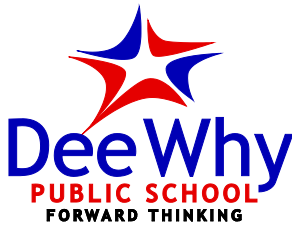


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Principal's Report

Term 1 Focus: Mathemagicians

Welcome

On behalf of my staff, welcome to the new school year to all current and new families of Dee Why Public School. We are excited and ready to continue the wonderful journey of learning. Teachers have collaboratively developed strong teaching and learning programs for their classes based on the NSW Board of Studies Syllabus and our school scope and sequence plans. There will be many learning opportunities being provided to students as we move forward. The school newsletter, school's website and school social media channels provide details of school events and directions.



Good Start to School Year

Students have settled into their new classes. It has been a very smooth transition for all children especially our kindergarten classes. In total, there are 13 classes with 280 students enrolled at our great school. To support our classroom teachers, there are 4 specialist teachers and 6 ancillary staff.

Parent Teacher Evening

Last Thursday evening, the school received a healthy rollout of parents to the Parent Teacher Evening. A whole-school discussion by myself, Dean White (Director) and school staff was complemented by comprehensive meetings by classroom teachers. Teaching and learning programs were discussed, along with a range of reminders about daily school life.



School Strategic Directions 2015 - 2017

The Department requires all schools to develop, implement and evaluate their 3 year school plan. This will be the first year of implementation. Throughout 2015 and beyond, we will be working on the following strategic directions:

1. STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1 - QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING

- To enhance teaching and learning experiences that result in the development of students' abilities to think critically, creatively and collaboratively. To develop students who are literate, numerate and socially, environmentally and culturally prepared for the future.

2. STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2 - INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY

- To provide students with innovative literacy and numeracy learning programs, and extensive extra-curricular opportunities, supported by an effective student welfare policy.

3. STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3 - A POSITIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- To build stronger partnerships as an educational community by leading and inspiring a culture of collaboration, engaged communication and effective organisational practices.

National Curriculum

Also of key interest is the professional development and learning that is need to introduce the National Curriculum in Maths in 2015 and other subject areas in following years.

Mark Chaffer
Principal