



D.E.P.S Newsletter 8 September 2023

Term 3, Week 8



Upcoming Events

Monday 11 September	Stage 3 Swimming Program Zone Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 13 September	Stage 3 "Wicked - The Musical" - Lyric Theatre Sports Pro - Year 3 - 6 - Students to wear sports uniform
Thursday 14 September	Stage 3 Lawson - <u>three way</u> learning conversations
Friday 15 September	Sports Pro - Year K - 2 - Students to wear sports uniform.
Tuesday 19 September	Celebration Assembly - 2.00pm
Wednesday 20 September	Stage 1 - <u>Fizzics</u> incursion Performing Arts Concert - Riverside Girls High School - 6.30pm Sports Pro - Year 3 - 6 - Students to wear sports uniform
Friday 22 September	Sports Pro - Year K - 2 - Students to wear sports uniform. LAST DAY OF TERM 3

From the Principal



A busy two weeks at Denistone East. Three-way learning conversations saw a very strong participation rate. Notable was the increased student voice in the interviews with students demonstrating a strong understanding of their learning goals and their responsibilities as learners.

The P&C have made a huge contribution to school and community engagement with a successful Father's Day Stall and Father's Day BBQ. Thank you to the fundraising and events team, DEBASCA and school staff for hosting a huge breakfast for over 350 people. Raffles, food, and coffee provided the perfect finale to say thanks to our Deno Dads. It was also lovely to see many grandfathers participating.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to National Swim Champion Chloe J Stage 3 Hargreaves. Chloe has achieved a Gold and Silver medal in the National Swimming Competition. We are all very proud of Chloe who is talented, committed, and passionate about her swimming. Wishing her continued success.



And in Art.....

Liam K – 2nd Place and Eric C 3Rd place

2023 Korean Performance Contest Artwork category organised by the Korean Education Centre - Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Sydney.

Diary Dates:

Zone Athletics is next Monday 11 September (week 9) with 55 students competing from Denistone East. Wishing them good luck.

Stage Three are off to **Wicked** (the musical) on Wednesday 13 September in the afternoon. Thanks to Mr Zap for arranging this opportunity.

Stage One have **Fizzics** Incursion on Wednesday 20 September.

Performing Arts Concert Wednesday 20 September 6.30pm Riverside Girls High School Theatre (a showcase of our diverse creative and performing arts)

Friday 22 September final day of term.

Teachers have been discussing working mathematically in professional learning and sharing what learning looks like from Kinder to year 6. Tuesday afternoon was an opportunity to analyse student work and take a learning walk K-6. Teams developed a richer understanding of how the foundations of learning in the early years promote an environment of curiosity, risk taking and confident problem solving as the rigours of learning increase over the primary years.

Stage Teams have begun planning for term four, with time to continue to understand the new curriculums and resource, ready for term four learning.

This week we have also celebrated SASS appreciation week, where we say a big thanks to all our administration and learning and support staff. Our office staff are the backbone of the school, supporting families and teaching staff. Our student support officers work shoulder to shoulder with our classroom teachers in supporting the diverse learning needs of many of our students. If you get the opportunity, please say a big thank you to the team for all their work.

Library News

AUTHOR VISIT

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we had the highly acclaimed author Jane Godwin visit our school on Wednesday 30 August. Students were starry-eyed as they listened to her share her stories and childhood experiences. Jane discussed how personal experiences can provide inspiration to create a story. She also shared insightful stories of how she puts herself in the shoes of the character/s she wants to write about... this included walking in a forest in the dead of night!

Meeting Jane Godwin strengthened and reinforced our students' deeper understanding that authors are people too, just like them! And that becoming an author is a very real possibility for anyone who shares that same dream.



BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

What a great turnout for our Book Character Parade and Rug Reading on Thursday 24 August. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended and helped with costumes - the students looked fabulous! A big thank you to all the staff who also dressed up for the day - you also looked fabulous!



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE [PRC]

The Premier's Reading Challenge has ended!

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the 486 students who completed the challenge this year.

The following students recently completed the challenge:

Year 3 – Sebastien, Colin, Lucas W.

Year 4 – Chris, Andrew Y.

