

# Newsletter

10 December, Term 4 Week 9

# **Upcoming Events**

Friday 11 December	Sportspro – Kindergarten to Year 2 students are to wear sports uniform
	Summer PSSA
	School reports sent home
Monday 14 December	Movie Day – Kindy - <i>"The Wishmas Tree"</i>
	Movie Day – Stage 1 – "Arthur Christmas"
	Year 6 Farewell Dinner North Ryde Golf Club
Tuesday 15 December	Movie Day – Stage 2 & 3 – "Home Alone"
Wednesday 16 December	Year 6 Pizza Day
	LAST DAY of SCHOOL for students
Wednesday 27 January	Pupil Free Day
Thursday 28 January	Pupil Free Day
Friday 29 January	Year 1 to 6 First Day Back – Term 1, 2021
	Kindergarten 2021 - Kindergarten Best Start Interviews
Monday 1 February	Kindergarten 2021 - Kindergarten Best Start Interviews
Tuesday 2 February	Kindergarten 2021 - Kindergarten Best Start Interviews
Wednesday 3 February	Kindergarten first day of school 2021
Thursday 11 February	Swimming Carnival
Friday 12 February	Summer PSSA – Round 1



From the Principal's desk.

This is the final newsletter for 2020. I would like to personally thank you all for being a supportive and flexible community. It has been an extraordinary year and the support and generosity you have offered to the staff and myself has been amazing. The students,

your children, have remained focused and positive. I believe that from the adversity of the year they have grown in maturity, strength, compassion and resilience.

Our presentation day assemblies all provided a sense of occasion and celebration and it was lovely to see students being supported by a family member, their peers and the teaching staff. Congratulations to all the award winners, your hard work, talent and dedication is acknowledged and celebrated. The photos will be a lovely reminder of the occasion. Year 6 and Kindergarten enjoyed their graduation celebration – a little more low key and without the big audience.

Year 6 have missed a lot of their milestone events but I am proud they have shown maturity and strength of character to engage and enjoy the alternate events we have provided. I hope we dazzle them with their farewell dinner on Monday 14 December. Thanks to Elizabeth at *Cake Lady Cakes* and Alison from *Party Palace* for assisting us with turning our ideas into reality! Thanks also Liz Stewart and Kate Bowman for the ideas and theme.

Kindergarten 2020 have had a disruptive start to their schooling, they have made me proud by returning as ready and capable learners. Their achievements have been excellent. School data shows them as not only on track but surpassing our expectations.

Our new school leaders received their badges on Monday and are ready to step into their leadership roles in 2021. They have big shoes to fill.

Congratulations to Aishani and Lucas our new school captains and to the school leader team; Akira, Ella, Joyce, Nicholas, Rosie and Yoyo.

A big thank you to Eve, Zachary, James, Ella, Friyana, David, Koby and Hannah. You have been great role models of leadership for the school. You have modelled integrity and dignity and been willing participants in all aspects of school life. I hope that you all pursue leadership opportunities at secondary school and beyond.

Congratulations to our leaders, **Brolgas**: Nathan and Suyi, **Cassas**: Ashwin and Chloe, **Emus**: Joshua K and Harlee, **Kookas**: Edward and Sidhya.

Thank you to our outgoing house captains- Sheldon, Jack, Sofia P and Olivia from Brolgas, Irisa, Patrick, Erin and Phillip from Cassas, Krish, Katia, Jonathan and Sofia B from Emus and Alex, Amelie, Aryan and Joy from Kookas. Your commitment to team and individual sports at Denistone East has been valued and you have modelled fairness, skill and sportspersonship in all of your endeavours.

A big congratulations to Shirley from Stage 3 on her art work that was selected by Ryde City Council as part of their Christmas Banner display.



#### Thank you

Many thanks to the P&C 2020 and the incoming P&C 2021. The P&C has worked very closely with the school to optimise communication and support our COVID safe return to school. The staff appreciation lunch is a very appreciated and a looked forward to annual event.

The ice blocks for Friday are very appreciated by the students, a big thanks to our Korean community for their generosity.

Thank you to all our SRE and Ethics Teachers for continuing your programs as soon as it was safe and being supportive members of our community.

