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# Principal's Report – August, 2017

## **Term 3 Focus: Carnivale**

# **Opera House Honours**

The boys and girls from the school Recorder Ensemble did the school proud by participating in the Department of Education and Communities' Festival of Instrumental Music, held in the concert hall of the Sydney Opera House. The ensemble joined hundreds of other students in rehearsals and the evening performance of a variety of pieces.

Thank you to Fran Kean and John Sheldon for conducting and supervising our clever musicians on this prestigious evening!



#### **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 K-2 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 last year. We are thrilled to offer these Enrichment activities for our students, stay tuned for photos of Semester 2 projects!

#### **Dancing with the Stars**

Last week saw the start of our Dance Programs at Dee Why in preparation for our Carnivale event in September.

K-5 participated in their first Footsteps lessons. Students danced to the latest tunes and showed us their rhythm and co-ordination. They were all so excited about their dances and are looking forward to their lessons continuing every Monday this term.

Year 6 students showed us how to dance with a partner and master the Cha Cha and are looking forward to learning more of their partnered dances. Miss Broughton, Mr Wyllie and I are so proud of their attitude towards this new program as well as the amount of respect they are showing each other.





# **Working Bee Wonders**

The second working bee for 2017 was a fantastic success!

With page-load of names on our sign-on book, we had a good turn-out of children, parents, and staff to begin the transformation of our 72 Fisher Rd site. Special thanks to the following families for assisting on the day: Yolanda Alafaci, Madison Maloy & Clint Maloy, Ka rehung, Tenzin Phenthok, Tenzin Dolkar, Tenzin Rangdol, Tenzin Saldon, Nga, Tenzin Dhamdul, Tenzin Ngawang, TashiTseten, Tsering Wangmo, Tenzin

Lodoe, Tenzin Khado, Tenzin Zogdhen, Tenzin Dolma, Tenzin Tendhar, Jerome Muehlbacher, Tenzin salden, Tenyang, Tenzin Shakya, Tenzin Lhamo Uga, Tenzin Metok, Tenzin Dahla, Tenzin Rigzang, Siobhan, Georgie, Carla & Ewan Hall, Lopsang Dundup, Tenzin Kunkyb, Tenzin Chokrab, Passang, Tenzin Jorden, Tenzin pema, Eva & Mia Fernandez, Nedy & Gordon Smith and Aayan Jawad.

Extra thanks to staff John Wyllie and Marea Webster for leading the troops, and Nick Pye and Suzi Langford for lending a hand.

# Carnivale is coming to Dee Why this Term...

Everyone put on your dancing shoes and tune up those wonderful voices because Carnivale is coming to Dee Why. Put Wednesday, 20th September in your diaries for a whole day extravaganza!

Every student will be involved in singing and dancing on the day. All our dance classes will be up and running by Week 2, so don't forget to ask your child or children how they enjoyed it! A

note will be sent home from your class teacher about costumes in the next few weeks.

Also, information on how to buy tickets will be coming soon. Carnivale is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diverse cultures in Dee Why.

So please come along and enjoy the day with us

# **Upcoming Events:**

El Kid Opera, 11<sup>th</sup> August (Week 4) Working Bee, 26<sup>th</sup> August (Week 6) P&C School Disco, 1<sup>st</sup> September (Week 7) Carnivale, 20<sup>th</sup> September (Week 10)

Mark Chaffer Principal

