



Newsletter

22 October , Term 4 Week 2

Upcoming Events

Friday 23 October	Sportspro – Kindergarten to Year 2 students are to wear sports uniform Summer PSSA
Monday 26 October	Stage 2 Gibberagong Excursion classes Potter, Fox & Lester students need to arrive at school at 8.45am
Wednesday 28 October	Sportspro – Year 3-6 students are to wear sports uniform
Thursday 29 October	Fizzics Incursion – Kindergarten
Friday 30 October	Sportspro – Kindergarten to Year 2 students are to wear sports uniform Summer PSSA
Wednesday 4 November	Sportspro – Year 3-6 students are to wear sports uniform
Thursday 5 November	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation – students only 9.15am-10.45am
Friday 6 November	Sportspro – Kindergarten to Year 2 students are to wear sports uniform Summer PSSA
Tuesday 10 November	Kindergarten 2021 Parents Meet and Greet at King's Park
Wednesday 11 November	Sportspro – Year 3-6 students are to wear sports uniform Royal Botanical Gardens – Year 1 students need to be at school by 9.00am and will return by 3.05pm students are to wear full sports uniform
Thursday 12 November	Kindergarten 2021 Orientation – students only 9.15am-10.45am
Friday 13 November	Sportspro – Kindergarten to Year 2 students are to wear sports uniform Summer PSSA Kindergarten 2021 Parents Meet and Greet at King's Park
Monday 16 November	Calmsley Hill Farm – students need to be at school by 8.15am students are to wear full sports uniform The Collaroy Centre Day Camp – Year 6 students need to be at school by 8.15am
Tuesday 17 November	Environmental Incursion – students who are Environmental Monitors, SRC and School Leaders Kindergarten 2021 Parents Meet and Greet at King's Park
Wednesday 18 November	Sportspro – Year 3-6 students are to wear sports uniform The Collaroy Centre Day Camp – Year 5 students need to be at school by 8.15am OC Test – all students are to be dropped at Henderson Street gate time and sit at the Jacaranda Cola. Test time will be confirmed soon. Year 6 Transition Day at school
Thursday 19 November	The Western Sydney Wanderers School Gala Day International Sports Park Rooty Hill – Stage 3 Royal Botanical Gardens – Year 2 students need to be at school by 9.00am and will return by 3.05pm students are to wear full sports uniform

Principal Report



From the Principal's desk.

Welcome back to term four and a special warm welcome to our new families who have joined us. We also welcome two new permanent staff members, Ms Veronica Aspee and Ms Shellie Wilkes. Ms Aspee joins the school executive team, she brings a wealth of experience having worked at a number of schools as a classroom teacher and school executive. Ms Wilkes is starting her career with us as a newly appointed graduate teacher. Both will have a floating role for the remainder of the year to familiarise themselves with our large and diverse community. In 2021, Ms Aspee will lead the Stage One Team and Ms Wilkes will join stage three as a classroom teacher.

Community

Thank you to all our new families who have brought in their enthusiastic children for Kinder 2021 to meet us. The Kinder team are very excited. Please remember to schedule an interview if you haven't already. Also a reminder we have Meet and Greet sessions arranged for later in the term, Tuesday 10 November, Friday 13 November, Tuesday 17 November and Friday 20 November. Limit of 10 Families per session. Miss Jennifer Kim, team leader on Kindergarten is coordinating and bookings are available through the school please email denistonee-p.@det.nsw.edu.au. These small informal meet and greets will provide the opportunity to meet other Kinder 2021 children and parents as well as some of the Denistone East team. These opportunities are in addition to our Kinder Orientation Program, that this year is limited to just the children. Orientation days are Thursday 5 November for children with surnames A-R and Thursday 12 November for surnames S-Z. Both sessions run from 9.15 am to 10.45am in the current Kindergarten rooms.

P&C AGM is Week 4 Wednesday 4 November. This meeting will proceed via Zoom to comply with COVID-19 restrictions. Information is included on how to nominate for positions and how to participate in the meeting.

