



D.E.P.S Newsletter 28 July 2023

## Term 3, Week 2



## Upcoming Events

Monday 31 July	Education Week Stage 3 Swimming Program
Wednesday 2 August	Education Week Open Day Morning – 9.15am – 11.45am Sports Pro – Year 3 – 6 – Students to wear sports uniform
Thursday 3 August	Education Week – Mid week concert – 6.00pm
Friday 4 August	Sports Pro – Year K – 2 – Students to wear sports uniform. PSSA Winter – Round 12
Monday 7 August	Stage 3 Swimming Program
Tuesday 8 August	Awards Assembly – Celebration of Achievement – presentation of Co-curricular awards years 3-6 (including some year 2 Athletics awards) invitations will be sent to recipient's <a href="#">family</a> Growing Strong Minds Parent Workshop – 6pm to 7pm P7C Meeting – 7.00pm
Wednesday 9 August	Sports Pro – Year 3 – 6 – Students to wear sports uniform
Thursday 10 August	Teddy Bear Hospital Visit – Echidna, Wombat, Possum
Friday 11 August	Sports Pro – Year K – 2 – Students to wear sports uniform. PSSA Winter – Round 13
Wednesday 16 August	Sports Pro – Year 3 – 6 – Students to wear sports uniform
Friday 18 August	Sports Pro – Year K – 2 – Students to wear sports uniform. PSSA Winter – Round 14

## From the Principal



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Additionally, special mention goes to Owen Chan, from S3 Lawson, who accompanied the choir. Owen's remarkable talent as an accompanist was recognised and appreciated by all.



Well done to all the students involved! Your outstanding efforts have truly shone through, and your achievements are well-deserved. Keep up the fantastic work! Thank you, Ms Marny Yu, and Ms Lauren Piras,



Kindy visited Calmsley Hill Farm and enjoyed a day in the sunshine learning about farming. Many thanks to staff and parent helpers for supporting the day.

Wishing the Year 4 students sitting the Opportunity Class Placement Assessments on Thursday the best of luck.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 2 August: - Education Week

- Education Week Open Day 9.15am- 11.45am Program to follow.
- Stage 3 students will be hosting a 'morning tea' cake stall. Parents are invited to stay and enjoy morning tea with your child/children after the Education Day activities commencing at 11.05am to 11.45am.

Thursday 3 August: - Education Week

- Mid-year Music Concert 6.00pm

Tuesday 8 August:

- Tuesday Week 4
- 2.00pm – Awards Assembly –Celebration of Achievement - Presentation of Co-curricular Awards years 3-6 (including some year 2 athletics awards) Invitation will be sent to recipient's family.

- 6.00pm Growing Strong Minds Parent Workshop School Library
- 7.00pm P&C Staffroom

10 August:

- Thursday week 4 Teddy Bear Hospital visit- Echidna, Wombat, Possum

11-13 August:

- Friday- Sunday Week 4 Aerobics National Finals Adelaide

## Growing Strong Minds

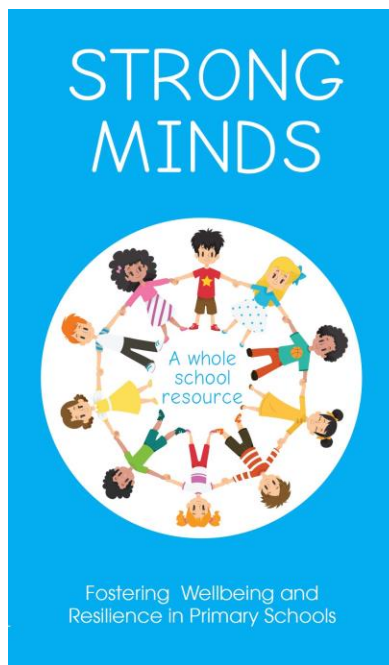
**Strong Minds** We are continuing the implementation of the wellbeing package called 'Strong Minds'. It is a whole school approach to wellbeing for all students from K-6, staff and parents. It is based on developing twenty-four scientifically validated character strengths.

Nicole Nossiter the author of the Strong Minds Program will conduct a staff workshop and a parent workshop on Tuesday 8 August.

**Our Parent Workshop will be held in the School Library from 6-7pm on Tuesday 8 August.**

A note was sent out on Compass last week.

