



# Newsletter

19 March 2020

Term 1 Week 8

## Upcoming Events

Thursday 9 April	Last Day of Term 1
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# Principal Report



From the Principal's desk.

Thank you to all the school community for your continued support of each other during this very difficult time. The COVID-19 situation has us all operating in the moment and responding quickly to updates and advice. I will continue to advise of information as I receive from State and Federal Government sources. The school will continue to operate within the policy, processes and procedures provided by the State Government.

Many activities have been put on hold in the interest of health and safety, these will all resume once it is safe to do so. Assemblies, staff professional learning, sport and our extra curricula programs are all cancelled until further notice.

All classrooms have soap and paper towels, in addition to the soap in the student toilets. The student toilet blocks are being checked twice daily to maintain the soap supply. Hand washing posters have been added to demonstrate correct washing technique.

Our toilets had an additional deep clean this week to assist with maintaining a high standard of cleanliness. Parents can you assist by reminding children to be respectful of these environments. I was disappointed to find soap dispensers had been vandalised in the one of the student blocks and soap was left to leak all over the floor.

## Cheers to our students

Marilena in S3 Wentworth is a soloist and member of the *Australian Girls Choir* she is also the youngest member of a group of 8 girls selected to participate in the recording of *I Still Call Australia Home* to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Qantas. The song features in advertising and inflight onboard Qantas. Bravo!!!

## Swimming (Report from Mrs Hardy)

Last week Miss Stuart, Ms Armstrong and Mrs Hardy took these 28 children to Ryde Aquatic centre for Ryde Zone swimming carnival. These children represented Denistone East beautifully both in and out of the pool. We were so proud of each and every one of them for their swimming as well as their behaviour.

A special mention to Joshua who was the boys' 11-year-old champion and broke two zone records. Lucas was the boys' 11-year-old runner up champion and Emy was the girls' 11-year-old runner up champion. The junior girls' relay team came first and the senior boys' relay team came 2nd. The biggest result of the day was that Denistone East won the overall school.

The following children will be representing Ryde Zone at the Sydney North Area swimming carnival when it is held later in the year. Brenden, Jack, Chloe, David, Josh, Davynn, Sophie, Hannah (8), Hannah (10), Joyce, Lucas, Emy, Chloe and David.



# Principal Report

## Community

The concrete was poured last week for our new swimming pool. It is wonderful to see progress on the site and look forward to further updates.



Picture showing the beginning of the pour.

## Thank you

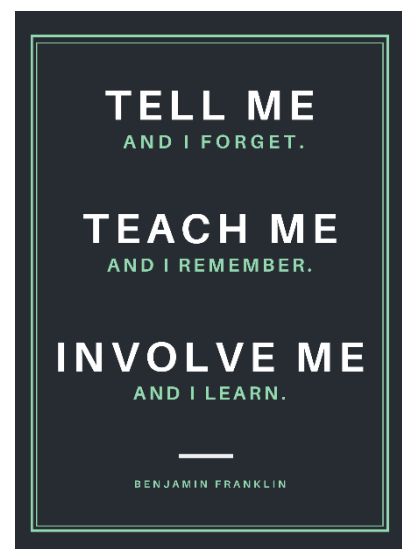


Thank you Mr Peter Ng for donating educational games to our Support Classes. They are very excited to use them.

## Ideas if you are homebound

If you are at home for the weekend and not venturing out, here is a list from a Mum who is self-isolating with her children.

1. Read to them, with them
2. Cook and bake together
3. Build a cubby house
4. Lego and other construction blocks
5. Make play dough from salt, flour and water or slime
6. Drawing and painting- still life, portraits and abstracts
7. Craft kits
8. Karaoke, mime, charades
9. Board games
10. Make musical instruments
11. Put photos into an album
12. Make a scrap book
13. Finger paint
14. Dressing up
15. Pamper party – nails, facial
16. Design a magazine, newspaper
17. Crosswords, sudoku
18. Gardening great time to plant winter veggies



*Michelle Collyer*  
*Principal*

# School Initiatives

## ***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey, Weeks 8 and 9 (Term 1, 2020)**

We are delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours in the students' Library time in Term 1 between Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary for Year 4,5 and 6 students.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

# P&C News



List of key dates for P&C events:

Date	Event
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct, 5 – 9pm	Moonlight Market

## President's Message

Given the current COVID-19 situation, we would like to take some precautions on behalf of the community hence we have notified the cancellation of P&C meetings for remainder of the term. This is the best practice based upon recommendations from other communities too. P&C wishes all families to remain safe and please remember to practice good hygiene and protect yourself and loved ones.

