



Newsletter

19 March 2019 Term 1 Week 8

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 19 March	Year 6 High School Form due today
Wednesday 20 March	Longneck Lagoon Excursion S3- Mabo (half class) & Reiby 8.20am P & C Meeting CANCELLED
Thursday 21 March	Harmony Day Breakfast Year 1 & 2 Cola near new playground 8am-9.25am Harmony Day – students can dress in cultural dress & orange clothing Longneck Lagoon Excursion S3 - Mabo (half class) & Bennelong Longneck Lagoon 8.20am
Friday 22 March	Assembly Stage 2 & 3 school hall 9am No PSSA P & C collection of 2 nd hand books for Election Second Hand Book Stall 2.30pm-3.15pm P & C collection of cake donations at canteen for Election Cake Stall 8.30m-9.15am & 2.30pm-3.15pm
Saturday 23 March	P & C Cake Stall & 2 nd Hand Book Stall at Elections
Monday 25 March	Stage 2 & 3 Western Sydney Wanderers students are to wear sports uniform
Wednesday 27 March	Longneck Lagoon Excursion S3- Cowan (half class) & Lawson 8.20am
Thursday 28 March	Longneck Lagoon Excursion S3- Cowan (half class) & Wentworth 8.20am
Friday 29 March	Assembly Kindergarten & Stage 1 school hall 9am
Monday 1 April	Stage 2 & 3 Western Sydney Wanderers students are to wear sports uniform
Wednesday 3 April	Longneck Lagoon Excursion S3- Flynn
Thursday 4 April	Longneck Lagoon Excursion S3 – Chisholm
Friday 5 April	PSSA Winter Round 1: AFL-ESL Hall, Netball & Soccer – Meadowbank, Tiger Tag – Morrison Bay
Monday 8 April	Stage 2 & 3 Cross Country Meadowbank Park
Tuesday 9 April	Combined Scripture Easter Service 9.40am-10.40am
Wednesday 10 April	Stage 3 Camp to Dubbo – students must be at school under the Cola at 6.30am
Thursday 11 April	Stage 3 Camp to Dubbo
Friday 12 April	Stage 3 Camp return from Dubbo 6.45pm
Tuesday 30 April	Students first day of Term 2 Student Leaders Camp Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening School Hall 7pm
Thursday 1 May	Student Leaders Camp
Saturday 25 May	School Trivia Night

Principal Report

Congratulations to our swimmers, many reached Zone and competed successfully. Trials have begun for our winter PSSA sports teams and teachers are working hard to select our most talented students to represent the school in the very competitive winter sports.

Good luck to Year 6 students who sat the selective schools test at Ryde Secondary College last Thursday. I am confident your perseverance will see many of you successful in the pursuit of a position.

Building Updates:

The construction certificate for the pool has been approved and the architect's plans approved. The next step is Royal Life Saving will tender for a builder to commence the project. The building should commence next term.

Our classrooms and administration builds are all progressing to schedule and we are aiming to move into the new spaces later this year.

Kindergarten rooms and the library annex have had furniture upgrades to assist with the delivery of educational programs. The library annex will provide a range of technology including a Mac platform to allow students to work with design technology to create and publish. This is part of the enrichment focus for writing, which will enable students to work across all key learning areas with authentic tools and projects.

Maintenance is occurring both internally and externally- the school library will be painted externally, the boys and girl toilet blocks will be painted internally over the next few weeks.

Several classrooms are having new blinds fitted and new furniture added as required. The aim is to create positive classroom environments that are well resourced for optimising student learning.

Thank you to Alex Bieri from *The Music Partnership* for kicking off the school's extra curricula music program. The numbers of students participating is growing and it was wonderful to see so many of our younger students joining the program. This will ensure our band and ensembles continue to grow in skill and numbers.

I would like to remind parents to join the students and teachers in celebrating Harmony Day and the opening of our new playground with breakfast on Thursday 21 March. Please meet under the COLA near DEBASCA from 8am. Celebrate our cultural diversity and enjoy the inclusive community that is Denistone East with an amazing shared breakfast. Students are encouraged to wear clothes from their cultural backgrounds or something *orange*. The students will participate in a range of cultural activities during the school day with themes of belonging, inclusion, respect and celebration of diversity. You are very welcome to bring food to share with the community. Many thanks to DEBASCA, P&C, and Mrs Black for coordinating the EALD and Community Language teams to make this day special for our community.