A big thank you to Jen Yin and her team for the amazing support they have provided and continue to provide the school in this most unusual of years. The P&C have worked with the school to deliver care and compassion to all our families.

Teaching and Learning

A big congratulations to William in year 2 Owls for his amazing achievement in Operation Art. William's art work was one of 50 selected to tour the State. Operation Art is open to both primary and secondary students – what a talent to be selected in Year Two!

I have included some pictures of the work in progress, finished, hung, and of course the artist.



Principal Report

I am pleased to confirm that our school will be participating in an important research project to investigate whether COVID-19 has had any impact on student learning and teacher morale.

The research is being undertaken by the University of Newcastle in Term 4, 2020

Some students will also be invited to participate, and information letters will be sent out to relevant classes in due course.

The research will involve the researchers being granted access to some student survey and assessment data, but it will not include the names of any of the students.

Parents who do **not** want the research team to have access to this data, can opt-out on their child's behalf. For further information about the research, please contact the research team's project manager (Wendy Taggart) at wendy.taggart@newcastle.edu.au

Classes are getting out and about a bit more this term. Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre is being visited by Stage Two students. The classes who attended on Tuesday had an amazing day and there was praise for their behaviour and engagement in learning. Great field learning about our environment.

Stage One are off to the Botanical Garden for a program that captures elements from the science curriculum and English. They will work like scientists with botanical specimens.

Stage Three are embarking on a day camp at Collaroy. An overnight camp was not possible this term due to time constraints and non-availability of venues.

It is wonderful to see things beginning to open up and opportunities becoming available. The school will continue to carefully assess health and safety when planning activities.

Health and Hygiene

Please keep up to date with changes to COVID responses via either the Department's website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/> or NSW Health www.health.nsw.gov.au . I will continue to provide regular feeds of information.

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. —Albert Einstein

Michelle Collyer
Principal

School Initiatives

Koala Day

Thanks to all parents who encouraged their children to be involved in Koala Day at the end of last term and the poster competition. There were many entries with a wonderful standard of artistic and creative abilities displayed. We loved that the students were looking into the plight of koalas and interested in doing something to help. There were also some amazing koala outfits on the day. Thank you parents for contributing financially. The event was very popular with everyone keen to buy clip on koalas and tattoos as well as ice-creams and other items. Many of the items were purchased straight from the Koala Foundation so they will gain from the purchases, but extra profits were made and the amount will be finalised for the next newsletter. Well done to the Charity SRC for getting to meetings and to those who helped with craft and selling.

Poster prize recipients were:

Early Stage 1 winner - Harrison from Echidna and Highly commended Chuhan from Wombat.

Stage 1 winner - Chantelle from Budgie and Highly commended are Victoria from Rosella, James from Ibis, Hayley from Budgie and Esther from Finch.

Stage 2 winner - Charlotte from Rowling and Highly commended Casey from Dahl.

Stage 3 winner - Friyana from Reiby and Highly commended are Shirley from Flynn, Lily from Reiby, Lisa from Wentworth and Angelina from Flynn.

Group Photos

The Group Photos are online for any parents who would like to purchase them.

To order these group photos please visit our website: <https://www.leadingimage.com.au/>,

On the Home page please click on the green tab *Order Your School Photos*,
Enter the Shoot Key: **9HFXN8AZ** and your email address.

Group Photos are \$15.00 each with free postage.

School Initiatives

WAKAKIRRI Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools

Wakakirri 2021

Many of you will remember that 2019 was a very successful year for the Wakakirri performers, achieving a place at the Sydney Metropolitan Awards Night, and being awarded the **NATIONAL** Environmental Story Award. Hopefully 2021 will be just as successful!

What is Wakakirri?

Wakakirri is a story dance competition which involves schools from across the country. Any students in grades 3-6 can be involved in a variety of ways including dance, drama, backstage and art & design.

Next term we will be beginning the audition process for Wakakirri 2021. More information about how you can become involved will be provided next term, so listen out during the leader's announcements for your chance to get involved.



Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Local Finals

We would like congratulate the following four students that represented our school in the Local Finals of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition this year:

Stage 2 -Shivanee /Gibbs

Davynn/Suess

Stage 3 - Shirley/Flynn

Ella/Chisholm

Due to COVID 19, our students had to submit videos of their speeches and today we received a video from our adjudicator. The adjudicator's praised all our students on their entries and then discussed each of their speeches in detail. Following this she announced the winners!

Ella has won a place in the next level of the finals.

Davynn received a highly commended.

Congratulations to all our students.

Mrs. Jo Tanner (EAL/D Teacher)

Library News

Library News

Overdue books

The end of year Library stocktake will commence during week 8. Students are encouraged to return overdue books to the Library as soon as possible (i.e. not wait until their next lesson). Overdue Notices will be handed from week 5. Please encourage your child to pop in to the Library if they have queries or questions re: lost/misplaced books. A note will be sent home if money is required to replace a damaged or lost book.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club issue 7 orders close Thursday 22nd Oct. It's the perfect time and opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts as this issue is the Bumper Christmas Edition!

Teacher Librarian – Ms Armstrong

School Initiatives

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>

> The Academy is committed to providing great service and quality learn to swim programs in a safe learning environment.

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P&C News



President's Message

Message from P&C Team

Date	Event
Sat, 14 th Nov & Sun, 15 th Nov	Family Portrait Weekend
Wed, 2 nd Dec & Thu, 3 rd Dec	Family Portrait – Photo Viewing Day
Wed, 4 th Nov, 7PM	Virtual P&C Annual General Meeting follow by P&C Meeting

Message from P&C Team

Welcome back to last term of the year! What an extraordinary year this has been! With the festive season fast approaching, the season of giving will keep us busy and continue to put us all in good spirits. Just like many things in life, whilst 2020 is a bit unpredictable, there is big hope for 2021.

In view of this term, not only are we having our most important meeting of the year with the Annual General Meeting in a few weeks, but we are also trying to resume some of our popular community fundraising events starting with the Family Portrait weekend in November.

Lastly, the entire P&C team wish you and your family a happy and safe term 4.



Opportunity to become part of P&C executive members

This year, our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held online on the **4th of November** via Zoom and will be immediately followed by a general P&C meeting. We would like to welcome everyone to the meeting where the next P&C team will be elected by the current financial members.

All executive team positions will be vacant and up for election. In particular, we are calling out for enthusiastic parents for the role of **President** and **Vice President**. We will be thrilled to have new blood onboard to bring a fresh perspective to the team.

Nominations are now **OPEN**. You can find in link below for detailed information and check how to self-nominate or nominate someone else.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BmJi3elphPxaR8fvmMzOpZEY0T-Pcq1w/view?usp=sharing>

We hope to see you online and we thank you for your continuous support of the P&C.

P&C News

Virtual P&C Meeting @ Week 4

Date: 4th November 2020

Location: Zoom meeting at your home

Time: Immediately after the conclusion of AGM

To help us manage the meeting process smoothly, registration is required. Please submit the MEETING REGISTRATION FORM at this Link:

<https://forms.gle/q1jYj4En3iDkCYvr5>

or via QR Code from smart phone camera / QR code scanner APP:



Fundraising and Community Events

The popular Family Portrait Weekend fundraiser is back!! For \$20, you will receive a 10x13 inch family or kids' portrait with wallet photo. It is great value and makes such a lovely gift to family members, especially with Christmas approaching fast.

Families will be photographed on location by the lovely Gina who is an experienced professional photographer. You have the option of doing additional poses and purchasing digital files. If you are interested in photographic packages, they are available at great prices.

