

Newsletter

05 February 2019 Term 1 Week 2

Upcoming Events

Thursday 7 February	2 nd Hand Uniform Shop The Cottage open from 9.15am-10.15am	
Tuesday 12 February	Parent Information Night – Stage 2 (Year 3&4) in classroom from 4.15pm-4.45pm and then into	
	the School Hall 4.45pm to 5.15pm	
	Stage 3 (Year 5&6) in classroom from 5pm-5.30pm and then into the School Hall 5.30pm-6pm	
Wednesday 13 February	P & C Meeting in staff room 7pm	
Thursday 14 February	Year 3-6 School Swimming Carnival Ryde Aquatic Centre – students need to be at school 8am	
Tuesday 19 February	Parent Information Night – ES1 (Kindergarten) in classroom 4.15pm-4.45pm and then into the	
	School Hall 4.45pm-5.15pm	
	Stage 1 (Year 1&2) in classroom 5pm-5.30pm and then into the School Hall 5.30pm-6pm	
Wednesday 20 February	Chinese Luna New Year 9.20am-1pm – students wear mufti gold coin donation	

Principal Report

Welcome to the new school year at Denistone East to all our families, new and returning. A special welcome to our families of Kindergarten, thank you for trusting us with your children and we look forward to sharing the learning journey. It is difficult to think now, that they will finish their school based education in 2031.

Thank you to all who have shared their positive feedback about our new learning spaces and learning clusters. The shared learning spaces have allowed us to group students according to their talents and interests. They will also help us to be ready for our new learning spaces when the buildings are finished later this year.

Our existing learning spaces are being assessed and resourced during the year – new technology, furniture and resource upgrades are ongoing. The goal is to create flexible, dynamic and student friendly spaces that cater for a variety of learning needs. Areas that encourage collaboration, creativity and flexibility skills that will stand them in good stead as they move through their schooling.

We will host our information and meet the teacher afternoons in week 3 and week 4. Stage Two and Three will be Tuesday 12 February and K and Stage One Tuesday 19 February. The afternoon will provide you with an opportunity to visit your child's learning space, meet their teacher and then move to the hall for a presentation about the year ahead. Information about excursions, incursions, topics of work and general stage organisation will be provided. Details and times to these events will be provided.

Thank you to the school executive who gave much of their holiday time to the organisation that allowed classes to be ready for day one. Also a big thanks to the office and administration staff who have looked after all our new families and other important behind the scenes things that keep the school running.

Classes 2019

Early Stage One (Kindergarten)	Team Leaders Michelle Pike and Jennifer Kim	Naming convention: Australian Animals
K Dingo	Dingoes	Michelle Pike and Vicki Engsall (Fridays)
K Goanna	Goanna	Jana Limburg
K Quokka	Quokka	Emma Davidson
K Echidna	Echidna	Sophie Charalambous
K Bilby	Bilby	Jennifer Kim
K Possum	Possum	Iona McFarland
K Wombat	Wombat	Jess Saunderson (Mon-Wed) Lee Magri (Th-Fri)
K-6 Nolan	Nolan	Jocelyn Lindley
Stage One (Years one and two)	Team Leaders Judith Hyland and Laura New	Naming Convention: Birds
S1 Parrot Year 1	Parrot	Lucy Edmondston

