

Newsletter

5 November , Term 4 Week 4

Upcoming Events

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 Stage 1 – Sustainable Art Incursion – School Hall
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	NO Sportspro – Year 3-6 students 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
Friday 20 November	Sportspro – Kindergarten to Year 2 students are to wear sports uniform Summer PSSA Kindergarten 2021 Parents Meet and Greet at King's Park
Wednesday 25 November	Basketball Gala Day Sportspro – Year 3-6 students are to wear sports uniform
Friday 27 November	Sportspro – Kindergarten to Year 2 students are to wear sports uniform Summer PSSA
Monday 30 November	Year 6 BIG DAY IN
Wednesday 2 December	Sportspro – Year 3-6 students are to wear sports uniform

Principal Report



From the Principal's desk.

Week 4 term four- a busy time of the year as students and teachers squeeze in lots of learning and extra curricula activities.

Our first kinder orientation was today Thursday 5 November. This will be followed by another on Thursday 12 November. The two days will provide an opportunity for our new Kindergarten 2021 to see classrooms, meet teachers and participate in classroom activities.

Please remember to schedule an interview and complete an enrolment form if you haven't already.

Also a reminder we have playdates commencing Tuesday 10 November, followed by Friday 13 November, Tuesday 17 November and Friday 20 November. There is a limit of 10 Families per session. Miss Jennifer Kim, team leader on Kindergarten is coordinating and bookings are available through the school <u>denistonee-p.@det.nsw.edu.au</u>. 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.

Community

The P&C annual AGM was held last night and I am pleased to welcome the following office holders. Please note two positions remain unfilled, that of president and canteen coordinator. These will be re offered in the next meeting. If you are a financial member please consider taking on one of these roles.

President: Position Vacant Vice Presidents: Christy Tam and Boaly Cheung Secretary: Andrew Kwok Treasurer: Hayley Xiong Executive: Tom Lee, Doris Lan, Kate Spall, Mariana Zhang & Ming Cha Canteen Coordinator: Position Vacant Music Coordinator: Andrew Wong Grounds Coordinator: Melissa Mills Road and Safety Coordinator: Laura Papaianni 2nd Hand Uniform: Sally Piper

A massive thank you to Jenny Yin and the 2020 team. Many of the team are returning to roles in 2021- however we are saying goodbye to our wonderful president Jenny Yin, Jennifer Ayoul part of the music coordinator team, Kylie Tekell canteen coordinator, Hoi Cha executive member and Marlene Hsu part of the Road and Safety team. I would like to acknowledge both on a personal and school level the hard work and contribution you have made to the school community. You have been an authentic and valued partner in supporting the teaching, learning and wellbeing of our school community in a year that has seen us truly tested.

Principal Report

Teaching and Learning

Congratulations and cheers to our students for their extraordinary efforts and achievements across a diverse range of experiences.

Our six School Aerobics teams have dazzled in both state and national competition and all via video link. In the New South Wales State competition, the teams achieved 5 gold medals and 1 silver, with an additional gold for our solo competitor, Zachary from Lawson. Nationally we competed in the Spring Challenge with all teams receiving gold and another gold for Zac for his solo performance. The final accolade was delivered yesterday – Denistone East was named top performing primary school for aerobics in Australia for 2020.

Well done

Davynn- Suess Shelley – Flynn Zachary- Lawson Katia- Mabo Hannah- Lawson Sophia C- Seuss Clara – Gibbs Elena- Seuss Claire - S2 Mia- S2 Byron - Lester Nick- Reiby Virginia- Wentworth Danielle –Gibbs Joanna- Flynn Irisa –Flynn Ella – Chisholm Michelle – Mabo Sasha – Fox Alina- Potter Charlotte- Rowling Gemma -S2 Mihir- Lester David- Chisolm

Harlee –Seuss Marilena- Wentworth Amelie –Chisholm Olivia- Lawson Vanessa- Flynn Sophie K- Seuss Jane – Seuss Maya – Potter Jia- Dahl Daniel- Lester Joshua – Reiby

A pleasing result in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition with Ella from Chisholm reaching the regional finals with her prepared speech *Learning from the Past* and her impromptu *Be Careful*. Ella delivered two outstanding performances via zoom- a very difficult medium to convey message and meaning.

Likewise, our debating team had success in their competition coming third in a large NSW competition. Our 2020 competition team included the following stage three students;

Isabella W, Sienna J, Zachary L, Patrick D, Sidhya S, Olivia S, Ella H

Health and Hygiene

Please remember to include a water bottle everyday for your child, they are able to refill this from classroom taps.

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>. I will continue to provide regular feeds of information.

You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have. Maya Angelou

Michelle Collyer Principal

School Initiatives

A New Kindergarten Orientation Video has just launched!