The budget and other P&C works are still progressing, however we will find alternative methods and the outcomes will be shared later on.

Despite all the odds, preparation for our Moonlight Market in Term 4 continues unabated; please find information below and contact us should you be able to help!



**SAVE THE DATE!!! ..... MOONLIGHT MARKET IS BACK ON Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**

This is our biggest fundraising yearly event as a tradition which has been put on hold for two years due to construction. In the past, moonlight market has contributed major funding sources to school P&C. With building completion last year, now it is the time to bring our one and only Moonlight Market back to action!!!

## Moonlight Market Committee

P&C are forming a Moonlight Market Committee and we are needing as many as helping hands to make our yearly event great and better! If any of these roles sounds like you, please do not hesitate to contact us at [depssec@gmail.com](mailto:depssec@gmail.com). Any help is appreciated and no matter how many hours you can offer and some of help might only take as less as one hour in total.

**Coordinators for these initial phases of planning:**

# P&C News

- Raffles ticket
- Game stall
- P&C food stall
- External stall
- Marketing and Advertising

## **P&C Fundraising & Benefit Program**

### **Entertainment Book 2020**

Your purchase of an Entertainment Membership contributes to P&C fundraising. 20% of goes to P&C with each purchase.

Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your friends and family. Thanks for your support!

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/217d861>

## **DEPS Volunteers – Working With Children Check Required**

Thank you to all parents volunteers who selflessly volunteered their time and effort in helping out at the school. Your help is deeply appreciated by all. We are always grateful for any help provided regardless of how big or small it is.

**Just in case you are not aware**, all parent volunteers and class helpers are required to complete a WWCC check at the **school** office. Any WWCC completed at Service NSW is **not** accepted by the school. You only have to do it once for the duration that your child/children are at this school.

Please refer to the following links for the form to fill in and the 100 point ID check.

Appendix 5

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1esoTkxt9wb2g4WNCpSckGO53-lemq-FE/view?usp=drivesdk>

Appendix 6

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qjedTDlelHw9w\\_UK\\_pviHEYTTOYnQwSj/view?usp=drivesdk](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qjedTDlelHw9w_UK_pviHEYTTOYnQwSj/view?usp=drivesdk)

Thank you for your understanding!

## **Class Parents – NEED!**

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to be class parents. Your time and dedication will not go unappreciated!!

**There are 2 classes that still need a class parent:**

- **S3 Flynn**
- **S3 Reiby**
- You are essential main liaison between teachers, parents, P&C and the school.
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- Your role will involve preparing a class contact list, organizing social events for the class to help parents get to know each other, organizing an end-of-year gift for your class teacher and supporting the P&C. The responsibilities of a class parent vary from class to class and stage to stage.
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- It is also a good idea to speak to your teacher on the type of assistance he/she needs.
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- It's a fun and interactive role; so, parents in S3 Flynn and Reiby if you are interested, please email us at [depssec@gmail.com](mailto:depssec@gmail.com)
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- Please find detailed information link below re class parent role;
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OyuFAK10TvA3\\_SUXbrbv3XuiHDEu7Ey-td-rM9OrHw8](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OyuFAK10TvA3_SUXbrbv3XuiHDEu7Ey-td-rM9OrHw8)



# P&C News

## Canteen Update

### Great Weekly Specials

Check out the fantastic healthy food coming onto the menu. There are great weekly specials so remember to check out Munch Monitor for new items to order.

