



Newsletter

30 July 2020, Term 3 Week 2

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.

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 Monday to Thursday– 3.15pm

Friday 2.45pm

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 – Monday to Thursday 3.20pm

Friday 2.50pm

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 – Monday to Friday 3.25pm

Friday 2.55pm

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 – Monday to Friday 3.25pm

Friday 2.55pm

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 – Monday to Friday 3.25pm

Friday 2.55pm

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 31 July	PSSA Winter Round 2
Monday 3 August	School Photos – Cockatoo, Magpie, Rosella, Peacock, Lorikeet, Swan, Dingo, Echidna, Wombat, Bilby, Quokka, Possum, Budgie, Finch, Ibis, Wren, Eagle, Owl Sibling Photos will be during lunch time over the 2 days
Tuesday 4 August	School Photos – Wentworth, Chisholm, Lawson, Mabo, Bennelong, Reiby, Flynn, Dahl, Potter, Seuss, Gibbs, Fox, Hart, Olley, Nolan, Blyton, Lester, Rowling Sibling Photos will be during lunch time
Wednesday 5 August	Sports in Schools – students are to wear sports uniform
Friday 7 August	PSSA Winter Round 3
Wednesday 12 August	Sports in Schools – students are to wear sports uniform

Principal Report

From the Principal's desk.



Welcome back.

I hope you all enjoyed the school holidays. Term 3 has commenced with a number of COVID restrictions still in place and the expectation that they will remain for some time.

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 later in the year

- 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)
- 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.

Principal Report

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

Reports have been distributed and many of you have attended the three-way learning conversations. Thank you for the care you have demonstrated in respecting our processes to allow these interviews to happen. The opportunity to discuss with your child and their teacher future learning goals is important. I have been pleased with the high engagement rate. The teachers have found the new process excellent and enjoyed their conversations.

This term inhouse and online professional learning will continue for teachers. Stage One Year One have begun their intensive focus on teaching reading and writing. They will meet for half a day once a fortnight.

The school is continuing to arrange excursions and external activities with tentative dates, I apologise for the ongoing cancellations. Stage 2 Gibberagong excursion has been postponed and will be re-scheduled for Term 4. The school is responding to advice as it is given and often operators, even those who can operate are making last minute changes and withdrawing services. The health and safety of the students is paramount.

Congratulations

Great results for year 6 with 25 first round offers of selective high school placements and a further 5 students on the reserve list. Well done students and a big thank you to teachers and parents for supporting their learning journey.

Congratulations to Ms Iona McFarland and Ms Nilly Paktan who have become permanent staff members at Denistone East. Both Nilly and Iona have been part of our long-term temporary team and it's great to welcome them to the permanent teaching team.

Building and Grounds

The grounds had a big tidy up during the holidays with trees being trimmed and a few removed. Thank you to Ryde City Council for the upgrades to our footpaths and the returfing of nature strips. The streetscape in Brabyn Street looks greatly improved and is much safer. Work will continue on our garden projects during the term.

Principal Report

Health and Hygiene

It is cold and flu season and we are all remaining vigilant in our prevention of the spread of all illnesses. 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 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

Michelle Collyer
Principal

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

There have been important updates to the 2020 PRC Challenge rules to help all students meet the Challenge requirements this year. Please see the [Rules page](#) for more information on these amendments. Key changes include:

- All students will be able to include 10 choice books on their 2020 Student reading records. Please refer to the support article for information on [adding bonus choice books](#).
- All students will be able to include books read as part of collaborative reading with teachers or parents/carers, either in person or online.
- Students who do not complete the Challenge in 2020 will not be disadvantaged from achieving cumulative PRC awards in the future.

Congratulations to the **73 students** who have completed their Challenge:

Year 3: Victoria, Emma, Xaiza, Claire, Jia, Ryan H, Madeline, William, Suli, Daan, Sivane, Ebonie, Brenda, Brendon, Elizabeth, Daniel, Zichin

Year 4: Raya, Elena, James C, Charlotte, Byron, Sienna, Sohan, Danielle, Davynn, Olivia, Sophie K, Naomi, Qin, Joshua, Sarah, Sarah, Mihir, Ryan, Shikha, Owen S, Laura, Christine, Victoria

Year 5: Mykhaiza, Jason, Akira, Jayden J, Lisa, Renee, Brian, Chris, Delta, Virginia, Eric, Lily, Sidya, Antonia, Angela, Flora, Lillian, Oscar

Year 6: Tegan, Saskia, Maxwell, Marco, Sheldon, Siena, Michelle, Zachary, Kevin, Priyana, Amelie, Joshua, Christian, Chloe, Kaiwen

Reminders:

- **Friday 28th August** is the closing date for students in Year 3-6 to enter books read in to their online reading log.
- K-2 students complete the challenge at school. Online reading logs are completed by the teacher librarian.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 Scholastic Book Club are due **WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST**.

ONLY online LOOP orders, **no cash** payments accepted.

Growing Strong Minds

During their next lesson, each stage will focus on the following character strengths:

Stage 3 – Authenticity, Kindness

Stage 2 – Perseverance, Social Intelligence

Stage 1 - Humour

Early Stage 1 – Self Regulation

Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian

P&C News



President's Message

Term 3 Week 2 2020 - P&C

List of key dates for P&C events:

Date	Event
Wednesday, 12 th August 7-8 PM	Virtual P&C Meeting via Zoom

Message from P&C Team

Welcome to all upon our return from school break!