If you are interested in attending this workshop please fill in your details and return the slip to the school office **by Monday 7 August.**



### STRENGTH BASED PARENTING SESSION

We are implementing a wellbeing package called **Strong Minds**. It is a whole school approach to wellbeing for all children in K-6, staff and parents. It is based on developing twenty-four scientifically validated character strengths.

Research into character indicates that when we know and apply our top five signature strengths our wellbeing improves. Signature strengths have also been found to be positively associated with academic performance, motivation and effort (Lounsbury, Fisher, Levy, & Welsh, 2009).

**Growing Strong Minds** will conduct staff and parent training. The student lessons will be delivered by the classroom teacher as part of the Health & Physical Education curriculum. It is important to note that this is not a therapeutic program but a health promotion initiative to build resilience.

We encourage you to find out your top strengths by completing the free VIA Survey at: <https://www.viacharacter.org/survey/account/register>.

The **Strength-Based Parenting Session** will explain how you can also identify your child's strengths; develop strengths; spot strengths; praise and discipline with strengths. These types of discussions help to build relationships, self-esteem, and promote a strengths based language within our school community.

If you would like any further information please visit our website or contact your class teacher [www.growingstrongminds.com](http://www.growingstrongminds.com).



## Library News

### Book Week Dress Up Day

Get your Book Week costumes ready!

As part of our Book Week celebrations, students are encouraged to dress up as book character for the day. If possible, students can bring a copy of the book to share with the class and/or parade with.

This is not a mufti day. If students do not wish to dress up, they wear their school uniform and are encouraged to draw or paint a picture of their favourite book/character.

Read, Grow, Inspire is this year's Book Week theme.

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There will be a K-2 Parade and Rug Reading on Thursday 24 August commencing at 9:15am. Parents and careers are welcome to attend.

#### Premier's Reading Challenge [PRC]

The following students recently completed the challenge:

Year 3 – Enci, Maya, Ableton, Anna H., Ranveer, Ryan S., Shivanish, Nina

Year 4 – Bella C., Alfie, Ethan L., Rajeev

Year 5 – Latasha, Charlotte, Yan, Michelle, Daniel K., Kiera, Hayley P., Shreya, Koko, Jeremy, Harper

Year 6 – Emma, Charlotte A., Ainnie, Chloe J., Riley J., Suli, Joyce, Dylan

Reminders: closing date Friday 18 August.

#### Scholastic Book Club orders

Issue 5 orders due Wednesday 2 Aug. Please use LOOP payment – if you haven't already done so, directions on how to set up are on the catalogue.

In this issue, Scholastic are giving away FREE books to help celebrate and spread the love of reading. This offer is valid for LOOP orders only.

Ms Armstrong (Teacher Librarian), Mrs Mittal and Sue Bell – Library Team



## P & C News



Denistone East Public School  
Parents & Citizens Association



For latest information on P&C, go to: <https://www.depsandc.org/>

Or Contact Us: [depssec@gmail.com](mailto:depssec@gmail.com)



## **Key Dates:**

**P&C General Meeting - Tuesday 8th August 7:00pm**

**Father's Day Stall - Thursday 31st August**

**Father's Day Breakfast - Monday 4th September**

Dear School Staff, Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school term3 and i sincerely hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable school holiday.

The next P&C meeting will be the first event for the term, please keep your eyes out for the invite and agenda which will be sent out once a date is secured pending the school execs' availability. As always, everyone is welcome to the meeting and it's a great opportunity to meet other parents and the teaching staff.

Father's Day is also just around the corner and planning has already started, more updates to come on planned events and we will be calling out for volunteers, again a great way to get involved and be engaged with the school community.

In the meantime, I hope everyone has a fantastic term3.

### **Calling out for Roles in 2023 P&C Committee!**

In particular, we are urgently searching for:

1. P&C President (This is an Office Bearer role)
2. Canteen Payroll Officer
3. Grounds Co-ordinator Please contact us if you're interested: [depssec@gmail.com](mailto:depssec@gmail.com)

## **Canteen News**

Order online: <https://www.munchmonitor.com/account/login>

School Register ID: denistone

Password: munch2122

**REMINDER** - Recess & Lunch Cut-off, Change of time – 8:20 am (on the day of your order)

If your child is sick parents need to cancel lunch order before 8:20am. If you miss the cut off time to cancel your order you will be charged the full amount of the order.