Year 5 – Kirsten, Ara, Ethan C., Ryan, Zachary, Han Seol

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

MindQuest Program 2023

MindQuest

GLENWOOD HS
Cnr FORMAN AVE & GLENWOOD PARK DR
GLENWOOD 2768

On **Saturday & Sunday 4 & 5 November 2023** the 99th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend *MindQuest* will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in over **35 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program**. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$240 (including GST).

Contact your school for a brochure or Shelagh Poray 02 9748 1084
Closing Date: **Friday 13 October 2023**

MindQuest 2023

Glenwood HS

Cnr Forman Ave & Glenwood Park Dr Glenwood
Saturday & Sunday 4 & 5 November 2023 9.30-3.30pm
For High Potential & Gifted Primary Students

The Courses

Secret Missions Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Enjoy solving problems.
- Love designing and making things.
- Enjoy working in a team.

Do you like to create things to solve secret messages and word problems? Solve the spaghetti challenge, build the tallest tower to hold your team's flag and solve other secret missions. Learn about design processes, present your team's design and discuss its strengths. Challenge yourself to think outside the square!

How Does The Earth Work? Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Are interested in volcanoes and how the earth changes.
- Like making models.

Welcome to the thrilling journey of exploring how our wonderful world changes over time! We will dive deep into the fascinating processes that create magnificent rivers, great earthquakes and towering mountains. You'll get to be a hands-on scientist and engineer as we build our own volcano and unlock the mysteries of our ever-changing world!

Young Writers Workshop Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Love writing and are imaginative.
- Like expressing your ideas.

Would you like to write your own play? If you love writing, enter the world of heroes and heroines, winged horses and fantastic creatures. We will have fun writing scripts, making costumes and scenery to finally perform your extraordinary creation in front of an audience.

Science Action Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Are interested in Science.
- Enjoy making things and seeing how they work.

Can you design a vehicle that travels on land and water or a rocket that travels into the beyond? This course will stimulate your curiosity and challenge your thinking as you design a variety of vehicles capable of moving in air, land and water. Working in small groups you will have fun learning about the wonders of science!

Matherragic Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Love mathematics.
- Think creatively and enjoy constructing.

Do you want to have fun with numbers, use a calculator and do tangram and tessellation puzzles? Learn the many ways to solve puzzles using logical thinking skills! Use your creative skills to build the tallest tower! This enjoyable course is full of challenges, and games.

Young Scientist Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Like design, problem solving and creating things.
- Are interested in Science.

This is a hands-on course that will stimulate your curiosity as we challenge your problem-solving and design skills. Learn about electrical circuits and electromagnets, design the strongest bridge and learn all about air pressure. All the girls who have done this course just love it!!!!

Light, Colour Action Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Love to create and design.
- Interested in the world around you!

In this amazing adventure, you're going to explore the world of colours and light! Colours make everything come alive! We'll investigate how colours appear in light from objects, discover the hidden colours of inks, learn about secret codes, and discover the workings of the human eye!

We'll also get creative and make some awesome things. We'll design and build our very own kaleidoscopes. We'll also create colour wheels that will show how different colours mix and interact with each other. We'll combine the magic of science and art to make learning a colourful and exciting experience.

Pitch Me Perfect! Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Love expressing your ideas.
- Think creatively and quickly.

Introducing the amazing Pitch Me Perfect for creative and curious you! Get ready to unleash your imagination and showcase your creativity as we dive into the world of posters, brochures, jingles and even a TV commercial.

Together, we'll create captivating visuals and catchy slogans that will grab everyone's attention. You'll learn how to use your artistic skills to effectively communicate your message. Get ready for a thrilling adventure that will enhance your language skills and expand your creative thinking. Let your voice be heard!

Closing Date Friday 13 October 2023. For enquiries and late applications, please call Shelagh Poray on 02 9748 1084

Fun, Foam & Floaty Bits
Years 2

This will suit you if you:

- Love to paint, create and explore.
- Like using inks, pastels, plasticine, wire and collage materials.

Become an artist as you will feel the sea through your hands. Discover that you can create fish swimming through gardens of coral. Be inspired by other artists as you work with a variety of materials to create paintings, models and collages based around a sea theme. This course will introduce you to art, using so much more than a paintbrush!

Funfair Funfair
Years 3-4

This will suit you if you:

- Enjoy learning about how things work.
- Like craft and making things.

Spin, flip and whirl your way to an understanding of simple machines and how they work! Collaborate with other students as you perform experiments and solve challenges.