A great response from parents to the Growing Strong Minds workshop last Monday. Thank you to the parents who attended. This program is an integral part of our student wellbeing programs.

Stage Three are busy. The school leaders attended the Halogen Young Leaders Day last week. The program featured other young leaders from a diverse field representing, media, community service, the arts and sport. The speakers related their personal journey to leadership and highlighted the challenges and rewards of leadership.

Principal Report

All stage 3 begin their Longneck Program this week. The program is over three weeks providing each class the opportunity to team build, develop resilience and explore the characteristics of leadership.

A reminder we are finalising Stage Three camp and need permission notes returned ASAP. This excursion covers significant areas of stage three learning, with a focus on science, geography and history outcomes. The experiences the excursion provides cannot be duplicated in the classroom. I am very excited to be attending and look forward to being part of the learning journey with stage three.

Traffic

It is a joint responsibility for us all to be diligent and careful in our movements in the streets surrounding the school. Brabyn Street is very difficult to navigate at pick up and drop times. There is limited parking, and the crossing and kiss and drop area both mean vehicle movement is slow. Please consider walking to school if feasible or parking in Henderson or west of Boronia Lane if using Brabyn Street. Children are not to walk through the school carpark at any time, the carpark is a busy area with staff accessing and frequent vehicle movement.

Michelle Collyer
Principal

School Initiatives

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Denistone East Public School
Kindergarten Orientation Program



At Denistone East Public School we are keen to provide you and your child moving into Kindergarten in 2020 with a positive start to primary school.

PLEASE ENROL NOW TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION FOR YOUR CHILD.



TUESDAY 30 APRIL
at 7pm
Parent Information Evening – School Hall

This Parent Information session presented by the current Kindergarten 2019 team will provide parents with an overview of the Kindergarten Curriculum, Best Start and our Positive Behaviour Engaged Learners Systems.



ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Parents/carers can book their child into sessions through our administration office on 98 746678.

For these sessions your child will attend a Kindergarten classroom where they will engage in a variety of activities including art/craft, stories, games etc. We would encourage each child to attend at least one session and ideally all four sessions.

Parent information sessions will be run at the same time, in the school hall.

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER
10-11am

Parent Information Session:
Readiness for School Focus

Parents will be given information about School/Preschool/Home partnerships, Child Independence & School Readiness including tips for helping your child at home in preparation for starting school.

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER
10-11am

Parent Information Session:
Literacy & Numeracy Focus

Parents will be given information about how Literacy and Numeracy skills develop in Kindergarten. This hands on/interactive session will include literacy/numeracy activities.

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER
10-11am

Parent Information Session:
Well-being Focus

Parents will be given information about student well-being and how they can work in partnership with the school to cater for their child's individual needs.

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER
10-11am

Parent Session:
Welcome Morning Tea

This is an informal session. Morning tea hosted by 2019 Kindergarten Parents. A chance to chat about the Kindergarten year and an opportunity to ask questions.

SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS.

For further information and to book a school tour please contact the school office on 98746678

School Initiatives

Walk for Autism



To recognise the introduction of the DEPS Support Unit this year, we would like to raise awareness about autism within our school community, and recognise World Autism Day on April 2.

Team Deno is challenging teachers and staff to walk 10,000 steps a day for 8 days from 31 March to 7 April.

People on the spectrum see, hear, feel and experience the world differently. Simply trying to cope with the everyday can cause stress and anxiety and prevent many people from fully participating in the world around them.

By taking part in the Walk for Autism, we will step closer to a world where every person on the autism spectrum has the support they need to thrive, every opportunity to fulfil their potential and a supportive, inclusive community to live in.

More information can be found at: <https://www.walkforautism.org.au>

Jocelyn Lindley and Kelly Trenchuk
K-6 Nolan

Ethics



Volunteers Needed

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

We are urgently seeking volunteers so that classes can continue in Term 2 and beyond, as some volunteers are moving on. Ethics classes run during the school year as an alternative to non-scripture, from 9.25 – 10.25 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 and/or email Ms Swee Goh (Ryde Regional Manager) at ryde-region@primaryethics.com.au or telephone 0418 480 833.

THINK

REASON

DISCUSS

School Initiatives

Harmony Day and New Playground Launch



To celebrate the opening of our new playground you are invited to our Harmony Day breakfast on Thursday 21 March from 8am-9.25 am under the COLA near DEBASCA. Harmony Day is a day where we celebrate our cultural diversity and inclusiveness. Students are to wear cultural clothing or orange. During the day students will participate in Harmony Day activities to celebrate our sense of belonging and the diversity and inclusiveness of Denistone East Public School.



