



# Newsletter

2 July 2020, Term 2 Week 10

## Upcoming Events

Term 3

### Drop Off

Monday to Thursday students can be dropped off from 9.05am and Friday 8.30am as there are teachers on duty in the playground

Circular Drive – Gate 5, Henderson Street – Gate 1 & 12, Brabyn Street – Gate 6 are open for drop off and Lovell Road – Gate 1 is open for pedestrian drop off and pick up

### Pick Up

Please make sure your child/children are aware of their pick up point each day we will resume normal pick up time 3.25pm.

### Sibling Pick Up

Families with siblings in years K-2 and 3-6 can pick up from Brabyn Street School Office - gate 6, Brabyn Street Library gate, Lovell Road - gate 1 and Circular Drive – gate 5.

### Kindergarten Pick Up

Students in Kindergarten are to be picked up from Brabyn Street School Office – gate 6, Lovell Road - gate 1 and Circular Drive – gate 5

### Year 1 Pick Up

Students in Year 1 are to be picked up from Brabyn Street Library gate, Lovell Road – gate 1 and Circular Drive – gate 5.

### Year 2 Pick Up

Students in Year 2 are to be picked up from Brabyn Street Office – gate 6, Lovell Road - gate 1 and Circular Drive – gate 5

### Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4) Pick Up

Stage 2 students are to be picked up from Henderson Street - gate 11, Lovell Road - gate 1 and Circular Drive – gate 5.

### Stage 3 (Yr 5 & 6) Pick Up

Stage 2 students are to be picked up from Henderson Street – lower gate 12, Lovell Road - gate 1 and Circular Drive – gate 5.

**Support Classes** – Stay the same as organised with teacher.

### DEBASCA

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will be collected from the school by DEBASCA. Students in Year 3 to Year 6 will walk to DEBASCA – gate 9 from their classroom.

Friday 3 July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 20 July	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 21 July	Term 3 students first day of school
Wednesday 22 July	Sport in Schools Social Skills – students are to wear sports uniform
Friday 24 July	PSSA winter resumes
Monday 27 July	Schools Interviews – timetable will be advised
Monday 3 August	School Photos Student Reports go home
Tuesday 4 August	School Photos

# Principal Report

From the Principal's desk.



The final newsletter for the term. A term that has been very different. A big cheer for our students who have adapted and accepted change so readily. And thanks to all the families that have provided safe and nurturing environments during the numerous changes and transitions.

I would like to acknowledge the care and kindness families have displayed to the staff, many of you have sent emails and provided treats for us – a special shout out to Jody Patman for her amazing baking, it has really lifted the morale.

## **Term 3.**

**School pick up will return to 3.25pm for all students. Parents will still be required to remain outside the gates.**

SRE (Scripture) will resume next term. Years 3- 6 will commence Tuesday week one and the K-2 groups from week 2. Several groups will not recommence due to the inability of the providers to find staff able to take classes. At the moment there will be no Catholic, Hindu, Presbyterian or Baptist classes. Students not attending will be provided with an activity by their class teacher for the half hour period.

## ***Resuming activities for term three include.***

- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations)
- Inter-school student events and competitions (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, Selective Sports High School trials etc.)
- Incursions not already permitted involving external adult providers maintaining distancing and hygiene aligned with the health advice of the day (e.g. school banking talks, sport promotions etc. – not directly curriculum related)
- Parent/ teacher meetings
- Staff meetings can be held considering physical distancing and maximum numbers in a space according to current health guidelines, or use on-line technology
- Professional learning for school staff can recommence with preference for using on-line technology. Professional development at external venues can continue in line with the venue's requirements to abide by current guidelines. Professional development can occur on site as long as physical distancing is maintained.
- Work experience for students (with appropriate risk assessment)
- Practicum teaching for tertiary education students
- P&C meetings – strong preference for on-line where possible

## **Activities under consideration from Term 3**

- The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now, these events must remain on hold.
- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events (e.g. graduation ceremonies or student speech events)
- Group photos for staff
- Parent volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)

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- Interstate excursions
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults are **not permitted** at this time. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events. These large gatherings and the following activities will continue to be reviewed and assessed based on AHPPC and NSW Health advice and may be permitted at a later date.