The second semester presents opportunity and challenge to both parents and children. For the P&C team, we will be focusing on the implementation of our P&C bylaw in line with the P&C Federation update. Moreover, we will be continuing our support to the school and community as announced in our 2020 P&C budget. Specific details of the planned works were supplied in the Week 8 Term 2 school newsletter, but will also be included again in the latest P&C meeting minutes to be released next week.

Have something to say? Want to know more about P&C? Want to be part of the team?
Invitations are open for all parents who are interested in helping out the P&C!

DEPS P&C is contactable on depssec@gmail.com and you are more than welcomed to share your thoughts, fundraising ideas, and suggestions with us. If you feel that you would like to be part of the P&C team, please do not hesitate to contact us as we seek your input and active participation in a team that is focused upon bringing benefits to our children and school communities.

Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is held each year around October or November in which all executive team elections will take place for both vacant or re-elections. So if this sounds like you, please do ask us for more details.

Finally, we wish everyone a prosperous second half year and the strength to overcome all obstacles! Continue to strive!

Virtual P&C Meeting @ Week 4



P&C News

A second virtual P&C meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday 12th August 7:00-8:00PM**.

This second time, a late start meeting from 7:00-8:00PM which has been selected to suit our many working parents and community members. Although, we agree that a face to face meeting would be the best way to connect, we appreciate the understanding in proceeding with caution under the current circumstances with an online meeting. Nevertheless, we look forward to linking up virtually!

To help us manage the meeting process smoothly, **registration is required**. Please submit the MEETING REGISTRATION FORM (google docs) at this link:

<https://forms.gle/q1Yi4En3IDkCYvr5>

or via QR Code from smartphone camera/QR Code scanner app:



Community and Fundraising Event update

All community and fundraising events are still under restrictions.

Upcoming events planned for the latter half of the year (such as Father's Day celebration) will be reviewed closer to the dates in accordance with guidelines. We are also looking into alternative means to be able to keep the event running albeit in different ways.

Canteen

Our canteen is continually taking safe action to ensure a risk-free environment. No parent volunteers are required at this stage. Over-counter service will remain closed until further instruction and instead, for the time being, please utilise Munch Monitor to place cashless orders. Thank you to all parents and children for your understanding.

Link below for instructions and tips on operating Munch Monitor:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1CZfwnGXCdQoU8nKytcoHZWxGkqUoJMY>

Here is the quick sign up snapshot if you wish to set you Munch Monitor Account:

How to Set up your MunchMonitor Account - Haven't signed up yet?

Just go to www.munchmonitor.com

Enter the generic Username "Denistone" and Password "munch2122"

Grounds Report – Plastic Free July

We continue to thank all the students who are mindful of, caring for, and respecting our school grounds by not dropping rubbish, using the bins properly, taking soft plastics home for recycling, and encouraging others to do the same. The grounds become a much nicer place to work and play! The playground has some new plantings, trees trimmed, new lawn and footpaths in Brabyn Street and the sensory garden is progressing.

Welcome to Term 3 with another ten weeks of making school lunches or ordering from the canteen. Did anyone remember to organise a plastic wrapper free lunchbox, find reusable cutlery, or recycle their soft plastics at the supermarket in the holidays?

The Plastic Free July organisation provides resources and ideas to help you reduce single use plastic every day at home, school, or work. Over 250 million participants across the world have made small changes that will count towards making big differences to their communities. Read about how to choose one single use plastic (example straws, cups, food wrappers or shopping bags) used at home or school and replace with a sustainable alternative. There are inspirational stories of people, schools and businesses tackling pesky problem plastics and ideas to help us change our habits.

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

So how can you say 'no' to single use plastics this month?

The Cottage Second-Hand Uniform Shop

The Cottage will continue to open for appointments only for the time being during Term 3. Now is a good time to get in early for summer stock before next term - we still have plenty of \$2 items available with old or no logos, including girls' summer tunics.

If you would like to be added to the waitlist, please email depescottage@gmail.com and you will be offered the next available appointment time.

We appreciate all donations of second-hand uniforms your child no longer uses, and they can be dropped off at the school office as normal.



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: alexbieteri@musicpartnership.com.au

Join our strings ensemble

The Beginner Strings group rehearses on Wednesday mornings 8:00-9:00am 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 alexbieteri@musicpartnership.com.au.



The poster features a dark red background. At the top left, there are colorful musical notes and symbols. To the right is the logo for 'THE music PARTNERSHIP', which includes a stylized 'm' with a person playing a trumpet inside it. The main title 'DEPS MUSIC PROGRAM' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, the text describes the 'Beginner strings program' and 'Private Drum lessons'. At the bottom, it provides contact information for more details.

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*

TO FIND OUT MORE EMAIL:
ALEXBIERI@MUSICPARTNERSHIP.COM.AU

Community News

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Denistone East Public School is held on Monday from **1:30 PM - 2:10 PM**.

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 now enrol online;

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment>

Class code: **0K1EFW6C66**

For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess

Learn Music on Keyboard at School Term 3 Enrolment

*Great songs! Musical activities!
Cool music knowledge!*



- Convenient at-school venue with additional health & safety measures in place
- Small group, 45 min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
- Instrument not required initially

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