Thanks to Relationships Australia and Christian Community Aid for working with our families this year.

Finally, thank you to the amazing and dedicated staff at Denistone East who never faltered and kept giving their best during a very different year. Student wellbeing was a priority for all staff. I could not have asked for a more committed and caring team.

#### 2021:

The school has begun its school plan for the next three-year cycle 2021-2024, which includes external validation in 2021. The plan is guided by three strategic directions, 1. Student growth and attainment (this is mandatory for all schools) 2. Enhanced and collaborative teacher practice (draft) and 3. Culture of engagement and wellbeing (draft). The directions two and three are in draft and will be discussed further in early 2021.

**School returns for years 1 to 6 on Friday 29 January.** Kindergarten 2021 have been informed of their start dates and Best Start dates by email.

Below is a **draft only** of classes for 2021. This may change due staff changes (staff receiving permanent placement, transfers or promotion over the holiday period or changes in staff personal circumstances) and/ or student numbers being different to predictions.

### Early stage one (Kindergarten)

Jess Roberts (Team Leader) 3 days, Christine Hatcher 2 days Jennifer Kim Charlotte Gibson Lee Magri Yue Zhu Iona McFarland

#### Stage One (years 1 and 2)

Veronica Aspee (Team Leader) 3 days, Cara Horlin 2 days Year 1
Marny Yu Year 1
Allison Kenney Year 1
Steven Zapevalov Year 1
Annie Tapscott Year 1
Denise Chaouka Year 2
Madeline Harvey Year 2
Lauren Piras Year 2
Kathy Diaco Year 2
Sarah Rigby Year 2

#### Stage Two (years 3 and 4)

Michelle Pike (Team Leader) 3 days, Suzi Mackenzie 2 days Jacinta Vale Jess Saunderson 4 days, Jackie Turra 1 day Gabriela Marsic 4 days, Marcella Mura 1 day Milena Osorio 4 days, Vicki Engsall 1 day Alex Blasonato James Hutchinson Hea-Yeon Kim Aimee Burrow

#### **Stage Three**

Liz Stewart (Team Leader) 3 days, Kate Bowman 2 days Shelley Wilkes Kirsty Stuart Sharon French Lachie Janes Tahnee Whitfield Sophia Charalambous Mischa Hardy

#### **Support Unit**

Cheltzie Hall (Team Leader) 3 days, Pedro Vargas 2 days Ashten McPherson Jocelyn Lindley

Specialist and supporting staff will be confirmed early 2021.

We are welcoming back several teachers from family leave, either part-time or fulltime, Ms Cara Horlin, Ms Chelzie Hall and Ms Michelle Walker

Farewell to Miss Emma Davidson, Ms Belinda MacPherson and Ms Paulette Pocock. Thank you for your contribution to the learning and wellbeing of students at Denistone East. Miss Lucy Edmondston is leaving us on a temporary placement to Truscott Street. Miss Laura New remains in a rural placement for 2021. Ms Nilly Paktan will take 2021 as family leave as her bub is due to arrive in February. Ms Sarah Liang is also taking family leave for 2021.

Please all enjoy the break and celebrate the festive season with family and friends. Check out visitnsw.com or destinationnsw.com.au for some great day and longer trips. Remember City of Ryde and City of Parramatta for some local outings. Most of all stay safe.

Please keep up to date with changes to COVID responses via either the Department's website <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/">https://education.nsw.gov.au/</a> or NSW Health <a href="www.health.nsw.gov.au">www.health.nsw.gov.au</a>. I will continue to provide regular feeds of information as we approach the beginning of the 2021 school year.

At the end of the day your feet should be dirty, your hair messy and your eyes sparkling! Enjoy the holidays.....