DATE: 14th & 15th November

LOCATION: Round Room, adjacent to Brabyn Rd gate at Denistone East Public School

CONDITIONS: (*please read*)

- Parent/guardian to view own portraits on 2nd or 3rd December) or postage & handling applies
- NO refund for failure to keep appointment
- Limited to ONE voucher per person/family – you and any family member can only appear ONCE in the \$20 portrait fundraiser

To book your appointment online, please go to www.trybooking.com/BLUYE

Or via QR Code → → →

Participants of this fundraiser will be eligible for lucky prizes such as portrait poses (worth \$248) and \$50 gift card.

For further information, please email depssec@gmail.com



P&C News

\$20 PROFESSIONAL FAMILY PORTRAIT WEEKEND FUNDRAISER

14th & 15th November 2020

Thinking of getting a family portrait?

For your \$20 donation, you get an amazing 10x13 inch family or kids portrait with wallet photo. Funds raised will go towards the P&C fundraising pool for the benefit of school and the children.

Great photographic packages available at best prices on the market.

Professional photographer with extensive experience and has Working with Children Check and CovidSafe plans.



LESSO
STUDIOS

Capture the Moment

LOCATION Round Room adjacent to Brabyn Road gate, Denistone East Public School

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Please Book Online at
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OR
use the QR code



10x13 inch Family portrait & wallet photo for only \$20

Families photographed outdoor location (indoor as backup)

Additional poses & digital files available

Makes wonderful Xmas gifts

PARTICIPANTS WILL ENTER LUCKY PRIZE DRAW TO WIN*

4-POSES PORTRAIT PACK (\$248) OR \$50 GIFT CARD

(to be drawn after booking concludes)

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P&C News

Grounds Report - Welcome to Term 4!

The students have done so well in keeping the grounds looking cared for and tidy, let us keep up the good work this term with presentable grounds that we can be proud of, ready for work and play!

Get involved in conserving our bird species during National Bird Week from 19-25 October by being part of the Aussie Backyard Bird Count. Take part by counting birds seen in the school, backyards, local parks or favourite outdoor spaces for twenty minutes, recording your findings with the help of the 'Aussie Bird Count' app or website. See how many people have taken part in a count near you and the number of birds recorded in your neighbourhood or across Australia.

Read more: <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

For great ideas on how to create a bird friendly garden, safe pets, birdbaths and feeding wild birds, see: <https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/places>

A few reminders ...

Pathway Pebbles - Parents please remind your children to be an environmental steward by leaving the sensory garden pebbles in place on the pathways for all to share. Look and admire, crunch and enjoy, not take and destroy.

Food Wrappers and the Canteen - The canteen is now open at lunchtime, so please remind your children to place rubbish in the bins provided or bring wrappers and food containers home for recycling.

Reduce lunch rubbish – prepare a wrapper free lunchbox with your child.

Contact Us

We would love to hear ideas and comments from you or join us at the next P & C meeting.

Email: grounds.deps@gmail.com



P&C News

Canteen

Friendly reminder:

- Canteen order cut-off time is now 8:20 am each day in order to align with school hour changes. To avoid late orders, we kindly suggest that you order in advance or set up a reminder prior to the time.
- Munch monitor is a great way to place cashless and hassle-free order, use 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 and enter the generic Username "Denistone" and Password "munch2122".

Munch Monitor Instruction



The Cottage Second Hand Uniform Shop

The secondhand uniform shop will continue to open for appointments in term 4. Please email depscottage@gmail.com to be added to the waitlist and you will be offered the next available appointment time.

Donations of uniforms you no longer need can be dropped off at the office.

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 alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au

Community News



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Play the Games
School & Family Programs
Parties ☉ Camps ☉ Events
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*Great songs! Musical activities!
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- Convenient at-school venue
- Small group, 45-min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
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- Fun introduction to music



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NSU YOUTH SUMMER LEAGUE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 8-14

MONDAYS 5:30PM - 6:30PM
ELS HALL 3 (LOWER GRASS FIELDS)

30 NOV - 21
DEC (FREE)
CHRISTMAS
BREAK
8 FEB - 29
MAR (PAID)



THIS IS A LEAGUE TO INTRODUCE KIDS WHO ARE NEW TO ULTIMATE FRISBEE AND KIDS WHO HAVE PLAYED BEFORE TO BECOME THE NEXT SUPERSTARS OF THIS GENERATION. THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE A MIX OF LESSONS AND GAMES FOR KIDS AGED 8-14.