Then use the design process to construct your own model funfair ride using simple machines. Will you create a pretty carousel, a superfast rollercoaster or an original fantastic ride you've dreamed up using your imagination

Clear As Crystal Years 3-4
Introduction to Geology

This will suit you if you:

- Want to learn more about earthquakes, volcanoes & plate tectonics.
- Are interested in rocks or like collecting & classifying them.

Do you ever wonder how mountains and continents are formed? Do you want to know how earthquakes are caused and volcanoes erupt? Would you like to grow crystals and view them through a microscope? Explore the secrets of the earth's crust and make models in this exciting and challenging course.

Adventures in Art
Years 3-4

This will suit you if you:

- Are highly creative and artistic.
- Enjoy manipulating different materials to create new and interesting art work.

Put on your artist's hat and get ready to unleash your imagination and express yourself through art. Along our journey we will explore the remarkable works of Australian artists and draw inspiration from them to create our own unique masterpieces.

You'll create cool, clay critters, print fantastic frogs using special techniques. It's like art with a touch of magic! Get ready for a fun-filled and inspiring journey of artistic discovery!

Maths Detectives
Years 3-4

This course will suit you if you:

- Love and have an aptitude for maths.
- Like solving brain-teasing puzzles.

In this course you'll challenge yourself to be a 'Maths Detective'! You'll whiz through logic puzzles and have extreme fun creating and decoding messages. In this course you will learn new strategies to enhance your problem solving abilities and become more aware and 'world-wise' linking learning with life!

The Wonderful World Of Harry Potter
Years 3-4

This will suit you if you:

- Love Harry Potter and other "magical stories".
- Enjoy reading, writing and acting.

Can you explain Quidditch to a Muggle? Would you write a war cry for Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff or Ravenclaw? What would you do to a Snape or Quirell?

In this workshop we will create spells, Sorting Hat songs, house war cries and magical adventures. We will also act out parts of *Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone*. You must have read this book to attend the course.

Crime Stoppers Junior
Years 3-4

A crime has been committed and we need your help as a forensic scientist! You will be briefed on the crime and asked to investigate the scene, collecting any possible evidence which might help.

Applying the latest techniques, you will analyse everything from fingerprints to ransom notes, footprints to fibres. You will then have to prepare your evidence to present in court. Have you kept an open mind and checked all possibilities and angles? The court case will tell!

Egyptology
Years 3-4

This will suit you if you:

- If you want to learn MORE about life in Ancient Egypt.
- Can read at an advanced level.

Visit 3000BC, Ancient Egypt and the time of the Pharaohs. Investigate the mystery of the Afterlife and The Book Of The Dead. Test your knowledge of magic and medicine, deities and wands in this world and discover the secrets of being happy in this life and the next.

In this course you will create clay tablets inscribed with hieroglyphic messages, make your own papyrus and design and create an amulet that will aid your passage into the next

Apply on line at
mindquest.net.au



The closing date is
Friday 13 October
2023

Our courses fill up very quickly, so send in your application early. Put down only those courses that your child wishes to participate in!

**Chemistry That's Goopy,
Bubbly & Mysterious!**
Years 3 4

This will suit you if you:

- Are interested in science and technology
- Are curious and have an inquiring mind.

Work out what's happening as things change, froth or bubble. Solve problems as you analyse chemical concoctions. Test ideas as you try to make a polymer of a model you have produced yourself.

You will investigate the chemistry of everyday substances and carry out chemical reactions to learn how substances behave. You will be challenged to use this new knowledge of chemistry to discover the contents of mystery bottles. Activities will include goosy polymers, acid bases, mystery powders and colourful chemistry!

Drama Drama
Years 3 4

This will suit you if you:

- Love to act & express your ideas creatively.
- Have a great imagination & like to work with others.

Your imagination is one of your most important assets, it allows you to create other worlds, creatures and characters. Enter the world of the theatre as you learn to improvise, improve your performance skills and dazzle the audience.

Mission to Mars
Years 3 4

This will suit you if you:

- Love stars and space.
- Are curious and enjoy learning new facts.

Have you ever wondered what's out there? Would you like to know more about the solar system, space travel and the mysteries of deep space? In this **INTRODUCTORY** course we shall discover black holes, constellations, the marvels of lunar landings and the future of travelling to the red planet.

