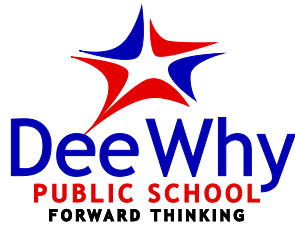


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Term 2 Focus: Public Speaking

2Q Animation



2Q have been learning to write amazing narratives. They have used Aboriginal dreamtime stories and art to inspire them and to also learn more about Aboriginal culture.

One of their favourite dreamtime stories was about a greedy frog named Tiddalick. He taught them about sharing and only taking what we need. They created the characters and explored the story through producing a fantastic animation. It was so much fun using technology to help them learn!
Maria Quinn

Thank you to class teacher, Maria Quinn for providing such an educational and enjoyable experience!

Reports & Plans

Our latest School Plan and Annual School Report are ready for viewing!

School Plan 2018-2020

NSW public schools are part of a strong and supportive public education system. Schools develop a comprehensive school plan and annual school report in consultation with the school community, connected to a budget and student outcomes. Equity funding based on student need will be planned, implemented and expended in the year of allocation.



Annual School Report 2017

The annual school report is our evaluation of the school, its teachers, students and school community during the past year.

Read the report to find out statistical information about us, such as how our students have performed against national minimal standards for reading, writing and numeracy in the NAPLAN tests, and details of the learning outcomes of students drawing from our school's internal assessment information.

The report also summarises our school's initiatives and targets, and other educational practices, achievements and aspirations.

Thank you to our dedicated Executive and Teaching Staff who helped put these vital documents together!



Walk Safely to School Day

Well it is that time of year again when our school starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. We understand that walking all the way to school is not realistic for all of us, however, it is quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

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- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat health problems but also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018!

Clare Skelding
2S Classroom Teacher

Thank you to Clare Skelding for organising this initiative for the school!

Recorders in the Opera House

Dee Why Public School was once again lucky enough to take part in the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House on Monday night.

The Dee Why Recorder Group joined a large number of other schools to perform three beautiful recorder pieces in front of a sold out crowd. They were conducted by Susan Sukkar and were accompanied by a large string ensemble and other talented musicians who attend Public Schools across the state.

We left school at 10am, catching a bus to Manly where we had a lovely rest at the beautiful Manly Beach. We then caught the ferry to Circular Quay, a highlight for most of the group. Once we arrived we went straight to Opera House for our final rehearsal and got to hear the three pieces of music in all their glory. Following the rehearsal we had a three hour break where the group had a rest, got some dinner and did some last minute practice. We even got to see some tests for the upcoming light show, Vivid. Finally 6:30 came and the group nervously filed into their seats and the show began.

The whole group performed excellently and the show was a huge success. The 11 girls in the group should be commended on their dedication to the performance, and their respectful and responsible behaviour when representing our school at such a large event.

Thank you to Mr Chaffer and Mrs Kean for all their support leading up to the performance, and of course for coming to watch the show.



Thank you to Sasha Stocken and Josh Freeland for providing this valuable educational experience!

Kinder 2019 Information Showcase



On Wednesday Dee Why Public School opened its doors to our local community for its premier event, the Kindergarten 2019 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 school mates. 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!

Mr Chaffer and Mrs Dooley spoke about our fantastic school and what life is like in Kindergarten.

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We concluded the showcase with the showing of the Dee Why Public School Kinder Movie - A Day in the Life. This visual story of kinder life was indeed a treat for all, as it showed our beautiful children learning in our safe and supportive environment. A copy of the kinder movie will be available soon on the school Facebook site.

Also, there was plenty of chat 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...

Thank you to all staff involved in making the K2019 Information Showcase such a success....

Upcoming Events:

Excursion: Year 2 Ryde School House, 20th June

Strings and Band in Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival, 24th June

Reporting: Reports go home, 25th June

Reporting: Parent/Teacher Interviews, from 26th June

Honour Assembly (Public Speaking), 3rd July

Mark Chaffer
Principal