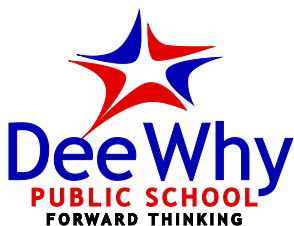


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Principal's Report – June, 2016

Term 1 Focus: Public Speaking

Athletics Carnival Kids

On Wednesday we had the K-2 Athletics Carnival at Dee Why Oval. It was a beautiful sunny day and the children had lots of fun!

There were age races involving running and skipping as well as group activities such as tug of war, parachute play, obstacle course racing, bean ball play and egg and spoon races. The children were exhausted but happy at the end of the day having won many stickers.



A very big thank-you to all the parents who gave their support by attending and helping with the activities. I also would like to acknowledge the great team effort that was put in by all the teachers involved. It was a super day out!

Thank you to Susan Barbour and staff for a super day!

Parliament House Leaders Visit

Last Monday, I accompanied our four School Leaders to State Parliament House in the city to meet with our local MP, The Hon. Brad Hazzard.



Mr Hazzard invited Dee Why Public School, and the leaders from our neighbouring schools to join him for morning tea and a tour of both the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. The students were able to ask questions of Mr Hazzard as he explained his role and roles of other prominent politicians in state politics.

I am very proud of Esther, Imran, Emily and Chris for their commendable behaviour, as they were exceptional ambassadors for our school.

We had a fun and informative visit!

The Chicks are Here!

Recently, Kindergarten students have been able to watch chicks hatch from eggs in an incubator!

Once they were about 24 hours old the chicks were placed in a large, clear viewing box which is warmed by a light to keep the chicks nice and snug. When the eggs arrived on Monday there was great excitement in the Kindergarten classrooms especially as 2 yellow, fluffy chicks had already hatched.

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Everyone watched for signs of hatching to start in the other eggs. Students were quick to notice small holes being pecked by the baby chicks inside the eggs and after about 3 hours the eggs cracked open to for us to see the brand new chicks. We talked about how tiny and helpless they were at first and then over the rest of the day we watched as they grew fluffier and fluffier. Although they slept a lot of the time during the day the chicks also began to walk around the incubator and 'cheep'!

Now after 5 days they have all hatched and are now in the viewing box. They look so lovely all snuggled together around the light sleeping. If they are awake students have been watching them feed and drink and hearing them call 'cheep, cheep'. Kindergarten has had lots of discussions about caring for the chickens and watching them grow bigger each day.

We will be keeping the chickens in our classrooms until Friday 20 May so if you would like to see them please come either before or after school.

Thank you to the Kinder Teachers for providing this great opportunity!



Teddy Bear's Picnic

On Thursday 5 May all of Kindergarten and their teachers enjoyed a wonderful day with their teddies and toys at school.

All the children paraded around under the COLA to show their teddies and toys to Year 1 and their Kindy friends and then they iced and decorated teddy biscuits back in their classrooms, Before lunch all the students made a teddy bear headband to wear at lunchtime and then at the end of the day they took home a special surprise

and a teddy bookmark from their teachers. We all had a BEARY GOOD DAY!!!

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Upcoming Events:

District Cross Country Carnival, *Today*

Online Interviews Booking Open, *7th June*

Golden Ridge Farm Excursion (Kindergarten), *7th June*

Kindergarten 2017 Information Showcase, *8th June, 9.30am*

Schoolhouse Museum Excursion (Year 1), *15th June*

Mark Chaffer
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