Harmony Day breakfast

To celebrate the opening of our new playground, you are invited to our Harmony Day breakfast

When: March 21st at 8am

Where: under the COLA near the new playground.

Dress: Please wear multicultural clothing or orange.

All parents and students are welcome!



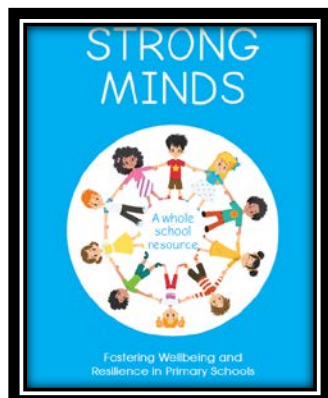
Choir

Choir will be performing on Thursday morning for Harmony Day and our playground opening. Could all choir students please be at school by 8:15am on Thursday. We will meet in Kindergarten Green. Thank you. Ms Marshall and Ms Limburg

Growing Strong Minds Program

Our 'Growing Strong Minds' staff and parent workshop was held on Monday 11th March. We had 46 staff and 45 parents attend this workshop.

Below are the links to the videos that were viewed during the parent workshops



- The Science of Character: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3nT2KDAGOc>
- Helping Your Child be Their Best: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42KfMq8TgPM&t=1s>

This is the part of the website for parents:

<https://www.growingstrongminds.com/resources> (Code: SM2016). It has information on SMART goals, a tip sheet for parents and recommended books.

If you are interested, you can find out your top strengths by completing the free VIA Survey at: <https://www.viacharacter.org/survey/account/register>. This website also provides an explanation of each strength and suggestions for putting these strengths into practice.

The Stage based student lessons will be delivered by the Library/classroom teachers in a team teaching structure in Term 2. The resources have been purchased and the program is supported by a range of quality literature. It is important to note that this is not a therapeutic program but a health promotion initiative to build resilience.

If you would like any further information please visit www.growingstrongminds.com.

Jenny Bashinsky
Deputy Principal

School Initiatives

2019 Ryde Rotary Primary School Public Speaking Competition



On Wednesday 13 March Miah I and Mariella T of Stage 3 represented our school in the 14th Ryde Rotary Primary School Public Speaking Competition at Eastwood Heights Primary School.

Both students chose the topic, "The best book you have read". Miah chose Dr Suess' The Lorax, explaining its impact on her throughout her life. Mariella theatrically shared her passion for murder mystery. Both girls gave outstanding speeches!

An enormous thank you to their parents for all their help and support.

Student News

Year 6 Jerseys

Year 6 Jerseys: Jersey notes went home with year 6 students last week. Any year 6 students who have not tried on a jersey and received a yellow note to take home, please see Ms Marshall this week. Jersey notes are due back by Friday the 29 March. No orders will be accepted after this date.

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to the 26 students who competed at the zone swimming carnival at Ryde Aquatic Centre. You all put in a terrific effort and proudly represented Denistone East. The school placed 2nd overall. Joshua K was the Junior Boys Champion and Joyce-Jeein L was Junior Girls Runner-Up Champion.

Other notable top eight finalist results were:

Joshua K: 1st – Freestyle, 200m Individual Medley

2nd – Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke

4th – Open 100m Freestyle

Joyce-Jeein L: 1st – Breaststroke

2nd – Freestyle, Butterfly, 200m Individual Medley

5th – Backstroke

Lucas L: 1st – Breaststroke

David K: 2nd – Freestyle

Emy L: 3rd – 200m Individual Medley

6th - Freestyle

Olivia L: 3rd – Freestyle

8th - Breaststroke

David Y: 4th - 200m Individual Medley

6th – Butterfly

Ashton H: 4th – Breaststroke

Hannah L: 4th – Freestyle

Tevin F: - 5th – Backstroke

7th – Breaststroke

Brendan F: 5th – Freestyle

Jennifer X: 6th - Butterfly

Lucas D: 7th – Butterfly

Matthew W: 7th – Breaststroke

Relay Teams:

1st - Junior Girls (Hannah L, Sophie K, Emy L, Joyce-Jeein L)

5th – Senior Boys (Ashton H, David Y, Tom B, Tevin F)

6th – Junior Boys (Joshua K, David K, Lucas D, Lucas L)

Seven children (David, Joshua, Sophie, Hannah, Joyce-Jeein, Lucas and Emy) have qualified for Area Swimming at Homebush and we wish them all the best on the 28 March.