Check out the calendar below to see when volunteer day is coming up:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	16th Mar Zoe Smedley	17th Mar Dell Edwards	18th Mar Lisa Lia	19th Mar Sherry Xiao	20th Mar Maria Sanna
9	23rd Mar Suzanne Hayes	24th Mar	25th Mar Angela Hee	26th Mar Tammy	27th Mar Zoe Dalae
10	30th Mar Viviane Zhuang	31st Mar Iris Hao	1st Apr Boaly Cheung	2nd Apr Rowena Henery	3rd Apr Sunila Oak
11	6th Apr Vani	7th Apr Angela Hee	8th Apr Sabrina Wang	9th Apr Eunhee Kate Lee	10th Apr Nicole Marchhart

Please find munch monitor information below should you like to go cashless and with many features and benefits.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CZfwnGXCdQoU8nKytcoHZWxGkqUoJMY/view?usp=drivesdk>

While many students are trying very hard to care for their playground environment, more still needs to be done to reduce playground litter. The two main suspects are:

- The Lunchbox - Take up the challenge of trying a 'nude' lunchbox with no plastic packaging. Please involve your child in creating a litter free lunchbox. Most foods can be unwrapped. Dividing sections can separate foods. Allow more time to pack lunches, rather than a last minute grab and run. If necessary, ask your child to bring home any packaging for recycling.
- The Canteen - Whether an essential for buying lunch or a special lunchtime treat, it comes with a responsibility to dispose of the remains. Ask your child to treat the playground like your lounge room. There are plenty of bins and please use them.

**Next time:** What to do with all that plastic?



One very full bag of litter from the playground, only one week after Clean-up Day.



## ROAD SAFETY ALERT

*An urgent message from the P&Cs Road Safety Team*



## Please Help Keep Our Kids Safe

During the first eight weeks of this school year we've received numerous messages from concerned parents about dangerous driver behaviour around the school at drop off and pickup times, despite the road safety information delivered regularly to parents and carers, there are still drivers choosing to ignore school zone road rules.

The examples provided are especially disturbing given the clear danger they present to children, particularly of the drivers in question.

Ryde Council are now looking to increase Parking Officer patrols around drop off and pick up times, on varying days over the coming weeks.

We recommend that you review the [Parking & Traffic Rules in School Zones](#) document below to ensure you understand the offences and related fines.

While we are working closely with Council to improve road safety, with additional signage, upgrades to crossings at Brayben & Kings Road and other initiatives being discussed, the responsibility remains with all drivers to adhere to the road rules and help us **keep our students safe**.

萊德由於駕駛員繼續違反學校周圍的道路安全規定，萊德市政廳現在正尋求在未來幾週的不同日期增加下車和接送時間附近的停車官員巡邏。

我們建議您閱讀下面的《學校區域停車與交通規則》文檔，以確保您了解違法行為和相關罰款。

운전자들이 학교 주변의 도로 안전 규칙을 계속 준수하지 않기 때문에 Ryde Council은 이제 앞으로 몇 주 동안 다양한 요일에 하차 및 픽업 시간 주위에 주차 책임자 순찰을 늘리려 고합니다. 위반 사항 및 관련 벌금을 이해하려면 아래의 학교 구역의 주차 및 교통 규칙 문서를 검토하는 것이 좋습니다.

### Safety Comes First

- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Look out for buses pulling out - watch for wig-wag lights.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians, especially when entering and leaving driveways.
- Drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.
- Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.



# P&C News

## Music News

### Music contacts

- For the P&C music coordinator, contact Andrew Wong at [music.deps@gmail.com](mailto:music.deps@gmail.com)
- For instrument hire, contact Jennifer at [jennifer.deps@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.deps@gmail.com)
- For our school's music provider, The Music Partnership, contact Alex Bieri at [alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au](mailto:alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au) or phone 0404 494 487

### Young musician profile

This week's young musician is Miles M from Year 3, who plays drums in the Senior Band.



I played the drums since 2017, when I was 5 years old. When I was 3 years old, I went to the Children's Park in China. I saw a little boy was playing drums on the stage, I was interested and when my mum asked me which instrument I like, I said Drums because it makes a loud sound!

When I play drums I need to coordinate all four limbs to work together at the same time. It's a lot of fun and makes me more confident! My favourite song is "Sun flower" which is from the Into the Spider-verse movie, I like the rhythm of this song. Also in the movie, the actor's name is Miles as well. I wish one day to become a gamer and spiderman.

### **School Second Hand Uniform Shop "The Cottage"**

The Cottage will be closed for the rest of Term One due to the social distancing recommendations.

# Community News

## **City of Ryde**

Ryde Library Service has taken the difficult decision to suspend or cancel all regular programs, activities and events effective from 10 am Tuesday 17 March until further notice.

This includes our April school holiday program, Chess Club, Curious Kids Club and Robotics Club.

