



# Newsletter

20 November Term 4 Week 6

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 21 November	Year 2 School Swimming and Water Safety program continues
Thursday 22 November	Year 2 School Swimming and Water Safety program continues Class Structure & Organisation 2019 Meeting for parents school library <b>2pm-3.30pm</b>
Friday 23 November	Year 2 School Swimming and Water Safety program finishes 3-6 Assembly school hall <b>9am ICAS Certificates will be handed out</b> Junior Percussion performance 3-6 Assembly school hall <b>9am</b> PSSA Round 14 – All at Meadowbank
Wednesday 28 November	Year 4 Tallong Camp Southern Highlands students to be at school <b>7.30am</b> Parent Restorative Practice Workshop school library <b>5.30pm-7pm</b>
Thursday 29 November	Year 4 Tallong Camp Southern Highlands home approximately <b>4pm</b>
Friday 30 November	K-2 Assembly school hall <b>9am</b> Holland Strings K-2 Assembly school hall <b>9am</b>
Tuesday 4 December	Parent Breakfast School Hall <b>8am</b> Combined Christmas Service school hall <b>9.30am</b>
Wednesday 5 December	P & C Meeting in staff room <b>7pm</b>
Thursday 6 December	Music End of Year Performance school hall – Sausage Sizzle <b>5.30pm-6.15pm</b> Concert <b>6.30pm-8.30pm</b>
Tuesday 11 December	Solo Strings Recital school hall <b>3.30pm-5.30pm</b>
Thursday 13 December	DEPS Teacher & Staff Appreciation Lunch school hall <b>1.15pm</b>
Friday 14 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner North Ryde Golf Club <b>5.45pm</b>
Monday 17 December	K-6 Presentation Day Assembly <b>9.45am</b>
Tuesday 18 December	Year 6 Fun Day Out Archie Brother Cirque Electriq students need to be at school by <b>9am</b>
Wednesday 19 December	<b>Kindergarten Excursion</b> – Wannabees Family Playtown Frenches Forest students need to be at school <b>9am</b> buses leaving <b>9.15am</b> <b>Year 1 Excursion</b> – Wannabees Family Playtown Hornsby students need to be at school <b>8.45am</b> buses leaving <b>9.00am</b> <b>Year 2 Excursion</b> – Jungle Buddies Five Dock students need to be at school <b>9.15am</b> buses leaving <b>9.30am</b> <b>Year 3-5 Excursion</b> – Movie Day Top Ryde students need to be at school <b>9.25am</b> Year 6 Graduation Assembly school hall <b>9.45am</b> Year 6 Tunnel Year 1 & 2 Cola <b>3.10pm</b> Students Last Day of school

# Principal Report

Good Afternoon,

On **Thursday 22 November at 2pm-3.30pm** we will be holding a Class Structure & Organisation 2019 meeting for parents in the school library. This meeting will expand on information provided by the focus group in week three P&C meeting. The information presented will be available after the meeting via *Skoolbag*.

Congratulations to Tanisha on her excellent performance at the Multicultural Public Speaking Finals.

## ***Building Updates***

Our building has commenced and we have moved the administration office, my office, the deputy offices and the staffroom across the road. The move was a big event and I have to thank all the staff for their good spirits and willingness to be flexible and accommodating. Special mention to Mr Butler for his hard work – he has done much carrying of our resources and has helped us all settle in our new spaces.

Royal Lifesaving have the go ahead to commence demolition of the pool this week. The refitting of the new pool and the supporting facilities will commence over the summer break. Royal Lifesaving are optimistic about a pool for the swim season end of 2019!

The Playground will be finished at the end of this week and we hope to be on the new space next week. I am also hoping we can arrange a twilight evening together with the P&C to open the playground and share the space with families before the end of the year.

## ***Traffic update***

Please take care around the school and neighbouring streets our build is adding to the impact on roads and movement and we need to be mindful of our neighbours. Please do not park across driveways and do not make U turns in the streets adjacent to the school. Walk when you can and consider carpooling to reduce vehicle movements.

*Michelle Collyer, Principal*

# Principal Report

## NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



Artist impression of the Denistone East Public School upgrade

## Denistone East Public School Project update

November 2018

### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is spending \$6 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools. This includes an additional \$160 million in 2018/19 as part of the record \$747 million maintenance investment announced last year. This is the biggest investment in public school infrastructure in the history of NSW.

### Denistone East Public School

A project is underway to upgrade Denistone East Public School. The project will include the provision of a new building featuring flexible learning spaces and special programs rooms, and a refurbishment of the existing administration building.

### Progress summary

Early works have begun on site including the installation of fencing, commencement of excavation along with works on the administration building. Trucks will now be entering and exiting the site on a regular basis.

Work hours are as follows:

- 7am - 5pm weekdays
- 7am - 1pm Saturdays

We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and we will minimise impacts on the community at every opportunity.

### Next steps

Major works will commence in November, following approval of the development application.

The forecast project completion is in early 2020.

We will keep you updated and provide more information as the project progresses.

You can speak to us about this project using the contact details below.

