$135,000 for this upgrade planned for early 2018 in which **all students** will benefit. This is hoped to be completed by end Term 1, 2018.
- Literacy Program Resources - \$20,000. The school purchased wide range of literacy resources to be used across **all classes** and the library.
- Air Conditioners – over \$10,000 for the replacement of air-conditioners in a number of classrooms
- Canteen upgrade – over \$8,000 for the painting, replacement of air conditioning, commercial dishwasher installation to meet compliance regulations
- Resources - \$6,000 for art resources to produce the fantastic classroom works of art for Education Week



# P&C News

- Lovell St Grounds Beautification - \$5,000 for the purchase of landscaping supplies and plants to beautify the Lovell Rd grounds. This work is currently in progress.
- Music - Instrument & Music Purchase - \$2,500. Allocated for the purchase and repair of instruments for the school bands.
- Commercial BBQ – purchase of a commercial grade BBQ
- Student Representation at National Level – contributions to the school aerobics team & Toby D for assistance in meeting costs of national level representation
- Year 6 Farewell
- School Events – Kindy Welcome Morning Tea, Ride to School Day, Mother's Day Morning Tea, Father's Day Breakfast, School Disco, Walk to School Days, Lunar New Year & Korean Day

One of the main focuses of the P&C is building our community and families involvement we have seen more new faces at P&C meetings and helping at out events, this is a very positive step. We hope to continue to build on this in coming years.

To our music committee, we would like to offer our thanks and appreciation for all your hard work and contributions. Without the efforts of our music committee there would be no bands or ensembles at DEPS!. Special thanks to Andrew Wong for all his work in the coordination of the music program.

Amali Kumarage, Evalina Chan, Irene Chung, Jo Toms, Kathleen Pedersen  
Ke Zhu, Rowena Henery, Yiyi Lu, Yuyu Chen

As a school community, we would like to say a big thank you and acknowledge the time and support provided by our many volunteers in the canteen, your help is greatly appreciated. Without the help of these volunteers it would not be possible to offer this service that many families rely on to provide lunch and the kids love to buy their treats! Our canteen volunteers, allows us to offer a wider range of foods prepared at the canteen and to keep our costs down. A special thanks to Suzanne Hayes for all her work in the coordination of the canteen and of course our continued gratitude to Anne- Marie for doing an amazing job managing the Canteen.

We would like to acknowledge the huge effort and time contribution that the following individuals provide to "The Cottage" to ensuring that our school has a very valuable second hand uniform service. Special thanks to Ming Cha for all her work in the coordination of the "The Cottage" shop.

Doris, Michelle E, Lina L, Michelle L  
Sal P, Rosemary P, Yuka, Joan Y

To Christy Tam, we say a massive thank you and recognise her efforts for her tireless work in the background every two weeks to pull together the P&C section of the school newsletter. Her assistance has been invaluable as I know many people rely on the newsletter as a means of finding out what is going on at our school!

To our P&C executive Bron, Cindy, Gloria, Kathleen, Sally, Shelley-Anne, Tammy and our regular P&C volunteers we offer our greatest thanks and recognition for all your help, support and commitment. Without your ongoing and frequent contributions, our P&C events and programs would not be operational or possible! The P&C would like to say a very big thank you and show of appreciation for all the parents/carers/grandparents/friends who have volunteered and helped out this year at such things as the Kindy Welcome Morning Tea, Ride to School Day, Mother's & Father's Day Breakfast & Stalls, School Disco and Moonlight Markets.

This year we see the departure of three long serving P&C members, Kathleen Pedersen, Cindy Lilequ Coast and Bron Papandrea, with over 30 years of combined service. We offer our greatest thanks and appreciation for all your hard work, tireless efforts and support over your time at DEPS.



# P&C News

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge and say thank you for the opportunity as serving as our P&C President for the last two years, it has been a pleasure and honour. Thank you to everyone who has offered their thanks, support and appreciation over this time. I believe we have built on the hard work and success the P&C has achieved in previous years and I am sure this will continue in the future.

For those of you leaving the school, we would like to wish you all the best for the future and hope you have enjoyed being part of the DEPS community. For those returning to DEPS, we look forward to your return in 2018 and your ongoing support in making DEPS an even better place for our children.

To all families, the P&C wishes everyone a safe, happy and restful Festive Season!