A special thank you to Mrs Leggatt for doing a wonderful job as team manager at the zone carnival.

PSSA

Round 1

Tball (Girls)				Tball (Boys)			
Sportsmanship	Lisa	Opposition	North Ryde	Sportsmanship		Opposition	
Player of the match	Joyce	Result	Win	Player of the match		Result	
Softball (Girls)				Softball (Boys)			
Sportsmanship	Alicia	Opposition	North Ryde	Sportsmanship	Olek	Opposition	North Ryde
Player of the match	Meagan	Result	Defeated	Player of the match	Ashton	Result	Defeated
Newcombe Ball (Junior)				Newcombe Ball (Senior)			
Sportsmanship	Bilal	Opposition	Ryde PS	Sportsmanship	Gracie	Opposition	Ryde PS
Player of the match	Akira	Result	Loss	Player of the match	Jasmine	Result	Loss
Volleyball							
Sportsmanship	Stanley	Opposition	Ryde PS				
Player of the match	Chenumi	Result	Loss				
Cricket (Junior)				Cricket (Senior)			
Sportsmanship		Opposition		Sportsmanship		Opposition	
Player of the match		Result		Player of the match		Result	

Round 3

Tball (Girls)				Tball (Boys)			
Sportsmanship	Eliana	Opposition	Putney	Sportsmanship	James	Opposition	Putney
Player of the match	Ella	Result	Lost	Player of the match	Lucas	Result	Draw
Softball (Girls)				Softball (Boys)			
Sportsmanship	Miah	Opposition	Putney	Sportsmanship	Sharan	Opposition	Putney
Player of the match	Molly	Result	Win	Player of the match	Ted	Result	Defeated
Newcombe Ball (Junior)				Newcombe Ball (Senior)			
Sportsmanship	Ethan	Opposition	Boronia Park	Sportsmanship	Nikita	Opposition	Boronia Park
Player of the match	Rosie	Result	Loss	Player of the match	Arjun	Result	Loss
Volleyball							
Sportsmanship	Rari	Opposition	Boronia Park				
Player of the match	Johannah	Result	Loss				
Cricket (Junior)				Cricket (Senior)			
Sportsmanship	Sohan	Opposition	Boronia Park	Sportsmanship	Lachlan	Opposition	Boronia P
Player of the match	Owen	Result	Loss	Player of the match	Paddy	Result	WIN!!!

PSSA

Round 4

Tball (Girls)				Tball (Boys)			
Sportsmanship	Lily	Opposition	Truscott St	Sportsmanship	Jaiden	Opposition	Truscott St
Player of the match	Sophie	Result	Lost	Player of the match	Brian	Result	Lost
Softball (Girls)				Softball (Boys)			
Sportsmanship	Jessica	Opposition	Truscott Street	Sportsmanship	Olek	Opposition	Truscott Street
Player of the match	Rhyanna	Result	WON	Player of the match	Etthan	Result	Lost
Newcombe Ball (Junior)				Newcombe Ball (Senior)			
Sportsmanship	Rosie	Opposition	Ryde East	Sportsmanship	Nikita	Opposition	Ryde East
Player of the match	Leighton	Result	WON	Player of the match	Jennifer	Result	Won
Volleyball							
Sportsmanship	Gracie	Opposition	Ryde East				
Player of the match	Chenumi	Result	Lost				
Cricket (Junior)				Cricket (Senior)			
Sportsmanship		Opposition		Sportsmanship		Opposition	
Player of the match		Result		Player of the match		Result	

Round 5

Tball (Girls)				Tball (Boys)			
Sportsmanship	Mykhaiza	Opposition	Eastwood H	Sportsmanship	Tom	Opposition	Eastwood H
Player of the match	Leah	Result	Won	Player of the match	Reuben	Result	Lost
Softball (Girls)				Softball (Boys)			
Sportsmanship		Opposition	Eastwood H	Sportsmanship		Opposition	Eastwood H
Player of the match		Result	Draw	Player of the match		Result	Won
Newcombe Ball (Junior)				Newcombe Ball (Senior)			
Sportsmanship	Leighton	Opposition	Melrose Park	Sportsmanship	Wen	Opposition	Melrose Park
Player of the match	Eva	Result	Won	Player of the match	Leah	Result	Won
Volleyball							
Sportsmanship	Matilda	Opposition	Melrose Park				
Player of the match	Chella	Result	Won				
Cricket (Junior)				Cricket (Senior)			
Sportsmanship		Opposition		Sportsmanship		Opposition	
Player of the match		Result		Player of the match		Result	

P&C News

P&C Meeting – Wednesday 20 March - CANCELLED

We would like to inform all parents & caregivers that the P&C meeting scheduled for this Wednesday 20 March has been cancelled. Notification will be given once a rescheduled date can be set.

