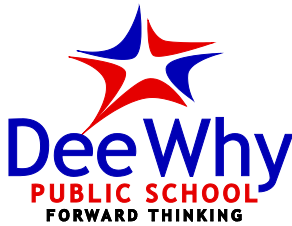


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Principal's Report

Term 2 Focus: Public Speaking

Kindergarten 2016 Information Showcase



Dee Why Public School opened its doors to our local community for its premier event, the Kindergarten 2016 Information Showcase!

The school was exceptionally proud to be hosting one of the biggest events in the school calendar, as staff and students put their "best foot forward" and displayed what school life is really like at our school. A jam packed program saw that parents got a real taste of the students' love of learning and happiness at our school.

New parents and their children were met at the gates by our wonderful captains and Year 6 Leaders, who in turn ran a very polished and professional showcase of the talents of themselves and their classmates. Our choirs sang beautifully and our recorder groups played very difficult pieces with ease. Our

current kindergarten students performed numerous items that had the crowd smiling, laughing and clapping along with them. It brought a tear to the eye!

I ran a Q&A session with our captains who highlighted to parents what work they do certain subjects and what their favourite activities are. They did a brilliant job!

We concluded the showcase with the showing of the *Dee Why Public School Promotional DVD - A Day in the Life*. This visual story of school life was indeed a treat for all, as it showed our beautiful children learning in our safe and supportive environment. Complimentary copies of the DVD were available at the morning tea that followed the showcase. Here, staff and prospective parents shared a biscuit and a cuppa and discussed all things kindergarten. The smiles say it all!

Thank you to our school community for supporting our event and we look forward to catching up with you all at our "Getting Ready for School" sessions, later in the year...



Athletics Carnival

Due to rain, the whole school for a second time warmed-up for their events by walking down to Lismore Reserve for the carnival. To ensure a full-day of programmed events, the students rotated amongst the different track events and skill-based games. Sack races and tug-of-war proved to be good cool-down activities in-between the busy running races.

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The school came together to be spectators for some special events on the day. The 800m races and 100m relays were a great way to bring out the supportive spirit of the students as they cheered on their class mates.

Thank you to Suzi Langford, John Wyllie and staff for yet another brilliant whole-school sporting event.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Online Booking



Parents have been invited to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress, in the last two weeks of this term.

Parents will receive the written mid-year report on Monday 15th June before the interview takes place. The report will provide information about their child's learning in each of the six key learning areas, their social development and commitment to learning. Relevant teacher comments about their child's progress will be included. Information about attendance at school and participation in extra curricula school activities will also be included in the report.

Interviews will be of ten minutes duration. A range of days and times will be available for these to take place. I encourage parents to take this opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. A confirmation email will be sent with the details of interview/s.

Bookings opened, Tuesday 2nd June from 8am...

For those parents without computer/internet access, please feel free to pop into Dee Why Public Library to use a computer, the class teacher or the school office where we can assist you with your booking.

Upcoming Events:



The Second working bee for 2015 will be held on **Saturday 13th June** from 10am to 1pm. This is a chance for parents to get involved in making our school a better place and to meet other parents and staff. Our aim for this working bee is to paint the toilets, add soil to garden beds and mulch the kinder seat area. *In the recent School Plan survey, we noticed that parents and children would like to lighten up the clean, but dull, toilets under the library.* So, we will be "white washing" (painting) the walls to brighten things up. We'll also be moving some new soil into garden beds and re-mulching the kinder seat area. Many hands make light work. Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes. Once again, a BBQ lunch will be served and light refreshments provided. All the family is welcome.

Mark Chaffer
Principal