## Community

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 are now being accepted. If you have a sibling needing to enrol please contact the office for enrolment forms or go to our website <https://denistonee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au> Kindergarten 2021. Also remind neighbours, friends and families that now is the time to commence the enrolment process.

## Teaching and Learning

Teachers are finalising reports for the first semester of learning. The reports will be distributed week 2 Term 3. Three way learning conversations will be held in week 2. This will be an opportunity to reflect on semester one goals and reset for semester two. You will have time to meet with your child's teacher together with your child. Each stage has been allocated a day and appointments will be available throughout the day. To allow social distancing and to keep our community safe we have scheduled these from 8.00am – 5.00pm.

This is the final week of professional learning for Kindergarten with Janice Farmer- Hailey. They have had extraordinary outcomes with reading and writing. The new strategies have resulted in strong reading results. A feature of the program has been explicit teaching in small groupings and regular data collection and reflection. Stage One, year one will work with Jann for the remainder of the year with a similar program to target reading and writing.

Staff Development Day term 3 will focus teacher learning on developing units of work for English using *English Textual Concepts and Learning Processes* a department document that has been prepared in collaboration with the English Teachers Association NSW. The document reorganises syllabus content to allow teachers to design learning for high intellectual quality and to develop deep knowledge for students. It provides a learning scaffold of high expectation and rich understanding.

A reminder that school commences at 9.25am and finishes at 3.25pm Monday to Thursday and 8.55am-2.55pm on a Friday. There are a large number of late arrivals, many of whom are regularly late. It is very important that children are in the classroom for the start of the day, this is key learning time – late arrivals are distressing for the child and disruptive to the classroom. All late arrivals are noted in the attendance register as per the legal requirement.

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## Building and Grounds

Several trees will be trimmed in the holidays to remove dead wood and minimise impact on neighbouring properties. Additional plantings of shrubs are being made to keep the school green. The sensory garden is well underway, running from behind the new buildings (stage 3) to Henderson Street. The garden when complete will include a weather station, compass and sundial. The garden will have multiple uses as both a sanctuary and retreat area as well as a key outdoor learning space to observe and record natural science- including weather data.

Ryde City Council have also agreed to remove a dead tree from Brabyn street and also trim trees on the nature strip. I have also applied to have a tree removed that is obstructing access to a vehicle gate on Brabyn Street. If this is approved an additional emergency access point will be created.

The footpaths on Brabyn are scheduled for an upgrade during the holidays

## Traffic and Road Safety

Traffic continues to improve- thank you. Parent cooperation and care is key to safety. With the resumption of normal pick times, I request you remain caring and diligent when driving around the school. Also, a reminder that there is playground supervision from 9.00am and to consider getting your child/ren to school before 9.25 to ease the 9.25 rush and avoid late to class due to traffic congestion.

## Library

The library is currently doing a review of its non fiction collection, culling or weeding non current and damaged books. Funds are being provided by both the school and the P&C to update and align the collection with current curriculum needs. Additional resources will include additions to the student, teacher and parent areas of the collection.

## Health and Hygiene

It is cold and flu season and we are all remaining vigilant in our prevention of the spread of all illnesses. The school has been notified of a few cases of chicken pox and also headlice.

Please continue to access COVID testing if you or any member of your family presents with symptoms or in is in contact with someone who tests as COVID -19 positive.

Let the school office know if you are having your child tested for COVID-19. This will be managed confidentially and once your child has received the all clear they can return to school. If someone else in the household is being tested, please keep all school age children at home until the all clear is given.

Staff are following the same procedures. COVID -19 testing results take 24- 72 hours to be returned.

Please inform me immediately if anyone in family tests positive for COVID- 19, again the results will be kept confidential but the school will need to put into place a number of processes and procedures. Ryde Hospital is our nearest testing site.

Additional cleaning of the school continues, with a cleaner on site all day. This allows toilets to be regularly cleaned and high traffic areas to be spot cleaned on an ongoing basis.

Enjoy the school holiday, many things are reopening including museum, art galleries and libraries. The local cinema will have a great children's program available and have put in careful social distancing provisions. Support your favourite local cafes and enjoy some time in the park, on a bike ride or just reading a book in the winter sunshine.