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S1 Rosella Year 1	Rosella	Laura New
S1 Lorikeet Year 1	Lorikeet	Deb Owen
S1 Cockatoo Year 1	Cockatoo	Denise Chaouka
S1 Currawong Year 1	Currawong	Nilly Paktan
S1 Peacock Year 1	Peacock	Marny Yu
S1 Ibis Year 2	Ibis	Pedro Vargas
S1 Budgie Year 2	Budgie	Savanna Murphy
S1 Lyrebird Year 2	Lyrebird	Aimee Borrows
S1 Owl Year 2	Owl	James Hutchinson
Stage Two	Team Leaders	Naming Convention:
	Christine Dundas and	Authors
	Jess Roberts	
S2 Lewis	Lewis	Gabriela Marsic
S2 Dahl	Dahl	Allison Kenney
S2 Seuss	Seuss	Jess Roberts
S2 Rowling	Rowling	Milena Osorio (Tue- Fri) / Adriana Barbour (Monday)
S2 Blyton	Blyton	Christine Dundas
S2 Lester	Lester	Emilia Leonardi
S2 Gibbs	Gibbs	Jane Breeze (Mon Tues, Thur, Fri.) Catherine Lee (Wednesday)
S2 Fox	Fox	Ashten McPherson
Stage Three	Team Leaders Dayna	Naming Convention
	Pleass and Liz Stewart	Notable People
S3 Mabo	Mabo	Liam Wright(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) Koby Marshall (Wed)
S3 Bennelong	Bennelong	Sarah Stuart
S3 Lawson	Lawson	Sarah Rigby
S3 Wentworth	Wentworth	Mel Shearer
S3 Chisholm	Chisholm	Liz Stewart (Mon-Wed) Suzi Mackenzie (Thurs-Fri)
S3 Cowan	Cowan	Keryn Simpson (Mon-Wed) Kate Bowman (Thurs-Fri)
S3 Reiby	Reiby	Ryan Marshall
S3 Flynn	Flynn	Dayna Pleass (Mon-Tues) Mischa Hardy(Wed-Fri)

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These classes are supported by a robust specialist team. This team includes our learning and support and English as an additional language or dialect teachers. Each teacher has release from face to face (RFF) teaching this equates to 2 hours per week for all full time staff and is pro rata for part time staff, the program at Denistone East is covered by our Mandarin and Korean Community Language Programs. The program accommodates both background and non-background speakers.

Specialist Team	Role
Di Cleary and Linda Gilford	School Counsellors
Jo Armstrong	Teacher Librarian
Lena Eriksson	Learning and Support
Rose Black	EALD
Jo Tanner	EALD
Hea Yeon Kim	EALD
Adriana Barbour	EALD
Jess Saunderson	Learning and Support
Anne Colgan-McCauley	Learning and Support
Koby Marshall	Stage Two and Three Support
Kathy Diacogiorgis	Library and Stage One Support
lda Li	EALD and Community Language Mandarin (RFF Program)
Krystal Ni	Community Language Mandarin (RFF)
Deborah Kim	Community Language Korean (RFF)
Esther Li	Community Language Mandarin (RFF)
Eun A Park	Community Language Korean (RFF)
Kelly Trenchuk, Rosemary	Learning and Support Officers
Dingli, Susan Mason, Kannyka	
Tath	

School Leadership and Administration Team	Role
Michelle Collyer	Principal
Jenny Bashinsky	Deputy Principal
Judy Hyland	Deputy Principal
Dayna Pleass, Christine Dundas, Liz Stewart,	Assistant Principals and Team Leaders
Michelle Pike, Laura New, Jess Roberts, Ryan	
Marshall, Jennifer Kim, Rose Black, Jocelyn	
Lindley	
Samantha Hemmings- Richardson	School Administration Manager
Melinda Harrison, Heather Tyree, Lisa Lewis,	Administration Officers
Rochelle Galvin	

I hope this assists you know who has what roles within the school and who to contact. Your child's teacher is usually the first point of contact for all learning questions and/or if you need to provide us with information. If you email the school or call the office a message will be forwarded to the classroom teacher to contact you. Urgent matters will be directed to an executive staff member for a timely response.

Looking forward to the year ahead and being part of your child's learning journey.

Michelle Collyer - Principal

School Initiatives



2019 Lunar New Year Celebrations at Denistone East Public School Denistone East 小学 2019 农历新年庆祝活动

Denistone East Public School will be having our annual Lunar New Year Event on Wednesday 20 February (Week 4).

Different Lunar New Year activities will be set up inside and outside of the school hall for K-6 students to participate from 9:20 am -1:00pm. There will be a lion dance show and Chinese Kungfu Demonstration on the Asphalt on Lovell Road at 2:30pm.

Students are invited to wear mufti clothing on the day of celebration. They can wear red, gold, yellow, orange, traditional cultural costumes. There will be a gold coin donation for this event.