We know Kindy Orientations aren't able to run as usual this year, but it doesn't mean parents need to miss out on all the important information these sessions provide.

The Nepean Blue Mountains LLW@S team at NSW Health, in collaboration with DoE and AISNSW, have developed a 5min video full of information and practical tips on:

- How to pack a healthy lunchbox
- Crunch and Sip
- Healthy School Canteens

Check it out <u>HERE</u> or share the links with families: Vimeo: <u>https://vimeo.com/473692962</u> or YouTube: <u>https://youtu.be/eMmnitS9amk</u>.

A Healthy Start to School

Access a free Kindergarten Orientation presentation with links to parent flyers.

You can easily customise the power point presentation for your school.

Visit the Live Life Well @ School Resource pages at: <u>www.nshealthpromotion.com.au</u>





Reclaim the Lunchbox

Reclaim the Lunchbox is a free face to face or online workshop designed to help parents get the lunchbox right from the first day.

Find out more at: <u>Nutrition Australia</u> **Book a workshop:** *Phone* – 9570 3990 *Email* – <u>admin@nutritionaustraliansw.org.au</u>

School Initiatives

Koala Day

Just a final wrap up on Koala Day from the end of Term 3. We sold hundreds of dollars of items, where funds went directly to The Koala Foundation and with the paddle pops, to WIRES for aiding the koalas affected by bushfires. On top of that, \$704 – was made in our profits to send to the Koala Foundation. This particular fundraiser also did a lot to raise awareness and have the students think outside of their own lives. Thanks all, for your participation and support.

Deborah Owen

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.

Multicultural Public Speaking Regional Finals

Congratulation to Ella from Chisholm who represented Denistone East Public School in the Multicultural Public Speaking Regional Finals via Zoom last Friday. Ella competed against 16 other students from NSW in this online competition. Ella delivered two outstanding speeches during the competition. Her prepared speech was '*Learning from the past*' and her impromptu speech was on the topic '*Be Careful.*"

Congratulations again to Ella on her fine performance!

Aerobics

The Aerobics coaches would like to congratulate all the Aerobics Teams on all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. They have achieved amazing results in the State Competition – winning 6 Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medal and now in the Oz Spring Challenge winning Gold Medals for each section. Yesterday we were named to top Primary School.

Well done! An amazing achievement.

Aerobics Coaches

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.







P&C News



President's Message Message from P&C Team

List of key dates for P&C events:

Date	Event
Sat, 14th Nov & Sun, 15th Nov	Family Portrait Weekend
Wed, 2nd Dec & Thu, 3rd Dec	Family Portrait – Photo Viewing Day

Message from P&C Team

Welcome to Week 4 of term 4. We have certainly been getting quite a bit of rain recently which brings to mind this quote by Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh "The best thing about the rain is that it always stops. Eventually." Oh well, at least it will be nice to see beautiful sunshine, lush greenery and vibrant flowers blooming after the rain.

With such unpredictable weather where it is cold one day and hot another, please take care and dress accordingly and stay warm.

P&C AGM last night

Thanks to all parents and commulty members who joined our Annual General Meeting last night. Congratulations to the newly elected P&C team. No doubt the new team members will carry on with much aplomb and bring some fresh outlook to the team. We are also super confident that in the coming year, many great initiatives will continue to be driven to support our school and it's community. While the transition from the previous to newly elected members would start immediately, we will ensure that the P&C function are carried out seamlessly.



Fundraising and Community Events

Family Portrait Weekend Fundraiser

Don't forget to sign up to the popular <u>Family Portrait Weekend</u> fundraiser!! There are only **13** spots left!

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.



P&C News

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 <u>www.trybooking.com/BLUYE</u> Or via QR Code $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$

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

\$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.



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

CONDITIONS * Parent/guardian to view own portraits on <u>2nd & 3rd December</u> 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

Please Book Online at more the booking come fit 197 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

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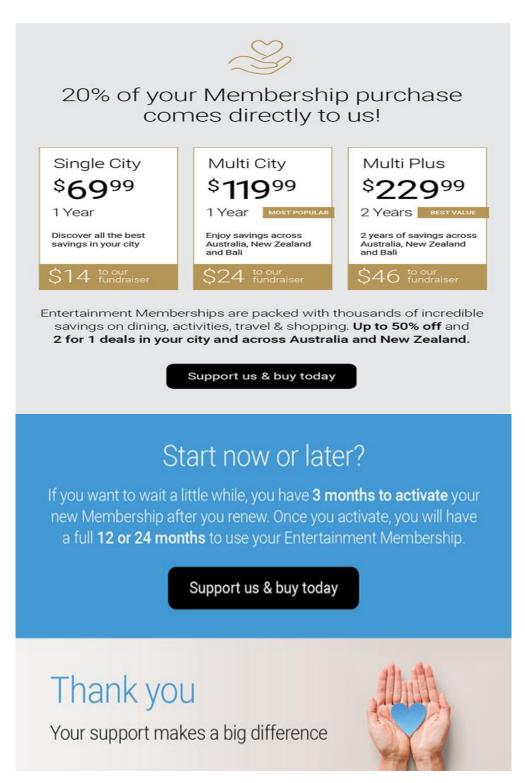




Digital Entertainment Book

This is all year around fundraiser program. By purchasing via P&C channel, 20% of your membership purchase comes directly to us! And the best part of this digital membership is allowing you 3 months to activate your membership.

