

Newsletter

10 September , Term 3 Week 8

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– 3.15pmFriday 2.45pmStudents in Kindergarten are to be picked up from Brabyn Street School Office – gate 6, Lovell Road - gate 1 and Circular Drive – gate 5Students 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 3.20pmFriday 2.50pmStudents in Year 1 are to be picked up from Brabyn Street Library gate, Lovell Road – gate 1 and Circular Drive – gate 5.Circular Drive – gate 5.			
	Year 2 Pick Up – Monday to Friday 3.25pmFriday 2.55pmStudents in Year 2 are to be picked up from Brabyn Street Office – gate 6, Lovell Road - gate 1 and Circular Drive – gate 5Circular Drive – gate 5			
	Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4) Pick Up – Monday to Friday 3.25pmFriday 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 3.25pmFriday 2.55pm			
	Stage 3 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.			

Wednesday 16 September	Sports in Schools – students are to wear sports uniform			
Monday 21 September	Stage 2 - The Children's Bookshop Author visit			
Tuesday 22 September	Stage 3 - The Children's Bookshop Author visit			
Wednesday 23 September	Sports in Schools – students are to wear sports uniform			
Thursday 24 September	SRC Save the Koala Day – students can dress up as a Koala & will be able to purchase Koala items and paddle pops please bring a gold coin donation			
Friday 25 September	Last day of Term 3			
Monday 12 October	First day of Term 4			



From the Principal's desk.

A big thank you to the P&C for the organisation of our highly successful online Father's Day Stall. The response was fantastic and lots of fathers received a thoughtful gift on their special day.

A reminder that as of Monday 12 October school will commence at 9.05am and finish at 3.05pm. Following are the changes to our internal bell times. Breaks have been adjusted to match the earlier start and finish times.

Community

Kindergarten 2021 interviews have commenced. We have already met a number of excited children and their families and look forward to meeting more over the next few weeks. The interviews are an opportunity for us to get to know a little bit about the children arriving and for them to see part of the school they will soon be joining. Kinder orientation will be adapted to be COVID -19 safe and aims to provide both virtual and onsite elements, so our newest and littlest students can feel safe and connected to school.

The Tell them from Me surveys continue this week and your feedback is valued and important to evaluation of programs and planning for the future.

Many thanks to the P&C for their work in producing current bylaws that allow the subcommittees to operate in a modern and service orientated manner. Grounds, music, canteen, road safety and uniform subcommittees all have clear perimeters to guide their operations. Thank you also to all the subcommittee leaders for continuing to develop ideas and initiatives whilst working with us remotely. The grounds committee have had great suggestions that the school is working to implement. Road safety is working continuously to improve safety of our children and also to make safety everyone's business.

The canteen will have further updates with new benches being installed later in the year. Also the canteen is reintroducing counter service to allow student to purchase in break times. As the weather warms I am sure ice blocks will be a popular treat!

I believe musical instrument playing is being reviewed again and hope to have some positive news soon that will allow our wind and brass groups to recommence.

Teaching and Learning

Kristin Darell will visit the school Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 September. Kristin is a writer and journalist. She has worked across numerous media outlets including the ABC and Channel 7 – she has reported live from the bushfires, court and the Winter Olympics. Kristin also has a passion for authoring children's books and has published science fiction and essays on writing and anthologies. She is visiting Denistone East to work with year 3 to 6 on the craft of writing nonfiction. The students will unpack fact checking, bias, questioning – they will have the opportunity to look at writing through the eyes of a journalist

I released information through Skoolbag in relation to unsafe use of the internet. The eSafety Commissioner alerted the school to the current dangers. I thought this may be a good time to share some hints provided by the commissioner from the *Safer Internet DAY 2020* website. https://www.esafety.gov.au/safer-internet-day

Be kind

Show your child how to be kind and respectful online and model good habits around device use and online sharing.

Encourage positive online behaviour

Encourage children to be kind and respectful online. With babies you can model basic online and offline social interactions, like saying please, thank you, hello and goodbye. With toddlers and preschoolers, you can model and praise good online social interactions. You can also explain that being kind online helps to ensure that everyone has a good time. Talk to preschoolers about the risks of cyberbullying as they get older and let them know you are there if someone is ever mean to them online.