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Keep up to date with the current restrictions either via the department's web page or through a reliable news source.

List of good reads:

## **Picture books**

Garden Jungle  
What Zola did on Monday  
The Tiny Star  
Summer Time  
Pug Hug  
My Dad Still Thinks He's Funny  
A Flamboyance of Flamingos  
The Dream Keeper

## **Chapter Books**

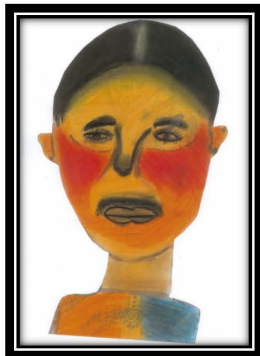
The Schoolmaster's Daughter  
The Book of Chance ( stage 3)  
The Republic of Birds  
Pax  
The Threads of Magic  
Timmy the Ticked -Off Pony

## **What's screening at Macquarie and Top Ryde Week One of Holidays**

Sonic the Hedgehog  
David Copperfield  
Samsam  
Red Shoes and the Seven Dwarfs  
Jumanji: The Next Level  
Dolittle

*Michelle Collyer*  
*Principal*

# School Initiatives



**Curator's Choice**  
**My Life**  
**Tye - Chisholm**



**People's Choice**  
**Blue Face**  
**Virginia - Wentworth**



**Highly Commended**  
**Vase of Flowers**  
**Nathan - Lorikeet**

## Denistone East Operation Art Finalists 2020



Every year schools across New South Wales are invited to participate in Operation Art, an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education. The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students K-10 to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Students from K-6 participated in Operation Art this year and these pieces are from our finalists. The Curator & People's Choice artworks will be exhibited at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. 50 works will be chosen from the finalists across NSW to ultimately be put on permanent display at the Children's Hospital Westmead. These selected works will also be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW and tour regional art galleries across NSW the following year.

The brief given to our budding artists was to create a work that would be uplifting, thereby giving students real purpose in creating art to help children in hospital.

Due to the challenges presented by COVID-19, we were not able to put our students' works on display for viewing by the school community. Instead, we had a virtual Denistone East Gallery, where two works from each class were displayed and from this our finalists were chosen.

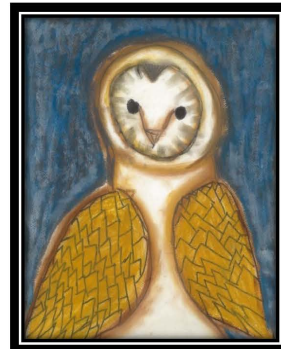
Congratulations to all of our participants and best of luck to our finalists representing Denistone East Public School!

A selection of works from Denistone East's Operation Art Virtual Gallery were chosen to be part of several artistic compilations that were donated to a number of health care facilities, including; Ryde Hospital, Royal North Shore Hospital, S. Antonio Da Padova Nursing Home and Dorothy Henderson Lodge. The completed works were a wonderful representation of broad, uplifting themes which will be sure to lift spirits and brighten our community. Our recipients were wonderfully surprised and incredibly grateful for the artworks, writing us both emails and letters thanking the students for their contributions.

*"We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all of you for the beautiful paintings that were made and donated to our Nursing Home. The residents and staff absolutely love them. They have taken pride and place on three levels of the home. Thank you for thinking of us." Precilla Raccosta S. Antonio Da Padova Nursing Home.*

*"Thank you for delivering the lovely artwork to Ryde Hospital...It was a wonderful surprise and very thoughtful. I am very grateful to yourself and the children for taking the time to do some artwork, with the staff of Ryde hospital in mind. We have displayed the artwork between the corridors of ward 2 and 3 of the hospital...Again thank you to you all..." Heather Gough General Manger Ryde Hospital.*

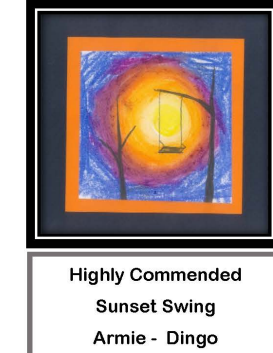
*Mrs Suzana Mackenzie & Mrs Kate Bowman*