### For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW  
Email: [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Phone: 1300 482 651  
[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

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# School Initiatives

Ethics classes at Denistone East Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics teacher for Denistone East Public School?

Some of our current ethics teachers who are parent volunteers are moving on at the end of the year and we are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue next year.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available at 9.25 am or 9.55am on Tuesday each week.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and/or contact Ms Swee Goh, Ryde Regional Manager via email [ryde-region@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:ryde-region@primaryethics.com.au) or phone 0418 480 833.

Restorative Practices Australia – Parent Workshop

Over Monday 12 November and Wednesday 14 November all students across K-6 were involved in a class based Restorative Practice Workshop with Liz and Vic from Restorative Practices Australia.

These student focused workshops were a follow on from our Staff Development Day in Term 2 and supported students in learning strategies for building, maintaining and repairing relationships for learning and for life. The process involves students learning how to be proactive and responsive when they face challenges at school, with friendships and in day to day life. Please take the time to ask your children about their participation in the workshop and the things that they learnt about Restorative Practices.

We are holding a Restorative Practices Parent Workshop in Week 7 on Wednesday 28 November from 5:30 – 7pm in the school Library. This workshop will support parents to understand the concepts underpinning Restorative Practices and how these practices can be used by students, teachers and families.

Ms Jenny Bashinsky R/Deputy Principal

# Student News

## Congratulations



On Friday 16 November Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Tanner took a group of our talented public speakers to the ABC Centre in Ultimo to watch the NSW State Finals of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

2000 students in NSW competed in this event. There were 76 local finals and 8 regional finals held throughout the state. There were 13 finalists selected, coming from Western, Northern, Eastern and Southern Sydney as well as the Central

Coast, Illawarra, Dubbo and Moree.

Denistone East's Tanisha in 6S was one of these Finalists!

The competition was of the highest standard and Tanisha delivered excellent prepared and impromptu speeches. The impromptu topic was very difficult, being ambiguous, "No direction." She unlike many of the participants was able to interpret the topic and support her understanding with a story of Dick Fosbury. An American track and field athlete who revolutionized the high jump event with a unique "back-first" technique.

We are so incredibly proud of you Tanisha!

# P&C News

## P&C Meeting – Wednesday 5 December

We would like to invite all parents & caregivers to our next P&C meeting to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 5 December in the school staff room. Please take note of the change in date from week 7 to week 8 due to unavailability of key participants in week 7.

## Opportunities to be a part of 2019 P&C Committee

We are looking for a parent volunteer to fill the following roles within our P&C in 2019, if you are interested please email [depssec@gmail.com](mailto:depssec@gmail.com)

## Music Committee Coordinator

- Liaise with parents and students, the school and the chosen external provider.
- Manage the hire of musical instruments owned by the P&C Association
- Provide communication to the school community regarding music program events.

## Traffic Committee Coordinator

- Assist the school in arranging events such as Walk and Ride to School Days
- Provide communication to the school community regarding traffic safety.
- Liaise with parents and students, the school and local council with regard to traffic safety

## Canteen Manager Opportunity

After 10 plus years of working in the Canteen, Anne-Marie has handed in her resignation and will finish at the end of Term 4. We thank Anne-Marie for her substantial contribution to the school in running the canteen.

The P&C are now looking for a Canteen Manager. The position is for 5 days a week during school terms, approximately 6 hours a day. The pay is in accordance with the Fast Food Industry Award 2010, Fast Food Employee Level 3 (in charge of 2 or more persons) plus 3%. We are looking for the new Canteen Manager to start in early December to allow a hand over period with Anne-Marie.

If you are interested in applying for the position of Canteen Manager then please send your CV along with a covering letter addressing the following selection criteria:

- Experience in day-to-day managing a school canteen including financial management
- Knowledge of the NSW Department of Education 'Nutrition in Schools Policy'.
- Experience in setting menus, food preparation and food safety.
- Ability to communicate well with canteen staff, volunteers, children, teachers, school management and parents.

Please submit your application to Suzanne Hayes, P&C Canteen Coordinator at [depssec@gmail.com](mailto:depssec@gmail.com) by **Friday, 23 November 2018**.

Save the date – Thursday 13 December – Teacher & Staff Appreciation Lunch

We will be hosting a lunch for our teachers & staff on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 1:15pm** in the School Hall to show our appreciation of how hard our teachers & staff work for our school throughout the year.

A letter will be coming home with your child this week with more details & we hope as many of our school community as possible will get involved to help make this lunch a great success!





# P&C News

## Canteen

### Volunteer Roster

If you are able to help at the Canteen please call phone 9858 5286 and thank you for all our wonderful helpers.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		24/10 Jade Park Angela H	25/10 Tammy S	26/10 Help Needed
29/10 Help Needed	30/10 Help Needed	31/10 Help Needed	1/11 Rowena Henry	2/11 Amanda Kaharni
5/11 Elizabeth O'Connor	6/11 Amy Wu	7/11 Boaly Cheung	8/11 Help Needed	9/11 Help Needed

Thank you to all who lend a helping hand at the Canteen – Details shortly re annual Christmas Dinner 2018.

# Community News