Mind Your Own Business!
Years 3 4

This course will suit you if you:

- Are creative and like inventing.
- **MUST** be able to work in a team.

Do you like designing your own inventions? How about creating advertisements, logos and catalogues? Or would you prefer acting as a CEO and running the show?

In this course you'll be working in small business teams to showcase your inventions. Designing, creating, innovating and inspiring others will be on the agenda. Can you meet deadlines and win this year's Best Business Award? This course promotes critical and creative thinking with many opportunities to showcase individual talents in art, writing, design and drama.

Creative Cartooning
Years 4 5

Learn the secrets of the world's most famous animation artists! Create your own cartoon characters, make them run, jump and leap about! Draw any weird or wonderful creature your imagination can conjure up.

The award winning creator of two popular comic strips will lead you through this fast paced, fascinating cartoon drawing workshop and unleash your creative potential. Do you want to know the best bit? It's fun!

Art Moves
Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Are creative and artistic.
- Enjoy experimenting with new ideas.

Explore printing, collage, painting & drawing in ways you have never thought of before.

Learn to use all these techniques to create unique and beautiful art works on a journey through your imagination!

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Send in your applications early as our courses fill up very quickly!

Dynamic Debating
Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Are confident in speaking with others and are a team player.

Do you like to state your opinion? Can you see both sides of the story? Do you want to learn how to express your point of view to win an argument?

In these workshops you'll learn the basic elements of debating. You will be working in teams to develop topics and case lines, gaining the necessary skills for a full scale debate. Watch exhibition debates and learn the secrets of first class debating.

**Shakespeare's Heroes &
Villains** Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Love drama
- Enjoy English and poetry.

Meet some of Shakespeare's most lovable, devious and evil characters. Imagine you are a witch conjuring up evil spells, a king preparing his troops for battle, a young prince pursuing his father's killer or a practical joker. These are some of the wonderful characters you will be! Discover Shakespeare's fantastic mediaeval world and enjoy recreating some of the famous scenes from his plays!

**Chemical Reactions:
Mystery Gases** Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Enjoy science and problem solving.
- Love learning how chemicals work.

Challenge your thinking as you find out about chemicals and their reactions in this practical hands-on course.

Discover how colour helps chemists solve problems and learn the secrets of universal indicators. Unlock the mysteries of chromatography, polymers, the periodic table, acids & alkalis. Solve the code used by chemists. This fun filled course is a must for anyone who is interested in all things chemical!

Trial By Jury Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Interested in the law
- Are a good reader, self-motivated learner and can work cooperatively.

Guilty or not guilty? Who committed the crime? Who was the thief? You will learn how to prepare a case and present it in court to a judge and jury. You'll learn to analyse information, think logically, prepare an argument, effectively question and present convincingly. In this exciting course presented by a barrister, you will take on several roles including that of a barrister, member of the jury or witness to the crime. The court is now in session!

Adventures in Oceanography Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Are interested in the underwater world.

Our oceans are a vital part of our world and such a precious resource! In this course you will discover the infinite variety of living things that live in or near the ocean, understand currents, tides and how sand is made.

We will investigate some of the problems facing our oceans such as global warming and oil pollution. We'll be conducting exciting experiments and engage in activities that will spark your interest and deepen your understanding. So let's make a splash and explore the wonders of our oceans!

Lego Robotics Years 5 6

This workshop is ideal for all creative problem solvers who love to design and make awesome stuff! You will be working in pairs to develop robots that will overcome challenges, perform like superstars and conquer their opponents...they look cool too!

Lego Robotics is fun to learn. It's exciting, challenging and rewarding. You'll get to grips with software and hardware and learn to use linkages, gears, sensors to control your robot. Girls who are creative and interested in science and design have loved this course!

Forensic Science Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Can read at an advanced level.
- Are a self-directed learner who likes persevering through complex problems until you find an answer.
- Enjoy solving real life problems using modern technology.

This exciting hands on course will challenge your thinking skills. You will be:

- Analysing information, thinking logically, questioning evidence and preparing an argument.
- Learning up-to-date forensic methods including: analysing fingerprints; taking casts of footprints; DNA profiling; examining evidence using microscopes and much much more!

Mysteries & Conclusions Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Enjoy puzzles and challenges.
- Are an above average reader.
- Love discussing your ideas with others in small groups.