**Curator's Choice**  
**Owl of the Night**  
**William - Owl**



**People's Choice**  
**Firefighters Our Heroes**  
**Claire - Cockatoo**



**Highly Commended**  
**Sunset Swing**  
**Armie - Dingo**



# School Initiatives





# P&C News



## President's Message

### Term 2 Week 10 2020 - P&C

#### Message from P&C Team

What a bumpy road of school year we have encountered so far! It was a real challenge for both students and parents alike, but we have pulled through the first semester. A big round of applause to us all! It is at this juncture that I am reminded of the following words:

*"While the challenges are great, so are the opportunities." - Bill Ford*

Just Bill Ford said, there are a multitude of great opportunities ahead of us on the road coming up next semester and beyond. Before that comes, we wish everyone a safe and relaxed term break.

#### Current Community & Fundraising Events

##### Pie Drive

It was a great turn out to the Pie Drive. A massive thank you to all parents, teachers and staff who supported the Pie Drive. All the proceeds will go towards helping children of the school. We hope you enjoyed your pies and cakes! Yum! :)



## Grounds Report

Thank you to all those students helping to care for our school grounds by recycling lunchbox wrappers, using the bins provided and encouraging others to do the same.

Did you know by 2050 there will be more plastic by weight in the ocean than fish?

In March, Australia held the first National Plastics Summit, aiming for government, industry and non-government organisations to find solutions to address our national plastic waste challenges and encourage recycling industries. Students in years 5 and 6 from around Australia also participated, discussing how to reduce using single use plastics. Companies, example McDonalds and Nestle, have committed to changing the use of plastic cutlery, straws and recycling soft plastics. National Targets have been set, including 100% of plastic packaging being reusable, recyclable, or compostable by 2025.

See: <https://www.environment.gov.au/protection/waste-resource-recovery/national-plastics-summit>

So, what can we do?

Try these holiday activities:

- Buy a new lunchbox with separate sections for foods so plastic wrappers are not needed.
- Buy a reusable straw or reusable lunch cutlery.
- Collect your household soft plastics and return to the supermarket plastic recycling bins.
- Count or weigh how many soft plastic wrappers you can save from your home bin (going to landfill) in one week and recycle. Is your waste bin plastic free?
- Write a letter to a food company encouraging investment in less or non-plastic packaging.
- While it is still winter, plant a tree, before the hot summer. A single tree is equivalent to five air conditioners running 20 hours per day! Happy holidays!

### *Soft Plastic Recycling*



# P&C News

## Music News

### Drum lessons available

Luke Keanan-Brown is our fantastic drum tutor, and he has vacancies for a one-on-one drum lesson on Friday mornings in the hall. If your child would like to learn the drums, now is their chance! Please get in touch with Luke!

Drum lessons available: 7:45am and 8:15am Fridays

Tutor: Luke Keanan-Brown

Please contact: [alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au](mailto:alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au)

### Join our strings ensemble

The Beginner Strings group rehearses on Wednesday mornings 8:00-9:00 am in the Music Room.

We are currently seeking violin and cello players to join our ensemble. You must be having weekly private lessons with a tutor and have been playing for at least 6 months.

For more details, please email [alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au](mailto:alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au).



The poster features a dark red background. In the top left corner, there are colorful musical notes and symbols. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'THE music PARTNERSHIP' which includes a stylized 'm' and an illustration of a person playing a trumpet. The main title 'DEPS MUSIC PROGRAM' is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below the title, there is text about the 'Beginner strings program' including the day, time, location, and requirements. Further down, there is text about 'Private Drum lessons' including the day, time, duration, and cost. At the bottom, there is a yellow line followed by the contact email address in yellow text.

**DEPS MUSIC PROGRAM**

*Join our Beginner strings program!  
Wednesday morning 8am-9am in the music  
demountable.*

*Students must already be having private violin or  
cello lessons. 6 months experience required.  
\$15+GST per weekly session*

*Private Drum lessons are also available.  
Friday morning from 7.45am in the school hall.  
Lessons are 30 minutes long and are individual or  
paired. Cost is \$40/\$26.66+gst per half hour*

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