Opportunity to be a part of 2019 P&C Committee

We are still looking for a parent volunteer to fill the following role within our P&C in 2019 if you are interested please email depssec@gmail.com

Canteen Committee Coordinator

- Liaise with parents & students, the school & our canteen manager.
- Assist with the canteen volunteer timetable.
- Assist the canteen manager with staffing, menu and other matters as required.

P&C Instrument Hire



The P&C have a range of instruments available for hire at reasonable rates. If you would like to hire your instrument through the P&C please complete the following form or email enquiries to depssec@gmail.com.

Canteen

New Canteen Product:



**FROZEN
JUICE BARS**
LEMONADE
TROPICAL
WILDBERRY
ORANGE

\$1.00

Frozen Juice Bars made from fresh pressed apples, no added sugar & 100% natural.

Canteen Orders on Friday

Further to our announcement that we now have Lunch options available for recess on Friday from Friday 22 March **ALL LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE SERVED AT BREAK 1** (recess). This will allow students participating in PSSA, Tennis and other sports the ability to have a filling meal before leaving for sport.

The following items can be ordered for Break 1 or Break 2 on Friday:

Meat Pies & Sausage Rolls: to be ordered as usual via Munch Monitor or at the canteen window in the morning.

The following items must be **pre-ordered** by **Thursday 1.30pm** for Break 1 or Break 2.

Single Pack Sushi - \$3.70

Teriyaki Chicken with Cucumber

Tuna with Cucumber

Vegetarian (Vegan)

Single Pack Rice Paper Rolls - \$4.00:

Chicken (includes Sweet Chilli Sauce)

Vegetarian (Vegan)

Students participating in PSSA, Tennis and other sports **PLEASE DO NOT ORDER FOOD FOR BREAK 2** (Lunch) from the canteen as it will not be ready before leaving for sport.

P&C News

Canteen Volunteers:

The roster for the next few weeks until end of term 1 is as follows:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
18/03 Zoe Smedley	19/03 Dell Edwards	20/03 Lisa Lia	21/03 Sherry Xiao	22/03 Zoe Dalae
25/03 Suzanne Hayes	26/03 Shelley-Anne Sansone	27/03 Angela Hee	28/03 Tammy Scharenguivel	29/03 Lesley Liu
1/4 Vani	2/4 Amanda Karhani	3/4 Boaly Cheung	4/4 Rowena Henery	5/4 Sunila Oak
8/4 Zoe Smedley	9/4 Amy Wu	10/4 Sabrina Wang	11/4 Eunhee Kate Lee	12/04 Nicole Marchhart

Traffic Co-ordinator

We are very excited to let our school community know that at our last P&C meeting a parent volunteered to take on the role of traffic co-ordinator. Traffic and traffic safety are particularly important issues around schools all the time but especially at the moment for us at DEPS with all the construction.

The main aim of the traffic co-ordinator is to:

- Provide communication to the school community regarding traffic safety.
- Liaise with parents and students and the school with regard to traffic safety

As such if there is anything you would like to bring to the attention of the traffic co-ordinator please email depssec@gmail.com with subject Traffic.



Park & Walk

We are very fortunate at Denistone East to have lots of free parking in residential streets surrounding our school.

We suggest, where possible, to avoid Brabyn and Henderson Streets and park a little bit further away and walk to school with your children.

Harmony Day Breakfast – Thursday 21 March

To celebrate the opening of our new playground on Henderson Street we will be hosting a breakfast from 8am under the COLA near the new playground. If you would like to prepare a cultural breakfast dish to share with our multi-cultural school community please email depssec@gmail.com

Election Day fundraising opportunities – Saturday 23 March – 8am to 1pm



The eldest child in each family in Kindergarten, Stage 1 & Stage 2 has been given a cake tray to take home & bring back filled with goodies.

You can leave them **at the canteen from 8.30 to 9:15am or 2.30 to 3:15pm this Friday**. Otherwise bring them along on the Saturday from **8:00 to 11:30am**.