The Cottage (2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform shop)

The Cottage will reopen in 2018 on Wednesday fortnightly starting on 31<sup>st</sup> January from 9.20am-10am. We will open on every odd week of Term 1

All proceeds from the Cottage go to the P&C. All donations on days that we are closed may be left with the school office.

## Music News

### End of the 2017 music year

Congratulations to all parents and children in the music program for a great year of learning and performing. The music committee thanks you all for your participation and enthusiasm. We ended the year with an End-of-Year Concert on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov that featured all our ensembles as well as a special performance by Charlotte K (violin), James M (violin) and Justin S (cello).

We would like to thank all the parent volunteers and committee members who gave their time and energy towards making the concert a success:

*Amali and Thusitha Kumaraage, Chang Wang, Cathy Qiao, Esther Ng, Irene Chung, Jason Lee, Jo Toms, Jo Cleland, Jingsi Liu, Kathleen Pedersen, Ke Zhu, Leon Chan, Linda Kang, Paul Aoun, Rowena Henery, Sean Toms, Thuan Sinh Shenouda, Wen Chiang, Yiyi Lu, Yuyu Chen and Andrew Wong.*

### Solo Strings Recital

The strings program ended on a high note on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec with a Christmas Recital in which 23 of our string students performed a solo piece in front of an audience of peers and family. All the children played wonderfully!

Well done to Charlotte K, Chris L, Daniel L, Elaine H, Ella J, Ethan H, Hinata M, Joanne T, Justin S, Kara W, Mason W, Matthew C, Matthew N, Matthew W, Meagan H, Olivia X, Sasha M, Sean G, Sophie G, Sylvia Z, Tarith K, Wyn Y and Zen S.

## Canteen

If you are leaving the school make sure you use all your munch monitor. If you are not coming back as a volunteer next year please let Anne-Marie know as soon as possible.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone in the Canteen.



# Community News

**TWT THE WEEKLY TIMES** **Rotary**  
Clubs of Macquarie Park and North Ryde

*Rotary*  
**Carols on the Common**

**Carols, Fireworks, Rides  
Entertainment, Food**

 Mickie Sogler  
 Isabella Forte  
 Master of Ceremonies  
Stephen Siro  
 Music Director & Chaperone  
Roseanna Golic  
 John Strouders

 The Edge Dance Centre  
 Macquarie Performing Arts  
 Eleanor Day  
 Cheryl Kitz  
 Reading by Leichhardt  
Community Library

 Royal North Shore Lifestyle  
Community Choir  
 Garry Smith 2017 Queens  
June Mervy  
 Angie Huang into  
Sydney 16 Choir  
 Singing Stars  
& Santa Claus  
 Macquarie  
University Singers

*Singing Stars 2017 winners*

[www.carolsonthecommon.org.au](http://www.carolsonthecommon.org.au)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Rides & Entertainment from 5:30pm  
Carols & Fireworks Show from 8pm

North Ryde Common  
Cnr Wicks & Twin Rd

## GIRLFRIENDS DAY "COME AND TRY" FOOTBALL!

GIRLS!! Do you play? or want to try football? or have a friend who is interested but not sure?

**SHARE THIS and BRING A FRIEND to RDP Girl Friends Day!**



**\*\* When: 15th December, 2017 from 5.30-6.30pm**

**\*\* Where: ELS Hall Park - field#3 behind the Ryde Community Sports Centre, Kent Rd, Nth Ryde.**

If you would like more information, please contact:

- Girls Co-ordinator ANDREW BRACKLEY #0424 046 620
- MiniRoos Contact JEN EMMERSON #0405 817 007
- Committee Admin JENN CLIFTON #0412 172 450

[info@rydepanthers.football](mailto:info@rydepanthers.football)

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Alexanders Netball Club

**WANT TO PLAY – RSVP TODAY!**

**Alexanders have been playing in the Eastwood Ryde Competition for 53 years and we are building our club for the 2018 season!**

Come and join us!

**This invitation is for your son or daughter to play netball for Alexanders Netball Club in the Eastwood Ryde Netball Association 2018 Day Competition.**

**If your child is aged between 6 and 11 years and would like to start playing netball, please contact our Junior Registrar. Senior players are always welcome as well!**

**Junior Registrar: Julia 0409 310 651**

Marilyn Latham (President)  
0416 242 056

[wandmlatham@bigpond.com](mailto:wandmlatham@bigpond.com)



# Community News



Riverside Girls High School's

## *Open Day*

Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018    3.30 pm to 6.00 pm  
with the Principal's Address at 4.30 in the hall

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