Model good habits around device use

As you pick up your phone and focus on the screen, your child is watching and learning from you. Even very young babies are aware of the presence of screens and the attention and amount of time their parents devote to them. By demonstrating that you can put your phone down and concentrate on your child, you provide a really important model for them, no matter how old they are.

Model consent when taking and sharing photos of your child

As often as you can, ask your child if they would like to be in a photo before you take it. Do the same before you share a photo, video or write something about them on social media. Let them know who will see it, why you want to share it and respect their decision if they don't want to share it.

It may seem silly to do this with younger children, but the point is to model consent and respectful data sharing practices from an early age. This practice will come in handy when they start to share photos online.

Be mindful of what you share online about your child, as this may form part of their lasting digital footprint

Make good choices

Help your child to think critically about the content they watch and how they spend their time online

Explore quality content together and encourage critical thinking

Get involved and take the time to sit with your child and watch their favourite program or play their favourite game together. Ask toddlers and preschoolers questions and be curious about their answers. Why do they like it? Why do they want to watch or play it? Tell them why you like it or don't like it.

Encourage them to think critically and question things. Inject more variety into their screen time by following their interests and choosing quality content you can explore together.

Build good habits together

How devices are used and managed in your home is important. Decide on the right amount of screen time for your child (see our advice later on) and talk with toddlers and preschoolers about a 'time's up' strategy. You could use a timer and involve them in the process of setting the timer. It is also important to set clear rules about where devices can be used in your home and at what times.

How to set up a device with safety in mind Before young children begin to explore online, it is a good idea to activate safety features, filters and parental controls on the devices they use.

No parental control or safe search filter is 100% effective. Helping your child build good online safety habits is just as important.

Password protect devices

Add a password or passcode, that only you know, to any device your child uses. If a device uses fingerprint or face authentication, don't set this up for your child. It is important that you control and have access to all devices that your child uses.Parental controls and shared accounts

Parental controls are software tools that allow you to monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. They could be specific to different devices, such as mobiles, tablets, computers, gaming consoles and smart TVs, or they may be available in different apps or programs, such as streaming services, web browsers and search engines. Parental controls may also be available on your home wi-fi network.

If a device, app or service is shared by multiple members of your family, you may be able to change the filters or privacy settings to reflect each user's age and skills. This is often done through a 'family' or shared account. Parental controls and shared accounts can be set up to do things like:

Block — you may be able to block your child from accessing specific websites, apps or functions (like using a device's camera or buying things online).

Filter — you may be able to restrict access to different kinds of content, such as 'adult' or inappropriate content.

Monitor — you may be able to monitor your child's use of connected devices or apps, with reports on the content they access and the sites they visit, including how often and for how long.

Safe search

We all use search engines to find information online, and so do our children, but with that open access comes the risk of seeing inappropriate material.

There are a number of child-friendly search engines like Google Safe Search (www.safesearchkids.com) and Kiddle (www.kiddle.co).

In most search engines, such as Google, Bing and Yahoo, you can activate 'SafeSearch' to filter search results, so they don't include inappropriate or explicit content like pornography.

Screen time monitors

Screen time monitors allow you to set time limits that block your child's access to a device, app or online service after a set period of time.

Alarm clocks, kitchen timers and stop watches work just as well, and can be a useful way of involving your child in setting time limits.

Safety tips

Use bookmarks — set up bookmarks in the web browser your child uses. This may help minimise the risk of them coming across unsuitable websites and content.

Set up a folder — on shared devices, set up a folder of apps or programs that are suitable for your child to use.

Airplane mode — turn on airplane or flight mode on Apple and Android mobile devices to restrict access to some online services.

Step-by-step guides

For more information on setting up devices safely go to <u>https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids</u> and <u>https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents</u>

Health and Hygiene

Please keep up to date with changes to COVID responses via either the Department's website <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/</u> or NSW Health <u>www.health.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Please take particular note of the latest locations and advice on need for immediate testing or testing if you are presenting with symptoms. There are locations close to us that require you to be tested if you were in the location.

https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw

'Writing well means never having to say, 'I guess you had to be there.' " — Jef Mallett