CONTACT:
NIKKI SHIRES - 0406 995 789
KRISTY FRENEY - 0490 036 004
OR VIA EMAIL:
YOUTH@NSU.COM.AU

WE ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO CONTACT THE ORGANISERS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FORMAT AND THE SUITABILITY OF THE LEAGUE FOR YOUR CHILD

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
VISIT WWW.NSU.ORG.AU



Community News



This summer

Play Baseball

with Macquarie Saints



Season starts Saturday 24 October
Home grounds are Pioneer & Waterloo Parks, Marsfield
Active Kids Vouchers can be used
Ages 4 yrs to adults – Tball for 4-7yrs, Machine Pitch for 8-9yrs, Live pitch for 10 yrs & up
Short game times – 1 to 1.5 hours
More information and registration at www.saints.asn.au

Follow us on Facebook, or contact:
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Live Life Well @ School

TERM 4 2020 Newsletter Snippets Instructions

Please see below suggested newsletter topics that may assist you in planning your Term 4 school newsletters, emails or social media to families.

The newsletter or digital media snippets are easy to copy and paste and provide information to families on healthy eating, physical activity, screen time and wellbeing.

TOPICS

Growing up Digital- send out ASAP

Healthy Halloween

Meat free Monday

Springtacular

War on Waste

Savvy snacks

Christmas Lunchbox

Healthy Party Food

Thanks! From the Northern Sydney LLW@S team ☺

Live Life Well @ School

GROWING UP DIGITAL AUSTRALIA



- Are you a parent, carer or grandparent of children aged 5 to 17?
- Do you wonder how digital media and technologies might affect their wellbeing, health and learning?

Gonski Institute of Education at the University of NSW is working on a ground-breaking research project investigating these issues (supported by P&C Federation).

Have your say and support the research by 31st October:

www.gie.unsw.edu.au/GUDAustralia/phase2survey



Developed by Northern Sydney Local Health District

Live Life Well @ School

HEALTHY HALLOWEEN



Use Halloween to conjure up some spooky (and healthy) fruit and veg platters.

Trick and Treat the family!

Handy tip:

Decorate fruit with yoghurt writing or currants or sultanas



For more ideas, search 'Halloween' at healthy-kids.com.au



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Nutrition Snippet

MEAT-FREE MONDAY.

Get your family having more veg by making Monday 'Meat-free'.



Try these meat-free meals:

- [Mushroom, spinach and lentil lasagne](#)
- [Green frittata](#)
- [Eggplant tagine](#)

Any leftovers can be used in the lunch box the next day!

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Nutrition Snippet

WAR ON WASTE.

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



Want to know how you can reduce your food waste?

Check out our [blog](https://healthylunchbox.com.au) at healthylunchbox.com.au for more tips that will save you money, time and our planet!

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to make healthy party food.

Celebration season is upon us – but party food doesn't have to be unhealthy. Fruit and veg are bright and colourful and make the perfect ingredient for special party foods. Try these fun ideas:

- Watermelon fruit salad bowl
- Pita bread Christmas trees
- Frozen yoghurt pops
- Watermelon cookie cutter shapes
- Banana and strawberry candy cane



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Nutrition Snippet

SPRINGTACULAR FRUIT AND VEG.



Try these seasonal recipes:

- [Beef and broccoli stir fry](#)
- [Zucchini slice](#)
- [Healthy apple crumble](#)
- For these recipes and more visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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Nutrition Snippet

SAVVY SNACK SWAPS.



Swap cake for these healthy snacks:

- [Banana Bread](#)
- [Pumpkin and sweet potato scones](#)
- [Fruit loaf](#)

Check out our [interactive healthy swap guide](#) for more inspiration!

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