Stage 3 - Wellbeing Workshop days

On Wednesday 6 February Stage 3 students (Stage 3 Mabo, Bennelong, Lawson and Wentworth) and on Wednesday 13 February (Stage 3 Chisolm, Cowan, Reiby and Flynn) will be involved in a Wellbeing Workshop Day run by Relationships Australia's *Ready for Life*, *Ready for Success* team.

An exciting program of structured, creative and interactive activities with trained facilitators has been designed to provide education, mentoring and support for our Stage 3 students around 3 main protective factors:

- Emotional competence and regulation
- Social connections and healthy relationships
- Self-esteem and self-care (stress management)

The day will be broken into 4 main break away sessions and accompanying workshops in groups of approx. 10 - 14 students each with a facilitator. This year Relationships Australia have asked for the students to be broken into girls and boys groups. Your child's class teacher will also be providing support for all of the program activities during the day.

Students are asked to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Ms Jenny Bashinsky Deputy Principal

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2019 Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

The 2019 annual swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 14 February at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre.

All children in Years 3-6 will be attending as well as any Year 2 children turning 8 this year who can **confidently** swim 50 metres. (Please see your child's Year 2 teacher for more information.) School sports uniform is to be worn.

The children must bring their own lunch and recess to the pool.

All Student need to arrive at school at **8.00am** to get their names marked off the roll and then will go on buses to the carnival. The buses will be leaving school promptly at 8.20am and will be unable to wait for late students. Spectator entry for family and friends is \$3.20 payable at the pool. This should be a very enjoyable day for everyone.

The cost of \$17.00 bus and entry fee will be included on your Term 1 Family Account – do not send money to school.

Please complete the permission note going home this week and return it to class teachers by Monday 11 February 2019.

* Parents please note the pool's carpark has 4 hour parking restrictions and is patrolled by parking officials.

Stage 2 Teachers

Choir Auditions

On Tuesday 12 Feb and Wednesday 13 Feb, Ms Marshall and Miss Limburg will be running the auditions for this Year 3 - 6 choir. Please listen out for the announcements. Auditions will be held during recess and lunch.

Student News

Congratulations

Today elections were held for House Leaders. Congratulations to the following students who are the 2019 House Leaders.

Kookas House Leaders - Rari G, Sharan S, Nikita B, Jasmine M

Cassa House Leaders - Holly T, Chenumi K, Dhillion M, Aadi G

Emus House Leaders - Lara B, Gracie K, Ethan D, Tyler W

Brolgas House Leaders - Isabella Y, Holly C, Amer D, Tom B

P&C News

P&C Meeting - Wednesday 13 February

We would like to invite all parents & caregivers to the first P&C meeting for this year. Please join us at 7pm on Wednesday 13 February in the school staff room which is now located on the Brabyn Street side of the school next to the office.

Opportunities to be a part of 2019 P&C Committee

We are still 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

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

We would like to welcome our new Canteen Manager Bronwyn to DEPS. Bronwyn comes to DEPS with a wealth of experience in canteen management and will be in the canteen from Monday to Friday. It would be greatly appreciation if our school community can make Bronwyn feel welcome while being patient as she learns the ins and outs of DEPS Canteen.

The menu is remaining the same for this term as Term 4 of 2018. Please see the staff in the canteen if you need a copy.

Urgent Munch Monitor requirements:

- **UPDATE OF DETAILS** all existing students must please 'UPDATE' their class for 2019 as quickly as possible. All 2018 classes have been removed from Munch Monitor, so to ensure your child's lunch is delivered to the right classroom please update to 2019 classes.
- No student is permitted to buy something on their account without scanning their Munch Monitor card – if you have lost your card please see us for a replacement card. If you are new to DEPS please see canteen or office staff for details on how to join Munch Monitor.

Volunteers:

We are always in need of volunteers at the Canteen to help prepare and pack the lunch and recess orders, as well as helping serve the children at recess and lunch time.

We predominantly run on a monthly system so if you can permanently help us on one specific day per month that's fantastic (for example: 1st Monday of every month). Or if you can only help out every once in awhile that is great too. Just see us in the Canteen and we can slot you in to any gaps we have. You do not need any special skills or qualifications, we will train you.

The Canteen volunteer hours are from 9.30am-2pm.