Log in to [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com) and go into the day you want to delete the item. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and find the "delete order" button.

### **Canteen Volunteers**

Thank you very much to all of the volunteers for your amazing support! Please see the volunteer canteen roster for Term 3 below. Please sign up if you can assist. If you can't make it on that day, please text message (0421 388 154) or email (denocanteen@gmail.com) to canteen.

[VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Canteen Volunteer Register 2023 - Term 3 signup sheet](#)

## Music News

In the music department, we have the following important events coming up:

1 August 2023

Our Senior Band and Senior String Ensemble are representing DEPS at Ryde Eisteddfod. The performances are scheduled to take place at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club at 10:00am. For those parents who wish to see their children perform, tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for concession card holders available either online or at the door. The school will provide further instructions for the participating students and their parents as to drop-off and collection arrangements in due course. All the best to the participating students from the Senior Band and Senior String Ensemble.

3 August 2023

The Mid-Year Concert ("Junior Night") will be held on Thursday, 3 August 2023 and is scheduled to begin at 6.30pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be available for the participating students and parents from 5.30pm. At the concert, there will be numerous soloists, duets and trio who have been busy preparing themselves for their performances in addition to all the bands and string ensembles. Please note that all parents and carers, who have their children enrolled in the music program, are welcome to attend and are, however, required to RSVP to the Music Coordinators at music.deps@gmail.com by 28 July 2023 for catering purposes.

## Cottage News (2nd Hand Uniform Shop)





### **Location**

In a small white building adjacent to the COLA next to DEBASCA on the Henderson St side. Please make your way through the vegie garden and past the shed on the left.

### **Volunteers**

Looking for volunteers to help support the Second Hand Uniform Shop. We gratefully accept assistance with laundry, shop opening and sorting. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out via email. (Note: Anyone with some sewing skills? Let us know by email, we may have something you can help with)  
Email: [depscottage@gmail.com](mailto:depscottage@gmail.com)

### **Donations**

Good quality school uniform items are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off at the school office.

### **Appointments**

The Cottage second hand uniform shop is only open by appointment.

We are trialing a new method for booking appointments to allow people to select a suitable and available appointment time. Appointments can be booked online at the following link:

<https://calendly.com/depscottage/appointments>

Bookings will be able to be made and cancelled via the link.

Reminders will be sent prior to your booking as well.

Cottage Shop Dates for Term 3:

Friday 28 Jul: 9:15 - 9:50

Thursday 3 Aug: 8:15 - 9:30

Friday 18 Aug: 9:15 - 9:50

Thursday 24 Aug: 8:15 - 9:30

Thursday 7 Sep: 8:15 - 9:30

Friday 15 Sep: 9:15 - 9:50

Thursday 21 Sep: 8:15 - 9:30

If you would like to request a day outside the schedule, please email [depscottage@gmail.com](mailto:depscottage@gmail.com) and we will advise if we can accommodate your request.

## Road Safety News

Road Safety team is open to anyone sharing and providing any direct input or ideas surrounding the management of traffic and general road safety around the school.

So feel free to reach me at:

Jan Ruardy

0410717770

[Jan@1bc.com.au](mailto:Jan@1bc.com.au)



## Fundraisers

### **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.

### **Entertainment Book**

Come support us by buying the Entertainment Book Membership! From shopping to dining, to travel, get what you love and give back to our cause. Buy today and 20% goes directly to our fundraising cause.

Click on this link to purchase: <https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/217d861>

## Uniform Shop News

Online orders can be placed through <https://www.flexischools.com.au/> at any time and will be filled twice weekly and sent home with your child. There is no need for parents to come to school to collect uniform orders.

### Trading Hours During School Term

Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm

Wednesday 9:00-10:00am

Friday 8:30-9:30am

### Exchange and Returns

Exchanges and Returns can be dropped off in the school office. Please complete form, package it together with the items you wish to return. Your new items will then be packaged and sent home with your child. Please allow a few days for this process.

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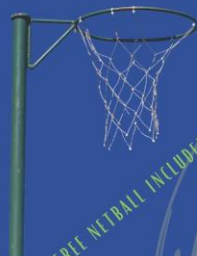
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& Sunday 6th August  
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**Pioneer Park, Marsfield**



 [saints.asn.au](http://saints.asn.au)

For more info email :  
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