Please be aware the City of Ryde have decided to cancel the Anzac Day service at Anzac Park, West Ryde following advice from the Federal Government.

This is a precautionary measure for community safety and therefore your attendance will not be required.

For further event status updates head to <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Event-Status-Update>



## DEBASCA April 2020 | VACATION CARE

### REVISED BOOKING INFORMATION

**How to Book:** Please book online. Go to:  
<https://debasca.wufoo.com/forms/debasca-2020-april-vacation-care-revised-160320-z1mo2lo1022r5eo/>  
 and complete the online booking form (one per child).

**Booking Period:** From weeks 8-10

**MUST BE booked online by Wednesday 1st April 5.00pm (AEST)**  
 \$10 late penalty will apply to forms submitted after the cut-off date.

**NO Cancellations/Refunds** will be processed after Wed 1st April.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** When booking, please book under your child's current 2020 school grade.

**\*PLEASE NOTE\*** ANY change to a booking once it has been submitted will incur a \$5 fee per change, per child.

### CONTACT DETAILS

**Location:** 35a Brabyn Street Denistone East 2112

**Phone:** 02 9874 6760

**Email:** [admin@debasca.org.au](mailto:admin@debasca.org.au)

**Website:** [www.debasca.org.au](http://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.**









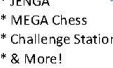
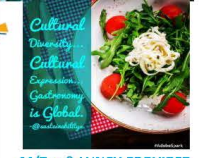

Please visit our website [www.debasca.org.au](http://www.debasca.org.au) for further information on MENU, LOCATION & REMINDERS and IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

KEY: In house days = **yellow** | Excursion day = **green** | Incursion days = **navy** | **BYO** (Bring Your Own) Morning Tea (**M/Tea**) / Lunch = **red**

### April 2020 - VAC Week 1

CENTRE CLOSED	Tues 14th	Wed 15th	Thurs 16th	Fri 17th
	<b>K-2 INCURSION</b>	<b>K-2 IN HOUSE</b>	<b>K-2 IN HOUSE</b>	<b>K-6 INCURSION</b>
	Backyard Bugs \$85	Material Madness \$80	Herbert Hosts a Picnic \$80	Cool Kids First Aid \$90
	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & BYO LUNCH	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED
<b>HAPPY EASTER</b>				
				
<b>3-6 INCURSION</b>				
RG Education comes here. Deconstruct & Reconstruct! \$95				
				
<b>3-6 IN HOUSE</b>				
Suggestion Box Day \$80				
				
<b>3-6 IN HOUSE</b>				
How to recognise an emergency situation				
- How to call '000'				
- An introduction to DRABC (CPR) principals of first aid				
- Basic first aid				

### April 2020 - VAC Week 2

Mon 20th	Tues 21st	Wed 22nd	Thurs 23rd	Fri 24th
<b>K-2 IN HOUSE</b>	<b>K-2 INCURSION</b>	<b>K-6 INCURSION</b>	<b>K-2 IN HOUSE</b>	<b>K-2 IN HOUSE</b>
Once Upon a Time WHAM, BAM, KAPOW! \$80	The Body Investigators - Drama Workshop \$95	Microbial Me - Build & Blast a Biofilm! \$90	Game ON! \$80	Cooking & Culture \$80
 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED
<b>3-6 IN HOUSE</b>	<b>3-6 INCURSION</b>	<b>3-6 INCURSION</b>	<b>3-6 INCURSION</b>	<b>3-6 INCURSION</b>
Well Being YOU \$80	Base ZERO Mobile Rock Climb \$95	Engaging children's passion for science!	Jenga	Cultural Diversity
 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED	 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED
<b>Mon 27th</b>				
<b>Pupil Free Day</b>				
<b>K-6 IN HOUSE</b>				
Gunk & Goo! \$80				
 M/Tea & LUNCH PROVIDED				

### PLEASE REMEMBER

**\* NON-NOTIFICATION:** If your child is absent for any given VAC day, please inform the centre by 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 days, no later than 10am. For Base Zero Rock Climb on Tuesday 21st, please arrive no later than 9am.

**\* WATER BOTTLE:** Is required for ALL days.

**\* BYO Lunch** for the Teddy Bears picnic!

NO NUT Products permitted.

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