For all the returning volunteers can you please stop by at the Canteen ASAP to confirm that your previously available times are still available for 2019 or make any changes as required.

P&C News

Welcome to the new school year! In 2019 The Cottage 2nd hand uniform shop will be open every fortnight on Thursday mornings from 9:15am – 10:15am. Our first opening will be this Thursday 7 February.

For new parents – we are located near the entry to the temporary school office block, and sell donated second-hand uniforms, with all profits going to the P&C for allocation to school requirements for all our kids.

We welcome any new or returning parent volunteers – we always appreciate help in the shop, or with washing donated items. Pop in during opening hours and speak to Sally if you are interested in helping out.

Class Parents

The P&C are looking for one parent from each class to take on the role of Class Parent for 2019.

The role of the class parent is to compile a class contact list for distribution to other parents in the class and assist the P&C in forwarding communications to families. We estimate this role requires less than 1 hour per term. However some classes may require an extra hour per term as some class teachers may request their class parent to assist in creating rosters for in-classroom help, for example: in Kindy classes.

Please note that the class contact list is provided primarily to allow families to contact each other for social purposes such as birthday parties, play dates or class get togethers. It may also be used to organise non-educational school activities like class parties, group gifts for teachers etc. Taking part in the class lists is completely optional, but it is a great way to communicate with your children's class mates and their families.

It is important to contact the school directly for any school related matters, this includes any matters involving other students, please do not approach other parents or children. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families that the purpose of the parent contact list is to assist in building stronger community bonds, it is not to be used to share political or religious opinions nor is it to be used for business purposes.

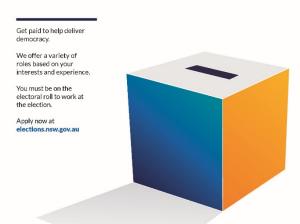
Anyone interested in taking on the role of Class Parent please contact Jody Patman on joe poe27@live.com.au and include your name, email address, contact number, class and child's name.

To avoid confusion, the Class Parent role is only to be arranged through the P&C.





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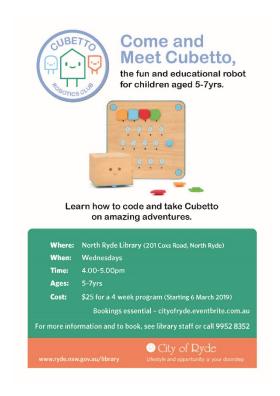
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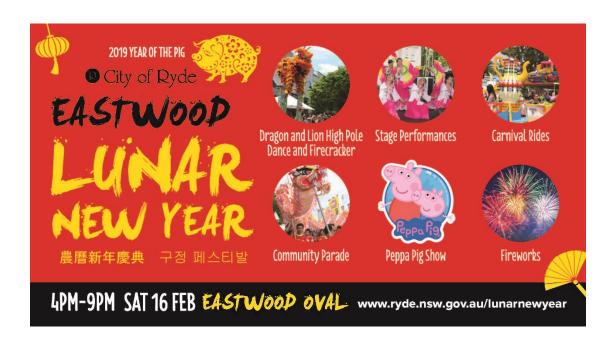
When: Tuesday's during school terms 10am-12pm, Term 1 starts Tuesday 5th February 2019 Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Please phone or email your interest with North Ryde Community Aid on

9888 3380 or community@nrca.org.au











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Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Denistone East Public School is held

Beginner: Mondays from 1:30pm to 2:10pm, starting on 11 February 2019

Rookie: Mondays from 1:30pm to 2:10pm, starting on 11 February 2019

Intermediate: Mondays from 1:30pm to 2:10pm, starting on 11 February 2019

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

04 February 2019



Primary Volunteers Needed

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

We are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue in 2019. Ethics classes run during the school year as an alternative to non-scripture, from 9.25 -9.55am and 9.55-10.25am on Tuesdays.

Ethics teachers receive full training and lesson materials from Primary Ethics.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence.

If being a Primary Ethics teacher appeals to you, or you are keen to get involved to ensure your child continues the program, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Ms Swee Goh, Ryde Regional Manager at ryde-region@primaryethics.com.au or telephone 0418 480 833.





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