Michelle Collyer Principal

### **2020 Words and Art Competition**



Congratulations to Yebin, S1 Cockatoo who was a shortlisted finalist in the 2020 Words and Art Competition. Over 150 students from 70 schools across NSW competed by drawing, painting or writing a response to the question – "What is your favourite book and why?' Yebin chose *The Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donalson. Below is Yebin's entry;

### Sustainable Art with local artist Nichola Bryan of 'The Bowerbird Herd'

In Week 5, Stage 1 students enjoyed a visit from local sustainable artist, Nichola Bryan. She demonstrated how she makes assemblage artworks of animals from discarded objects destined for landfill. She inspired students with her unicorn made from used party decorations and her rhino made from Nerf Gun pellets found in local playgrounds. Students then created their own vibrant sustainable artworks in class. You can view her works on her website: <a href="https://www.thebowerbirdherd.wixsite.com/home">www.thebowerbirdherd.wixsite.com/home</a>







#### **Aerobics and Wakakirri 2021**

Auditions have been held and finalised for Wakakirri and Aerobics for 2021. Unfortunately due to likelihood of student movement over the holidays we will not be announcing the names of these students until the beginning of 2021.

Thank You

Mrs Hyland & Ms Kenney

#### **Relationships Australia Parenting tip sheets**

#### Parenting tips: a complex job

Bringing up children is the most complex job you'll ever have, though it's easier when there is some agreement on how to do it.

As long as they know they are loved and cared for, and you keep them safe, there are very few absolute rights and wrongs about bringing up children. However, there are some important things to keep in mind:

- you are the most significant role model in their lives
- children need consistency, routines and boundaries
- children are individuals what works for one child, may not work for the other children.
- children need limits and choices

#### Talk to your children

The more you talk about big and small things with children every day from an early age, the more they are likely to talk to you about the things that worry them as they get older (including the big things that worry you). Talking about what's happening in the family, at school and in the wider world is a way of building trust, showing interest and showing them they are loved.

Start the talking habit early, before the complex teenage years have begun.

Children need to know you are interested in them and want to spend time with them

Being interested means you spend time playing Lego, bowling cricket balls, playing board games, baking a cake, reading the school newsletter, listening to a detailed account of how a sporting match or dancing class went, learning how the latest bit of technology works or listening to their favourite song – you'll often have fun, learn a lot, and it helps keep you connected to them.

It is important for you to know who their teacher is, who their friends are, their interests and to recognise when they are behaving differently. If you know your child well you will see if they are upset, worried or unwell and know how to support them.

#### Why rules and boundaries are important

Children need rules and limits to help them feel safe. It's also helpful for them to understand that parents make most of the important decisions that affect them and the reasons why. As they get older, children get to have more say about what happens in their lives.

Even when they are little, children benefit from making some decisions, because they learn from making good and bad choices. If you keep rescuing children from their own decisions, they don't learn anything (except that mum and dad are a soft touch). Sometimes breaking the limits you set is a good way for children to rebel and assert their independence in a safe way – better they test the limits at home than out in the wider community.

#### Children need you to mean what you say

If you make idle threats you don't intend carrying out, children soon learn you are not true to your word. "If you don't tidy your room, you won't come with us when we go on holiday." Do you really mean that – what will you do with them while you're away? If you say you'll ground your teenager for a month, you will have a horrible month – it may be better to ground them for a weekend and do family things together, rather than back down after two miserable weeks.

#### **Honesty**

If your child wants something you can't possibly afford for their birthday, it's better to say so than have them build up their hopes and be disappointed on the day. Children also need honest answers about life and death, sexuality, parental mistakes and world news. Keep your answers age-appropriate and apologise if you have made an error. It's better they learn things from you than from a dubious website or in the playground.

#### Be fair

Children are quick to pick up on what they consider to be unfair, so try to be balanced. If one child gets lots of parental time, treats and rewards because they are talented at something, it doesn't mean that the other children should all miss out. Try to balance your time and weekends fairly among all your children. Siblings know each other longer than anyone else in their lives, so the more you can do to encourage good relationships between them, the better it will be for them during childhood and later in life.

Relationships Australia NSW counselling can help you discuss family relationship issues you are having. We also offer programs to help you increase your parenting and relationship skills.

# Article about Family Relationship Centre Family Counselling – You Don't Have to Cope All On Your Own

All families struggle from time to time. Worries about changing relationships, arguments, difficulties at school, families separating, financial worries and health concerns are all common struggles that can affect everyone. When families start to feel stuck it can lead to unhappiness and hurt, or feel quite overwhelming. Family Counselling can provide space for families to explore these difficulties, hear each other's perspectives, rebuild trust, heal and strengthen relationships.