For hundreds of years people have been fascinated by the great mysteries of the world. Have you ever wondered what happened to the crew of the ghost ship, Marie Celeste? Did aliens really land at Roswell?

In this challenging course you will become a detective, investigating notorious mysteries from the past and present your own possible solutions. If you like getting to the bottom of a mystery then this course is for you!

A Space Odyssey Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Interested in the universe and astronomy.
- Enjoy learning new factual knowledge.

Climb on board as we start our journey through our own solar system with the latest images and information from robot probes. Discover the differences between Red Giants and White Dwarfs. Find out what causes a super nova and what happens when you fall into a black hole.

Travel on to explore life in the universe. Find out could aliens really exist and are UFO's real? Join our adventure to the stars and beyond!

Theatre Sports Stars Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Have a lively imagination.
- Like working in groups.
- Can think on your feet.

This course is an introduction to the wonderful world of Theatre Sports. Improve your communication skills and polish your performance techniques whilst learning the golden rules of effective improvisation.

Step boldly into the Theatre Sports Arena, bring your wit, wisdom and a wicked amount of courage. Stun and amaze your audience with your ability to adapt and perform!

Digital Animation and Video Editing Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Have a great imagination.
- Would like to edit and produce your own digital movie.
- Enjoy working in groups.

Explore the exciting world of animation and digital video creation. This course will have you creating sets, scripting, filming and editing a short animated film. You will be using the latest computer software and digital cameras and be covering topics including lighting, sound recording and film making.

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Or scan and email
application to
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MindQuest 2023

Glenwood HS

Corner Forman Ave & Glenwood Park Dr, Glenwood 2768
4 & 5 November 2023 9.30-3.30pm

We are so excited to be back in this 28th year of the MindQuest program! Held at Glenwood HS, Corner Forman Ave & Glenwood Park Drive, this fast paced and challenging offers 35 exciting courses for high potential and gifted students, Years 1-6. It is designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities.

Course Leaders

All course leaders are experts within their fields. Their backgrounds vary widely. They represent primary and secondary schools, as well as tertiary institutions. Each one is committed to fostering students' potential. Many have been involved in developing and teaching programs for gifted and talented students.

Students Who May Wish To Apply

In the past these courses have proved very successful for a range of students:

- Gifted and/or high potential students
- Gifted underachievers
- Students of well above average abilities with a special interest.

The majority of students applying have been nominated by their schools. However, if you believe that your child is in one of the above categories and has not received a form, or is a sibling of a past participant, please contact the MindQuest program for an application form. If your child has a physical or learning disability or medical condition please make sure that you inform us in the medical section on the application form.

Kindergarten Students

Each year we have a number of enquiries from parents of kindergarten children who wish to attend. In general, we encourage parents to wait until the next year except in the case of exceptional students. These children not only have high intellectual ability and language skills, but demonstrate excellent reading, writing and hand eye coordination equal to that of an advanced year 1 student.

Course Selection

Your child will participate in one course for the weekend. Please choose carefully and ONLY put down those courses that your child would like to attend. We do place children on course in the order that we receive applications, however we take into consideration the balance of the courses in terms of age and gender. Advanced placement on our courses is available for outstanding students. You will need to ring Shleigh Poray on 02 9748 1084 to determine suitability prior to filling in the application form.

Cost & Part Scholarships

The fee for the MindQuest Enrichment Weekend is \$240 (including GST). A limited number of part scholarships are available for students whose families find themselves in difficult economic circumstances. Please contact us for details.

Refunds & Credit

A full refund is issued for any course cancelled. Refunds will be available prior to the closing date on Friday 13 October 2023. After the closing date no refunds or transference of credit to the next weekend can be issued unless a medical certificate is received. Please do not ask. If your child has COVID like symptoms please keep your child at home and email us an update.

Confirmation

You should receive a email/letter giving details of your course before **Tuesday 1 November 2023**. If we are unable to place your child on course we will contact you by email/ letter prior to this date. If your credit card is charged you know your child is on course. **Please contact us immediately if you have not received notification prior to Tuesday 1 November 2023.**

Apply online
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or Scan and email to
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MindQuest Enrichment Weekend Glenwood HS
Saturday & Sunday 4 & 5 November 2023 9.30-3.30
Application Form

Personal Details (Please write clearly in black pen/Scan and email. Please do not use if applying online)

Given Names _____ Surname _____
Home Phone _____ Date of birth _____
Address _____
_____ Postcode _____ Grade/Year _____
Email Address (Parent) _____
School _____ Male Female

Please list up to six enrichment courses in order of preferences.
You will participate in only **one** course for the weekend.
Please list **ONLY** those courses you are willing to attend.

