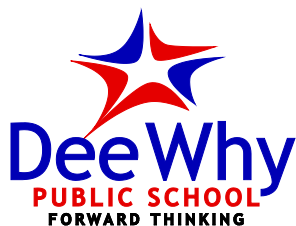


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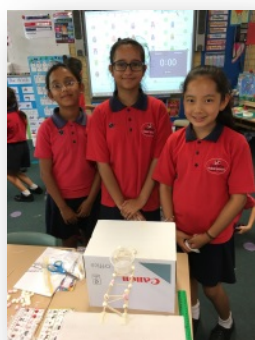


Principal's Report – April, 2017

Term 4 Focus: Respectful Learners

New Students, New Smiles

First days at school can sure be daunting, but our new students and our new kinders have made it look very easy. Not only are our new students very confident and enthusiastic, but are assisted by the caring and professional staff and very protective student body that have looked after them through out the week. Many examples have been seen of teachers guiding the new students with friendship groups, whilst older students have taken time to demonstrate new games and activities for the new students to join in with. Older boys and girls have also helped with what to buy at our canteen, Dee Why Delights.



STEM Enrichment

Enrichment involves the modification of the curriculum to allow brighter students to explore topics in greater breadth and depth, and to promote higher level thinking, exploration and investigation!

This Semester, Miss Watson will lead a Years 3-6 STEM Enrichment group, where students participate in a series of curriculum based lessons with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Miss Watson has a passion for learning and has resourced an exciting educational program designed to build skills in collaboration, reasoning and inquiry. Students were nominated for the STEM Enrichment group by their class teacher and in consultation with teachers from 2016.

We are thrilled to offer these Enrichment activities for our students,

stay tuned for photos of Term 1 projects!

PBEL and our Dee Why Stars

Positive Behaviour Engaging Students (PBEL) is a school wide program that is all about creating a positive and encouraging learning environment where students know what is expected of them.

Our fantastic school leaders are helping with PBEL each week at Monday's assembly. They are reminding the student of the PBEL Expectations in the different locations around the school. This week, they spoke to the boys and girls about the best behaviour in the classroom:

Respect

- Listen when others are speaking
- Address teachers and students by their name
- Use manners to ask for help or equipment
- Be thankful for help from others

Responsibility

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- Put your hand up to contribute or ask questions
- Focus on the activity that you should be doing
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Look after your own and school equipment

Personal Best

- Encourage others
- Be positive
- Persevere with challenges
- Learn something new every day

The leaders then, dressed as our Dee Why Stars, run our lucky draw of the students names that have received Dee Why Stars for following the PBEL Expectation during the week.

Dee Why Band Begins

There is an exciting new extra-curricular activity being offered at Dee Why Public School! We will be recruiting students for the Training Band in 2017, and as students become more experienced with their instruments, a Concert Band will be formed in the coming years.



What is training band?

Training band is for students with no previous experience in learning a musical instrument. Students may progress to the concert band (to be formed in 2018) in the following years as their skills develop.

Who can be in training band?

Any student in Years 3-6 in 2017.

What are the steps to join band?

Talk to your child about the recruitment concert on Thursday 9 March. The Cromer High School Band and Strings Ensemble performed for all students in Years 3 - 6, and the individual instruments that make up the ensembles were demonstrated.

At the recruitment concert, the Expression of Interest forms were handed out. If your child is interested in joining, please complete and return the form to the office by Thursday 16 March. Please note that completing the form is NOT a commitment to join the band.

If an Expression of Interest form has been submitted, your child will be invited to a "Blow Test" on Friday 17th March. You will then receive the Band Director's instrument recommendation.

In summary, if your child is interested in joining the band:

- attend the recruitment concert on Thursday 9 March;
- return a completed Expression of Interest form to the office by Thursday 16 March;
- have a blow test in around week 7 and await an instrument recommendation; and
- register (more details about how to do this to come when instrument allocation is given).

What are the 2017 instrument hire fees?

Full year \$100 (due Week 10 Term 1 2017) Please contact the school if you require financial assistance with instrument hire.

Upcoming Events:

ANZAC Service, 28th April 10am
NAPLAN, Term 2 Week 3

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