While not always possible, counsellors really like to see the whole family. This allows them to get a good understanding of everyone's needs, ensure concerns are listened to, and to support everyone involved in making changes and resolving struggles.

Family Counselling doesn't have to be a long commitment. Families might meet with a counsellor once, or a few times. Some families might see things change in the direction they want quite quickly. Others may take a little longer as their worries are more complex.

You don't have to cope all on your own. A little bit of support may make a big difference. If you would like more information about Family Counselling please speak with your school counsellor or ring Relationships Australia on 1300 364 277.



# **Denistone East Public School**



#### **Student Leavers Form**

Student Name					
Stude	nt Class				
Student Address					
Student Phone Number					
Last day of School					
have notified the school via email					
New S	School				
Parent Name					
Signature Date					
Office Use Only					
	Principal / Class teacher emailed		Library		
	New Arrivals and Departure Spreadsheet		Finances cancelled		
	Release from ERN		Withdraw from EBS4		
	Rolls – Class and Scripture	as <del></del> 2			
	Student Record Card taken out and put in leavers box or sent to new school if NSW government.				



# President's Message Message from P&C Team

#### **Message from the P&C Team**

The festive season is upon us! How nice to see Christmas decorations out in the stores and to hear the lovely Christmas jingles. Glad to see people are out and about and making the best of things. Time has indeed passed really fast and what shall 2021 brings us? This will be the last newsletter of this year. We wish all of you good health and happiness, and a bright and cheerful holiday. May peace, love and joy be with you always!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Farewell soon, 2020 and welcome 2021!!

P&C - Be Involved!

## Opportunity to become part of P&C executive members President position – VACANT

Calling for an enthusiastic parent to fill this position! It is currently still vacant. Why not give it a go?!!

The President is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings
- The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Chairing meetings

Please email depssec@gmail.com if you are interested or if you have further questions.

### **Family Portrait Weekend Fundraiser**

The Family Portrait Weekend fundraiser was a big hit with the school community!! No doubt many families were excited to receive their lovely portraits last week!

We are happy to announce the winners of the lucky draw! Thank you to Mrs Collyer for helping to draw 3 winner out of a bag randomly. Congratulations to these winners!! An email has already been sent out to you.

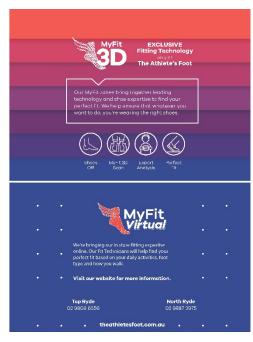


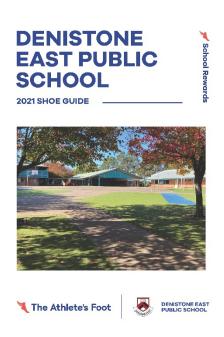
- 1 x 4-Poses Portrait Pack (worth \$248) Y. H Cheng
- 1 x \$50 Gift Card X. She
- 1 x \$50 Gift Card L. Singh

### **Athlete's Foot Program**

DEPS P&C has collaborated with Athlete's Foot in a fundraising program. Every time you buy a pair of school shoes from Athlete's Foot @Top Ryde City and @Macquarie Centre, don't forget to mention the name of our school and \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased will go towards P&C who in turn will re-invest it back to the school.

For further information, please refer to the brochure below.









- Digital Entertainment Book
- 2020 Xmas \* is coming!
- Fantastic time to purchase Entertainment book, helping us(DEPS P&C) raise more fund.
- And most important is getting some great deals for the upcoming festival season.
- https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/217d861



# Get together to eat, play & have fun these summer holidays

LOOK HOW MUCH YOU CAN SAVE!