Please take a look through your bookshelves & put aside any books you would like to donate to sell at our stall. Books can be brought to the school hall this Friday from **2:30 to 3pm**.

P&C News

- We also welcome kids who would like to do some busking on the morning, individually or in a small group. It's a great opportunity to perform in front of an audience & raise money for school. All children busking must be accompanied by their parents – just drop us an email on depssec@gmail.com to lock in a timeslot
- **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** If you are free to assist on the morning to help sell cakes or books please email depssec@gmail.com or just come along between 8am-1pm.

The Cottage second-hand uniform shop

The Cottage will be open this Thursday 21 March. Pop in after the Harmony Day breakfast.

We now have second hand music t-shirts and music bags for sale.

Thanks to everyone who has donated uniforms over the last few weeks, we now have quite a few bags of donations for washing – if you can spare the time we always welcome volunteers to help out. No long-term commitment required – just collect a bag and return it in a fortnight.

Contact Sally (Sall_@hotmail.com) or drop in during opening hours if you can help.

Trivia Night – Save the Date!

Our school trivia night will be held on Saturday 25 May....details to come.

Community News



RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Notice of Meeting

An information night about Riverside Girls High School Gifted and Talented program and classes for 2020 where the application and testing process will be explained.

When : Tuesday 26 March

Time: 6 - 6.30 p.m.

Location : School Hall



Riverside Girls High School's

Twilight Tour

Tuesday April 2nd from 4.00pm to 5.00pm with a Q and A
Bookings essential. Phone: 98164264

**Come to find out about 2020
Gifted & Talented Classes**



Riverside: Recognised Leaders
in STEM Education



2020 YEAR 7 GIFTED AND TALENTED TESTING

When: Thursday 28 March 2019 – Please arrive at 8.30 am for 8.45 am start – 1.30 pm

Where: Ryde Secondary College MPC (Multi Purpose Centre) Forrest Road, Ryde

Cost: \$70 (non-refundable)

Applications close Monday 18 March 2019

Ryde Secondary College currently has a **Gifted and Talented (GAT) class** in each year from Years 7-10, in addition to our **selective stream** and mainstream and support classes. We are committed to quality teaching and provision of an engaging, challenging and differentiated learning program leading to greater opportunities for individual achievement and success in learning.

In 2019 we are offering early entrance to selected students into our Year 7 GAT class for 2020. Further opportunities for GAT entry will be available to enrolled mainstream students at Orientation Day on 3 December 2019.

This class is only open to students who are residing within the Ryde Secondary College enrolment boundary. Please refer to our website www.rsc.nsw.edu.au

Our objective is to create a class to provide educational opportunities that enrich and extend gifted and talented students, fostering a lifelong love of learning, with programs based on research and differentiated learning practices.

Early entry offers into the GAT class will be based on student performance on a number of criteria and activities assessing student performance in problem solving and critical thinking skills plus Literacy and Numeracy challenges.

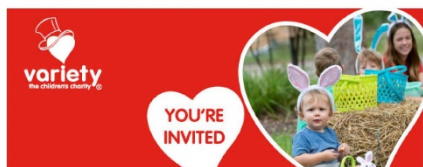
Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate these skills during a Year 7 Gifted and Talented Day on 28 March 2019. Parents will be notified of the outcome in May.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Karl Berthold, the Program Coordinator, on 9809 4894 or email karl.berthold@gat.nsw.edu.au

Casey Norris
Principal



Community News



Dear Principal,

We have partnered with the Sydney Family Show this year for the [Variety Easter Fun Day](#), a free day of fun, music and entertainment for the whole family. No need to register, everyone is welcome to just turn up!

Check out the details:

When: Tuesday 16th April, 10am – 2.30pm

Where: The Showring, Entertainment Quarter, 122 Lang Road, Moore Park

If you could please share via your School newsletter or Facebook page that would be great, see some handy resources to help you spread the word: [Event flier](#), [Facebook event](#).



VARIETY SPECIAL OFFERS

Entry to the Sydney Family Show and to the Variety Fun Hub is free, but most of the rides do incur a fee. But we have some pretty amazing special offers for our Variety community:

- [Book online](#) to receive a **2 for 1 offer** on the Single Unlimited Rider Pass, only for the Variety Easter Fun Day on Tuesday 16th April, by selecting "Variety Easter Fun Day Special – 2 for 1 Single Wristbands (Tue 16th only)".
- Can't make it on that day? Don't worry, use the code Variety19 to get **20% off** on any day from 13th – 28th April [when you book](#) single or family unlimited ride passes.