Order link: http://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/217d861



P&C News

Grounds Report

Join us

Do you have suggestions about how to care for or improve the school grounds? We would love to hear ideas from you or join us at the next P & C meeting. Email: grounds.deps@gmail.com

Frog Week

Help conserve and protect our frogs during National Frog Week from $6^{th} - 15^{th}$ November. Australia's biggest frog count, held annually to understand where frogs are located and how they are responding to a changing planet. Did you know some frogs call in the day and at night?

Visit your local waterway, use the Frog ID app to record frog calls and identify which frogs live near you. See: <u>https://www.frogid.net.au</u>

> For great resources on building a frog pond or creating frog friendly habitats See: <u>https://portal.frogid.net.au/schools</u>

More Plastic Free Ideas

Ryde City Council reports that since Covid 19 began, there has been a significant increase in the disposal of single use plastic items. While we must all stay Covid safe, we can still follow some easy tips to reduce our plastic waste. Visit <u>www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/befantastic</u>, use reusable items, cups, water bottles or bring your own container for takeaway, see https://trashlesstakeaway.com.au.

A few reminders ...

<u>Sensory Pathway Pebbles</u> - Parents please remind your children to be an environmental steward by leaving the garden pebbles in place on the pathways for all to share. Look and admire, crunch and enjoy, not take and destroy. <u>Food Wrappers and the Canteen</u> - 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. <u>Reduce lunch rubbish</u> – prepare a wrapper free lunchbox with your child.



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=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".



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





Great songs! Musical activities! Cool music knowledge! Convenient at-school venue • Small group, 45-min weekly lesson Competitive rate KID Instrument not required initially Fun introduction to music To enrol: www.learnmusicatschool.com.au (02) 9411 3122 VIP Music acknowledges awareness & compliance with the health advice regarding COVID-19.

Learn Music on Keyboard at School (Enrol to start now or register for 2021)

VIP Music est. 1984

DRUM LESSONS FOR KIDSI ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES! • Years K-6

- \$25/ half hour
- One-on-One lessons
- Free trial session! • Local to Ryde area
- Fun way to learn
- music!

About the teacher: Ben is a drummer and a multi-instrumentalist in Year 11. He performs with Jazz Workshop Australia and is studying Music for HSC. His musical passions are Jazz, Rock and anything with a beat!

Contact Ben for more info!

0466 166 568

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benjago10@gmail.com

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Community News



Communities Relationships Australia (_0 . Parenting Support $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}$ ()_ The challenges you may face as parents: Hard to influence your child? Hard to build the connection? Hard to understand the value Hard to preserve the cultural tradition Wei Leu, the iculum rdinator of rday Sch munity uages NSW. Date Tue, 24 Nov 2020 Time 7:00 – 9:00 pm Locatio Zoom Webinar <u>്)</u> 🔵 Register nttps://www.eventorite. m.au/e/12602991185976 • We promote positive parenting <u>()</u> est in child rearing



Community News

Parenting Support

This FREE mandarin Parenting Support session is one of the Covid-19 support program RANSW provide to the parents living in Northern Sydney area.

The session is targeted for Mandarin-speaking parents (or grandparents who take primary carer role).

It isn't easy to raise children, let alone raising children between cultures. For the past year we've talked to many parents, often we got these questions: why does my child not listen to me? Where is their respect? Why do they label us as "Asian parents"? How can we preserve our cultural identity and live a full life?

The <u>Parenting Support Series - The Impacts of Cultural Differences in Parenting</u> is organized by RANSW and in partnership with Language Teaching Course of University of Sydney, Saturday School of Community Language. It will be a start point of our Parenting Support Series – Cultural Identity and Parenting Practice.

Our services are to create a safe and welcoming online environment for parents to share their concerns and worries, bring up-to-date parenting skills and practice and empower them to make better choices in parenting. As the result they are able to support the younger generation in healthy environment and response the challenges in a positive way.

Bookings are essential so register as soon as possible.

Services and Schools please help to distribute amongst your networks and clients/families.

Please see flyers attached for more information.

To register: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parenting-support-series-tickets-</u> <u>126029911859?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch</u>