Takeaway lunch for 4

Member offer: 25% off Savings: Up to \$40



Activity with the kids

Member offer: 2 for 1 Savings: \$16.50



Family cinema pass

Member offer: Special offer Savings: Up to \$40



Meal and food box delivery

Member offer: 25% off Savings: Up to \$80

How much you could save in a day with an Entertainment Membership\*

Up to \$17650

## Teachers & Staff Appreciation Lunch on Thu, 10th December





## **Grounds Report - Welcome to Summer**

With warmer weather and longer days, it is a great time to appreciate green spaces and the cooling shade of trees. We are fortunate to have school grounds with a variety of areas in which to learn and play. An increasing amount of research supports the positive effects and importance of green play spaces for children, resulting in:

- Enhanced academic achievement, with improved grades in maths and English
- Developing scientific, imaginative, critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Better leadership, communication, social interactions and resilience
- Promoting mental and emotional wellbeing
- Improved physical health and spatial skills
- Better connections to nature and stronger environmental values

So many terrific reasons for students to be good environmental stewards, by showing respect for our school grounds, keeping them looking well cared for and litter free, making it a great place to learn and play.

Further reading: <a href="https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00305/full">https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00305/full</a>
For more articles see: <a href="https://research.childrenandnature.org/research-library/">https://research.childrenandnature.org/research-library/</a>

### World Soil Day on 5th December

Beneath our feet lies a whole world of living creatures, including bacteria, fungi, earthworms and insects; working to keep plants alive and the soil fertile. Without them, there would be no food or environment for humans to live in. Soil contains 25% of our planet's biodiversity, yet only 1% of species are currently known. Soil is essential for agriculture and the global carbon and nitrogen cycles. The Food and Agriculture

**Outside**When I Play

I am learning about

Absorbtion Adaption Action Arranging Animals
Autonomy Balance Belonging Calculating Caring
Cause and Effect Change community Creative Thinking
Culture Chemical reaction Interest Classification Conference
Co-operation Creatures CLASSIFICATION Conservation
Communication Confidence Connection Conversation
Depth DISTANCE Density Experimentation Evaporation
Friction Friendship Force Gravity Height Inertia
Invention Identification ITINSECTS
Light Initiative Language Listenag Literacy Independence
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IPINSICS Planning Problem solving
Plants Questioning Reaction Risk Responsibility
Resilience Regulation Representation Supension
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...and much, much more!

Organisation (FAO) aims to raise awareness of the importance of healthy soils by encouraging people to protect and improve soil health and fight biodiversity loss. Watch a terrific video about the importance of soils in supporting our life on this planet: <a href="https://youtu.be/hbdsHOnd\_gw">https://youtu.be/hbdsHOnd\_gw</a>

#### Join us

We need more parents interested in making the school grounds the best place to learn and play.

Do you have suggestions for improvements? We would love to hear ideas from you or join us at the next

P & C meeting. Email: grounds.deps@gmail.com



# **Road Safety**

Kiss and Ride Zone - These zones operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. You're required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle. Days and hours of operation may apply to some zones.

A super special thanks to all the parents, carers and community members for your support. And also, to the Mayor and Council of Ryde for listening to our concerns and granting the change needed to help with road safety around the school.

A massive thank you to Laura for all her hard work and dedication in getting the Kiss and Ride zone approved on Henderson Rd adjacent to the school. The aim is creating a better traffic flow and allowing children to be dropped off and picked up as safely as possible. Parents, we urge you to use this area with care and the safety of children to remain our utmost priority! And remember....

We know more needs to be done and we are working closely with Council to address all issues and concerns as required.

# **The Cottage Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The secondhand uniform shop will be back in 2021. Please keep an eye out for more information in 2021 newsletters.

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

### **Music News**

# Music News - Join the Music Program in 2021!

Learn to play an instrument in 2021 and join our wonderful DEPS band and string programs!

**Band** is open to children in Years 2–6 in 2021. Our Training Band for complete beginners; no experience required. Senior Band is for students with at least one year experience. The band instruments are: Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone Horn, Bass Guitar, Percussion, Drums and Keyboard.



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**Strings** is open to children in K–6 in 2021. Beginner string ensemble is to commence in 2021. Our Stravinsky (intermediate) ensemble is for students that have been playing for more than one year. Maher (advanced) ensemble is for students that have been playing for at least 2 years and are very proficient at reading music. The instruments in string ensemble are Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass.

#### Learn to play an instrument!

We have fantastic music tutors at school teaching private lessons on many instruments, including flute, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, violin and more.