Michelle Collyer Principal

School Initiatives



Denistone East Public School

Bell Times for Term 4 2020

School Hours Monday - Friday 9.05am - 3.05pm

Monday - Friday

Time	Session	Hours
9.05am - 11.05am	Morning Session	120 minutes (2 hours)
10.05am - 10.15am	Crunch and Sip	10 minutes
11.05am - 11.20am	First half recess	15 minutes
11.20am - 11.35am	Second half recess	15 minutes
11.35am - 1.05pm	Middle Session	90 minutes (1 hour 30 mins)
1.05pm - 1.20pm	Eating time	15 minutes
1.20pm - 1.35pm	First half lunch – play	15 minutes
1.35pm - 1.50pm	Second half lunch – play	15 minutes
1.50pm - 3.05pm	Afternoon Session	75 minutes (1 hour 15 mins)

Teachers will be on duty in the playground from 8.35am. Any students arriving before 8.35am need to be enrolled into DEBASCA.

Circular Drive is supervised by teachers in the afternoon until 3.25pm after this time all students still at Circular Drive will be taken to the school office.

School Initiatives

Tell Them from Me Semester 2 Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 25 August and 23 October 2020. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/ttfm-surveys/parent-survey

To access the survey for our school go to:

http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/deps3862

The survey is available in 23 languag

Pool



Parent please see the below link to the facebook page for the pool and expression of interest forms.

https://www.facebook.com/AquaticAcademyDenistoneEast/

https://forms.monday.com/forms/801c03a2f0979f67de87993b19b50e14

School Initiatives

Save the Koala

September is Save the Koala month and after the bushfires in Summer, this is especially relevant. The SRC charity group is holding a Koala Day fundraiser on Thursday 24 September (week 10).

Dress as a koala (fluffy ears, black nose, grey jacket etc) and bring a gold coin donation which will go to The Koala Foundation.

On the day we will be selling Koala tattoos for 50c each and other koala items.

The canteen will also be selling Koala paddle pops for \$2. Streets are donating a portion of the cost to WIRES.

The children are invited to be in a poster competition to promote saving the koala's. They can create an A4 poster with name and class on the back by Monday 21 September and deliver to Mrs Owen in Lorikeet room or to the school office. We will have stage prizes and certificates and will display the finalists and winners.

The SRC will be judging, promoting and selling on the day.

Mrs Owen, Mrs Hatcher and Ms Charalambous

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 534 students who completed the 2020 challenge.

The following students recently completed theirs:

Year 3: Joyce, Mia, Janet, Erin, Clare Year 4: Clara, Shakira Year 6: Katia, Grace L., Olivia S.

Certificates will be handed out later in the year.

Ms Armstrong – Teacher Librarian

P&C News



President's Message Message from P&C Team

To all our fellow parents and school community,

We would like to thank the school executives and all the parents who attended our 2nd P&C meeting of this term. Your participation and support have been most welcome and deeply appreciated.



Last night's meeting marked the final P&C meeting of this financial year. In Term 4, the first meeting will begin with the Annual General Meeting in which a new P&C team will form via election. One thing we would like to assure you is the ongoing support to our school and its community. The P&C will continue to work alongside the school and provide assistance in whichever way it can.

Opportunity becoming part of P&C Executive Members

An **A**nnual **G**eneral **M**eeting (AGM) will be held each year around October or November which vacant all executive team positions and re-election will be in place. And this year, several P&C executive members will be leaving the team with various family reason and this makes the best time than ever to have enthusiastic individuals to join us and be part of P&C executive team that providing continual support to school and community.

There is no experience required but a responsible and 'can-do' attitude. Mums and dads, if you are interested, please contact us on <u>depsec@gmail.com</u> for further details.

Fundraising and Community Events

Online Father's Day Stall

We hope everyone had a great time celebrating Father's Day last Sunday and that all the Dads enjoyed the gifts their children specially selected for them from the online stall. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your generous support of our very first online stall. We could not have done it without you!

Canteen Update

Thank you!!

Great news that over counter service has resumed and children can come to canteen counter window to purchase frozen treats and other goodies. During this transition time, orders can still be placed on munch monitor as additional option and will get delivered with lunch order till further notice. (3)

Munch monitor is another great way to place cashless and hassle-free order, link below for instructions and tips on operating Munch Monitor:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1CZfwnGXCdQoU8nKytkcoHZWxGkqUoJMY

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 and enter the generic Username "Denistone" and Password "munch2122".

Grounds Report – Welcome to Spring!

A continuing thank you to all those students helping to keep the school grounds tidy, making a more enjoyable place, ready for learning and play. Please keep reminding each other to use the bins provided, bring a wrapper free lunchbox or take lunch scraps home for recycling.