Course 1 _____
Course 2 _____
Course 3 _____
Course 4 _____
Course 5 _____
Course 6 _____

Contact numbers and names for this weekend

1 Name	Number
2 Name	Number

Payment may be made by credit card
Apply online at mindquest.net.au or Scan & email glenwood@mindquest.net.au

Cost of attending the enrichment weekend is **\$240 (including GST)**. Payment by instalment is available for families with 2 or more children attending. Contact Shelagh Foray for information on 02 9748 1084.

Credit Card Details

Please debit my Visa Mastercard for the amount \$ _____
Card Number _____ / _____ / _____
Expiry Date _____ **Card Holders Name** _____
Signature _____

Medical Information. Please indicate below any illnesses/conditions in case medical treatment is required or that course leaders/organisers need to be aware of.

Parent/Guardian Consent
In the event of an accident or illness during the weekend I give permission for my child to receive medical attention. I have informed the NSW Talent Centre of any condition/illness which may inhibit or affect treatment. I have read and understood the REFUND policy.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____

Tell Them From Me Semester 2

This Semester in Term 4 we will be completing a suite of online Tell Them from Me surveys.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be completing their survey online in **Term 4 week 1** in their classroom with instructions, information and their individual log in and password being accessed online. If you do not want your child to participate in the survey process please return the opt out note that was sent home via Compass this week, by Wednesday 20th September.

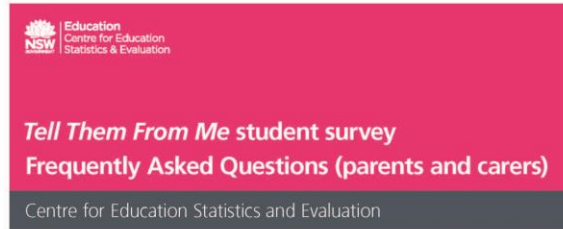
The *Partners in Learning* parent survey, is another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between **Monday 9th October and Friday 3rd November**. Although participating in the

survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. A link to the Parent survey will be sent out via Compass early next term.

More information about the survey is available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/about-tell-them-from-me->



1. What is the Tell Them From Me student survey?

The Tell Them From Me student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the student point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **primary schools:**

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Behaviour at school	Effective learning time
Use of ICT for learning	Homework behaviour	Teaching relevance and rigour
Sense of belonging	Interest and motivation	Persistence
Positive relationships	Effort	Experience of being bullied
Valuing school outcomes	Skills and learning challenge	Advocacy at school
Positive teacher-student relations	Expectations for success	Positive learning climate

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **secondary schools:**

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Homework behaviour	Expectations for success
Skills and learning challenge	Academic self-concept	Behaviour at school
Experience of being bullied	Truancy	Sense of belonging
Interest and motivation	Effective learning time	Aspirations: finishing Year 12, University, TAFE
Positive relationships	Effort	Teaching relevance and rigour
Wellness	Valuing school outcomes	Positive learning climate
Academic buoyancy	Advocacy at school	Advocacy outside school
Positive teacher-student relations	Use of ICT for learning	Persistence

3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your child's school has decided to participate.



4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

5. What does my child need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. Schools will make computers or laptops available so that students can complete the survey during school hours.

6. Does my child have to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped. Parents/students have a right to apply for access to, and correction of, a student's information.

7. Will the school be able to identify my child from their responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will not be made available.

A small number of staff in the department's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) will have access to individual student responses for the purpose of state-wide

analysis. Individual students' data will be held on a secure server with access strictly limited to CESE researchers. The researchers are interested in trends only – not in individual student responses. No student will be identified in any publication. No school will be identified unless they have given permission.

8. What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of students at their school. CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data.

The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between wellbeing, engagement, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

9. Can all school students participate in the survey?

The primary school survey is designed for students in Years 4 to 6. Schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in these year groups to participate. Secondary schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in Years 7 to 12 to participate.

10. When will the *Tell Them From Me* survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools at the end of Term 1 and (optionally) Term 3/4.