#### Want to know more?

Lots more information about our music program is on the Music Partnership website: <a href="https://musicpartnership.com.au/school/denistone-east-primary-school/">https://musicpartnership.com.au/school/denistone-east-primary-school/</a>. To enroll or to learn more, please email Alex Bieri at alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au

# **Uniform Shop**

### 2021 Commencement of school term opening times and arrangements

### Opening times week 1 and 2 of term 1 2021

Wednesday 27 January (Staff development day) 10:00-2:00 No appointment necessary.

Friday 29 January 9:00-11:00 By appointment

Tuesday 2 February 2:00-4:00 By appointment

Wednesday 3 February 9:00-11:00 By appointment

Friday 5 February 9:00-11:00 By appointment

#### **Opening arrangements**

The preferred method for uniform sales during the COVID-19 pandemic remains online. Online ordering through flexischools.com.au will continue to be available as normal. Orders will be packed and sent home with the students with no need for parents to come to school to collect the order.

The Uniform shop will have extended opening times for the first 2 weeks of the 2021 school term. This will include opening on Wednesday 27 January which is a staff development day. On this day only no appointments are necessary, however there will be a number and ticket system in place, and parents are asked to show patience and to comply with social distancing measures whilst waiting for their number to be called.

When students have recommenced at school, from Friday 29 January, we will be returning to an appointment system, and parents will be required to sign in at the school office prior to visiting the uniform shop. To make an appointment please call Sam on 0448019999 or Amy on 0424848865.

While guidelines and restrictions relating to COVID 19 are fluid, these arrangements will be reviewed as needed in consultation with the school to ensure the ongoing safety for the school community.



# ALL DAY CAMP 9AM-3PM GREAT FUN TENNIS ACTIVITIES

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- Painting
- Dancing
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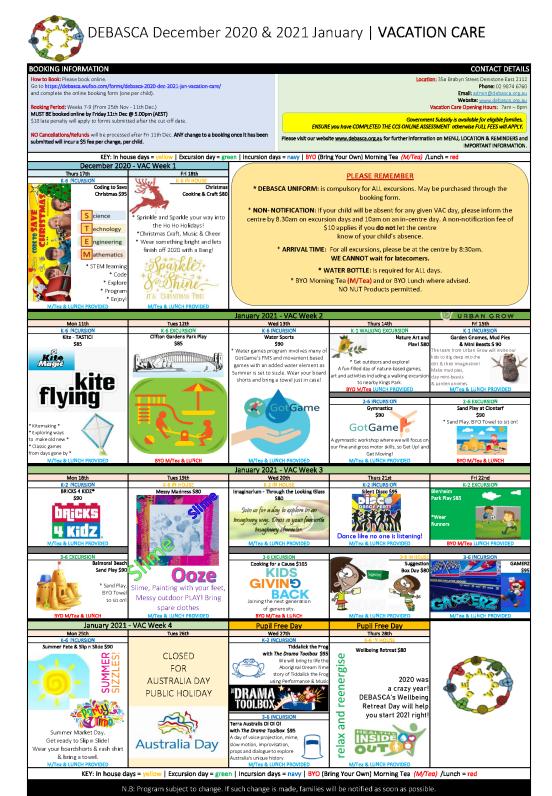
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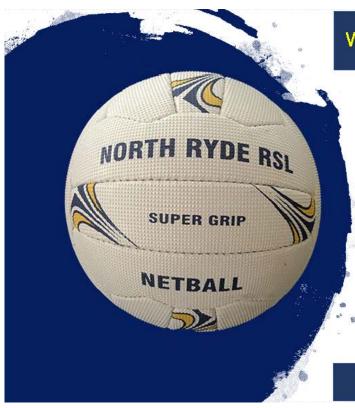


# 리틀러너스 특별 프로그램 **킨디 입학준비 웹세미나**









# Welcome to North Ryde RSL Netball Club

Inviting interested players of all playing levels,
Ages 6 years to Seniors,
to express interest to join our club for
Season 2021.

Simply click on the link below and complete the form.

**EOI NRRSL netball 2021** 

Registrations open 1 January, 2021
Active Kids Rebate Voucher accepted

Further Registration Enquires: nrrsljuniorreg@gmail.com