THE VARIETY FUN HUB

At the **Variety Fun Hub** we'll be providing entertainment for kids of all abilities.

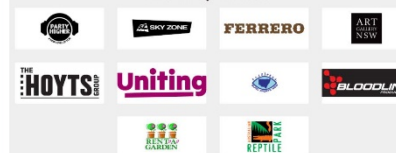
Our activities will include a Musical Picnic with performances from Rachael Coopes and Teo Gebert & Big Ted from Play School, the Toy Choir and Ulladulla Didge Ensemble; a Giant Maze, Egg-citing Easter Egg Hunt, Silent Disco, animal display from Australian Reptile Park, Sensory Tent, Craft Area and much, much more.



PLEASE SHARE

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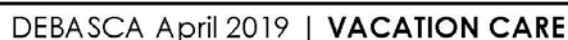
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Community News



CONTACT DETAILS

Location: 35a Brabyn Street, Denistone East 2112
Phone: 02 9874 6760


Email: admin@debasca.org.au
Website: www.debasca.org.au

Vacation Care Opening Hours: 7am – 6pm





Government Subsidy is available for eligible families.
ENSURE you have COMPLETED THE CCS ONLINE ASSESSMENT
otherwise FULL FEES will APPLY.

Please visit our website www.debasca.org.au for further information on MENU, LOCATION & REMINDERS and IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

April 2019 - VAC Week 1

April 2019 - VAC Week 1		CENTRE CLOSED Fri 19th	
Mon 15th K-2 IN HOUSE  Alice in Wonderland \$75 * A magical day of dress ups, creative play, cooking and fun filled enjoyment. M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	Tues 16th K-2 INCURSION  Mr Bamboozle's Magic Show \$ 80 * Get ready to laugh with Mr Bamboozle at his hysterical show! M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	Wed 17th K-2 EXCURSION  Movies 'Dumbo' \$90 BYO M/Tea LUNCH PROVIDED	Thurs 18th K-6 INCURSION  BrainGames & Safety First \$ 85
3-6 EXCURSION Movies 'Wonder Park' \$90  BYO M/Tea LUNCH PROVIDED	3-6 IN HOUSE Suggestion Box Day \$75  * SLIME * Minecraft & Pokemon Nintendo challenge! * Weird & wonderful craft * and more gooey activities! M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	3-6 INCURSION Bubble Ball Battles \$90  M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 HAPPY EASTER  * A day of Martial Arts as the team from World Ju-Jitsu join us. M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED

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		Tues 23rd K-1 EXCURSION Lollipops Playland \$100  BYO M/Tea LUNCH PROVIDED	Wed 24th K-2 IN HOUSE Harold's Thankful Heart \$75  Belonging, Connecting, Fostering Respect, Positive Relationships. M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	CLOSED FOR  PUBLIC HOLIDAY	K-6 INCURSION Mama Dojo Games Boy '18 \$85  LAUGH OUT LOUD * Sean Murphy's hit show that sees him share the world's best playground games. Non-stop action, hilarious challenges and take home activities. Get ready to discover the WORLD through FUN! M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED
		2-6 INCURSION Cartooning Workshop \$85  M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	3-6 EXCURSION Disco Ice Skating @ Macquarie \$95  M/Tea PROVIDED BYO LUNCH		

* **DEBASCA UNIFORM:** is compulsory for ALL excursions. May be purchased through the booking form.

* **NON-NOTIFICATION:** If your child will be absent for any given VAC day, please inform the centre by 8.30am on excursion days and 10am on an in-centre day. A non-notification fee of \$10 applies if you **do not** let the centre know of your child's absence.

* **ARRIVAL TIME:** For all excursions, please be at the centre by 8:30am. **WE CANNOT** wait for latecomers.

* **WATER BOTTLE:** Is required for ALL days. BYO Morning Tea (**M/Tea**) and or BYO Lunch where advised
NO NUT Products permitted.

WILLY WONKA
OOMPA LOOMPAS ONLY!

* Willy Wonka inspired cooking day! Frivolity, dress ups, imaginative play as we search for DEBASCA's golden ticket.

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N.B: Program subject to change. If such change is made, families will be notified as soon as possible.

