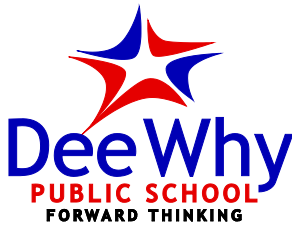


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Term 1 Focus: Lets Read

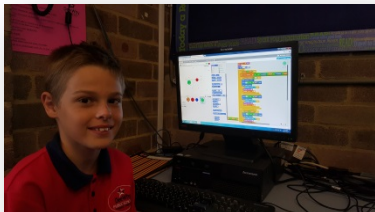
Dee Why PS App

Dee Why Public School has a new App! This will allow your phone to receive the the latest newsletter and also messages and notifications about activities and events at the school. Take a look...

To get started, follow the instructions below:

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- 2) Search for "Schoolzine"
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Kids Coding

Wednesday afternoon sees the Enrichment group come together in the library to work with Mrs Clark, in what has become known as the 'Hour of Code'.

A group of about 15 students from years 3 – 6 have been learning the basics of Code. Coding is the ability to read and write machine language and think computationally. It is a symbolic arrangement of data or instructions in a computer program. Students are

involved in playing games and participating in activities which teach them how to write, debug and remix their own and other's code as problem solving and creative exercises.

We are currently learning how to write lines of code using Javascript and create our own designs using this. Through learning code, students develop digital literacy skills, problem solving and lateral thinking; and develop their understanding of the digitally enhanced world around them.

Thank you to Mrs Clark and Mrs Whitehead for running and organising our fantastic Enrichment Group!

Grandparents and Friends Day 2016

On Thursday 24th March, our students celebrated Easter in remarkable style with an Easter hat parade and morning tea with their Grandparents and friends. The community spirit was truly alive with an incredible number of families turning up to support their children.

Prizes were awarded to a boy and girl in each class for the most spectacular Easter hat. We are extremely grateful to our school community for donating the books and eggs awarded to students. Thank you to the P&C for compiling the book prizes and being part of the judging panel.



Congratulations to our Year 2 choir, Mrs Rika-Heke and the Year 1 teachers and students for their wonderful Easter items.

A special mention must also be made to Dee Why Delights, Jackie and her team of volunteers, who supplied hot cross buns for the special Grandparents and friends' morning tea.

But, the most significant achievement from this family extravaganza was the incredible generosity shown by our school community in the 'donate-a-book' drive. Mrs Clarke and her support crew of Mrs Scollay and Mrs Carrapetta, collectively took sales of over \$800 in new books for our school library. Well done Dee Why Public School.

Thank you also to the teachers who spend countless hours stapling, sticking and cutting Easter craft to make the end of term and Grandfriends' Day such a memorable event.

Thank you to Mrs Whitehead, the committee and staff for running and organising our fantastic day, and thanks you to the P&C for their judging, prizes, hot cross buns and Easter eggs!



Working Bee Wonders

Our first Gardening Bee for 2016 was a great success. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a very large turn out of enthusiastic parents, students and staff, who all worked together to help beautify our school grounds. Whilst Mr Wyllie and his team continued work started in Term 4 2015, on gardens at the front of the school hall, other parents helped weed gardens, prune and plant new trees and shrubs in several established gardens.

The transformation of the space surrounding the grass court was our main focus for the day and it was a resounding success. Our tireless workers young and old were manned with shovels and wheel barrows with the aim of making this area safer and more pleasant for our students to use.

To complete a fabulous day, Jackie Rajcany and her team of helpers supplied everyone with a delicious barbeque and refreshments.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped on the day, as it's your efforts that help to make our school a better place.

Thank you to Mrs Webster, Mr Wyllie and Mrs Rajcany for organising a super Working Bee!

Upcoming Events:

ANZAC Day, Thursday 28th April, 11.30am
NAPLAN, 10-12th May

Mark Chaffer
Principal