What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the NSW Department of Education. CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales. CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education. More information about CESE is available at: www.cese.nsw.gov.au

What is *The Learning Bar*?

The Learning Bar specialises in research-based design and facilitation of student assessments and survey solutions for both primary and secondary students. The in-house research team led by the President, Dr J Douglas Wilms, undertakes extensive projects used in the school system to affect national policy. It is against this research that the survey, *Tell Them From Me*, has become the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of the ten provinces. Globally, more than 6,300 schools and 5.4 million students have participated in the survey over the last twelve years.

Dr Wilms recently held the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development. He plays a lead role in the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). For purely administrative purposes, *The Learning Bar* will also have temporary access to identifiable student responses to the survey questions. Other than *The Learning Bar* and CESE researchers within the department, identifiable student responses will not be disclosed to any other person or body other than as required by law.

More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: www.thelearningbar.com

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CESE via email: TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone: 1300 131 499.

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P & C News



Denistone East Public School
Parents & Citizens Association



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

Or Contact Us: depssec@gmail.com

Key Dates:

Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 31st October 7:00pm

Dear parents and caregivers,

To all the dads and father figures out there, I hope you had a fantastic Father's Day, and you were able to attend the Father's Day breakfast on Monday morning. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny morning to host the event and it was a great vibe & sight to see so many people at the event and lots of people mingling.

It has been a very hectic last couple of weeks, in addition to the Father's Day breakfast there was the Second-hand Book Fair and Father's Day Gift Stall all happening in the last week. Like previous events, these events are only successful due to the invaluable contribution & support from the wonderful P&C members, volunteers, and the school admin & teaching staff, it takes a lot planning & effort to stage these events and to bring the school community together.

Thank you to all those who attended the events over the last week, and those who made a donation which will enable the P&C to hold more events and contribute to the different school initiatives to benefit the student community.



Canteen News

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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

On 4 September 2023, our students in the Senior Band and the Junior String Ensemble were able to showcase their talents as they put on exceptional performances for the Father's Day Event at the Jacaranda Cola. It was a great opportunity for the Senior Band to go over their repertoire before their highly anticipated performance at the NSSWE Spring Music Festival to be held on 9 September 2023 at the Concourse, Chatswood. It was also great to see our students from the Junior String Ensemble enjoying their rare opportunity to perform with their Conductor, Ms Maggie at school events. I'd like to extend my special thanks to Mr Gavin Darby of Bennelong Music and all the parents for their invaluable assistance in setting up for the bands and their performances.

Upcoming music related events are as follows:

9 September 2023 The Senior Band is scheduled to perform their repertoire consisting of two pieces they have been practising tirelessly for the last few months at the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) Spring Music Festival 2023 to be held at the Concourse, Chatswood at 7pm. Those participating students from the Senior Band are required to arrive at the Concourse, Chatswood by 6pm in their full band uniform and with their own instruments including drumsticks and guitar leads. During the concert and interval, the students will be backstage waiting to perform or seated in the Dress Circle with

their conductor and supervisors until the concert is finished. Once the concert is finished around 9.15pm, the participating students will be released to their parents at a designated drop-off point. More detailed instructions will be provided to the involved parents closer to the concert via the group WhatsApp. Best of luck to those participating students and look forward to seeing their performance at the NSSWE Spring Music Festival 2023 on 9 September 2023.

13 September 2023

Our stage 2 music students are off to an excursion to the Sydney Conservatorium of Music by bus. The bus will leave the school at 9.30am and will be returning to school at approximately 2.30pm. During the excursion, there will be two student ambassadors from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music who will be assisting our students with the Campus Tour through various departments. Following the campus tour, the students will be able to attend a free lunch time concert. This will be a truly exciting opportunity for our music students to be able to observe firsthand how the program is being delivered at one of the most prestigious music institutions in Australia.

20 September 2023

Our students in the Senior String Ensemble will be performing at the upcoming Performing Arts Concert at Riverside Girls High School along with other performing arts groups within the school. More information such as what time to arrive will be provided in due course. Please note that there will be entry fees of \$5 at the door (CASH ONLY) which will go towards to our Creative Arts Program.





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

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 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 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



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.

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Uniform Shop News

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Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm

Wednesday 9:00-10:00am

Friday 8:30-9:30am

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Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Allison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.

For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact us:

 (07) 3735 3351

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