The warmth of spring has arrived in our grounds with the blossoming of the trees near the library marking the occasion. Magpies, frogmouths, kookaburras and parrots are becoming more active; and lizards are waking up to enjoy the sun. Take a bushwalk to see unique wildflowers or find the plant that welcomes spring in Australia, the yellow flowering wattle.

Wattle Day is celebrated on 1st September, with the Golden Wattle being Australia's national floral emblem. It is a symbol of unity (with over 1000 diverse species) and resilience (the seeds being one of the first to regrow after bushfires); two very useful qualities for us during this time of Covid-19. See: <u>http://www.wattleday.asn.au/for-schools</u>

Sadly, we were also unable to celebrate National Tree Day, 2nd August, this year, which is Australia's largest tree planting event. Why not plant a tree in your garden instead? A 5% increase in tree cover can reduce daytime temperatures by 2.3 degrees, so beneficial with our increasingly hot summers. Activities: <u>https://treeday.planetark.org/toolkit/</u>

Recently, a Belgium study showed growing up in a greener environment is associated with greater intelligence and fewer behavioral issues in children. Another study showed living in green spaces can improve working memory and attention. So greener urban environments and nature play is really important to help children grow mentally, socially, physically and have fun!

Read more: https://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1003213









P&C News



ROAD SAFETY UPDATE



RYDE COUNCIL COMUNNITY UPDATE

Ryde Council have reached out to residents of Henderson Street in relation to making the NO PARKING in school hours permanent. We expect an update in the next few weeks.

A BIG THANKS TO COLIN OUR CROSSING Supervisor for Helping US keep our Kids safe

"Colin the Crossing Man" as the kids affectionately call him, says he hopes everyone has a happy Spring!

Crossing Safety Reminders

Pedestrians:

- BE ALERT when approaching the crossing
- · WAIT at the STOP line
- WATCH for instructions from the Crossing Supervisor before proceeding

For Cars:

- SLOWDOWN well before you reach the crossing and prepare to stop
- WATCH for signals from the Crossing Supervisor
- · WAIT for instructions to proceed
- DO NOT stop your car within the crossing area - move cautiously thru the crossing



P&C News

Music News Learn to play an instrument!

We have fantastic music tutors at school teaching private lessons on many instruments:

- We have vacancies for **flute** lessons on Monday morning before and during school.
- We have vacancies for trumpet lessons on Friday morning before and during school.
- We also have room for **clarinet** and **saxophone** students on a Tuesday during the day and before school.
- We have room for **violin** students on a Thursday morning during class time.

Lessons are 30 minutes long and are one-on-one. Lessons are all COVID-safe with extra care taken to disinfect teaching spaces. If you would like to know more, please email Alex Bieri at <u>alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au</u>



Community News



Celebrate the Sydney Olympics with a fun photo collage tribute



The 20th Anniversary of the Sydney 2000 Olympics is on September 15 and Marsfield based Tennis and Sports Coach Andrew Hill (pictured) is organising a photo and video opportunity for the community to celebrate this historic event. "Sydney was at its best during the Sydney 2000 Olympics with the top

All cultures and ages came together to celebrate and we are being creative and aware of Covid by creating a photo collage animation of the Torch shared by the community.

Parents and kids are welcome to attend After School Sport September for some FREE Family Fun and get healthy & active and share the Torch spirit. Call Andrew on 0447827788 or visit AJHsports.com for more information. All kids are welcome at our centres in Marsfield & Kings Park Denistone. There will be a "Mini Olympics" themed Sports Camp in the Holidays.



BLAST OFF INTO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Join our exciting science programs for Years K-6 during the school holidays

With over 30 classes available this September/October you are bound to find a class you will love!

A NEW collection of RoboCamp classes are available for years 1 – 7, as well inclusive classes for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kids. Assistive hearing technology is available for all courses – email us for more information at juniorscience@mg.edu.au

Classes are held at Macquarie University, with many classes including excursions to places around campus

- Learn about dinosaurs, Newtonian fluids, DNA, architecture, flight and much more!
- Our courses are designed to teach scientific concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities
- For more information or to book now, visit our website mq.edu.au/about/holidays

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Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am	
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm	CHICO
Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm	1200
Cost	\$126.50	

Community News







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