Community News

Please share this exciting and rare opportunity with your school community in your newsletter – for Harmony Day 2019, March 21 – UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Thank you from registered charity 100% hOPE volunteers

NEXT LOCATION:

Harmony Day: A Celebration of hOPE

Ryde area school students showcase cultures from around the world through their performances. With a special appearance from Achieve Wishes members!

Ryde Civic Centre
Thursday 21 March
7.00 - 9.00pm 1 Devlin St. Ryde

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR 2019

An authentic and educational experience of African music and culture is available for you and your family this Harmony Day – March 21 at Ryde Civic Hub. Everyone is welcome to the free **Harmony Day: Celebration of hOPE Charity Concert** featuring the 100% hOPE Children's Choir, on a three-month tour from Uganda. They will be sharing their stories through drumming, dance and acapella singing at Ryde Civic Hub. The Concert celebrating cultures from around the world is proudly supported by the City of Ryde, and Excelsia College.

ESCAPE TIME AT RYDE LIBRARIES

APRIL LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

School Holiday Rhymetime:
Introduce your baby to rhymes, songs, fingerplays and other bouncing babies. Lapsit introduces babies to basic books.
Where: North Ryde Library
When: Tuesday 16 April and Tuesday 23 April
Where: Gladesville Library
When: Friday 26 April
Time: 10.30 – 11.00am
Ages: 0-2yrs Cost: FREE

School Holiday Storytime:
Introduce your child to the wonderful world of books.
Where: Eastwood Library
When: Tuesday 16 April
Where: Gladesville Library
When: Friday 26 April
Time: 11.00am – 12noon
Ages: 2-5yrs Cost: FREE

Meet Gizmo
Meet and make your own bendy Gizmo the robot.
Where: Ryde Library
When: Tuesday 16 April
Where: West Ryde Library
When: Tuesday 23 April
Where: North Ryde Library
When: Wednesday 24 April
Time: 11.00am – 12noon
Ages: 6yrs+ Cost: \$5.00

K'Nex Engineering Workshop
Create amazing machines and work together to build impressive mechanical structures.
Where: Ryde Library
When: Tuesday 16 April
Where: West Ryde Library
When: Tuesday 23 April
Where: Eastwood Library
When: Wednesday 24 April
Time: 3.00 – 4.00pm
Ages: 7yrs+ Cost: \$5.00

Cosmodome 3D movie: Earth's Wild Ride
A thrilling timeline of pivotal moments in earth's history including The Ice Age, dinosaurs, asteroids, spectacular volcanoes and raging rivers. With stunning spectacular images zooming across the dome, the audience is transported to an awesome world.
Where: Ryde Civic Hall
When: Wednesday 17 April
Times: 10.00 – 10.45am and 11.00 – 11.45am
Ages: 5-7 years Cost: \$10.00
Times: 1.15 – 2.00pm and 2.15 – 3.00pm
Ages: 8 years+ Cost: \$10.00

The Lost Mummy: Escape room
Challenge your spidey senses in a mysterious Egyptian mummy adventure that brings the ancient past back to life!
Where: Ryde Library
When: Thursday 18 April
Times: 10.00 – 10.45am and 11.00 – 11.45am
Where: West Ryde Library
When: Thursday 18 April
Times: 2.00 – 2.45pm and 3.00 – 3.45pm
Ages: 8 years+ Cost: \$5.00

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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:
Online cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au Phone 9952 8352
Visit Any Ryde Library branch

IT'S TIME TO BE A DOCKER! North Ryde AFL Club



We are looking for players across all teams – Register NOW



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Community News

My name is Annie Zhang and I am from Starry Arts School and the Australia-China International Artist's Association. We have created an international children's art competition that we believe may interest your school and your students. From this competition, 50 children's artworks will be selected to be displayed in an exhibition at the Sydney Opera House on 17th April 2019. It is an open free competition for children of all ages between 5-18, mediums are unrestricted, and the theme will revolve around "I love Planet Earth". We believe that this will be of interest to the students and their education therefore I am sending this email with an attached detailed competition outline that will provide further information. Online submission for the participants' artworks is a simple process and the registration link will provide extra details. Participation in this competition is free of charge and only for the artworks selected, there will be no charges for it to be displayed in our exhibition. The due date for this competition will be 30th March 2019. It would be our pleasure if your school and students could participate in this competition with many other students around Sydney. I have included a link for the online submission of the artworks that outlines all the details.

<http://imartist.com.au/2019-register/?language=en>

Attached files will also give you more information about this event.

If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@imartist.com.au to further discuss the competition in detail.