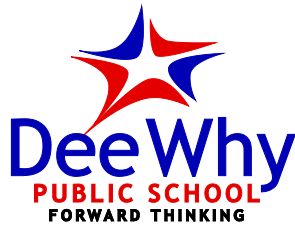


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Principal's Report – March 2018

Term 1 Focus: Fit for Life

New Students are all Smiles

Our Year 1 to 6 classes began smoothly, including many new students, and our delightful new kinders have been arriving for BEST START and are still all smiles...

First days at school can sure be daunting, but our new students and our new kinders have made it look very easy. Not only are our new students very confident and enthusiastic, but are assisted by the caring and professional staff and very protective student body that have looked after them through out the week. Many examples have been seen of teachers guiding the new students with friendship groups, whilst older students have taken time to demonstrate new games and activities for the new students to join in with. Older boys and girls have also helped with what to buy at our canteen, Dee Why Delights.



Forensic Fun



Years 3-6 attended a Forensic Science Workshop. The classes involved were split into 2 groups with each session running for 1.5 hours.

The interactive, hands-on incursion has been designed to increase student awareness and engagement in science through entertaining and realistic forensics. Students solved a crime while getting fascinating insights into how science works in the real world. Students learnt about fingerprint recording, scatology, animal track identification, UV

detection, forensic botany, manual chromatography and digital evidence.

Thank you to John Wyllie for organising this exciting educational experience!

The World Game

Sydney FC came to Dee Why Public School!

Sydney FC have been contracted to train our boys and girls in Years 1-6 in The World Game, soccer. This fantastic opportunity comes at no additional cost to parents as the coaching program is covered under the government grant, Sporting Schools. Dee Why Public School successfully applies for this grant each term and this funding allows us to provide additional training in sports and fitness programs throughout the school.



Look out for some super soccer skills development over the coming weeks!

Thank you to Nick Pye for organising this exciting educational experience!

Design, Make and Innovate (DMI)

Design, Make and Innovate came to Dee Why Public School!

This week Years 5 and 6 students participated in their first 'Design Make and Innovate' workshop, which is an initiative of the Northern Beaches Learning Alliance connecting secondary students with primary students around the area. Students have been put into small cooperative learning groups and paired with Year 9 mentors from the Northern Beaches Secondary College (Cromer Campus).

Our students designed a bridge which would withstand 200g of weight out of 200 straws and tape. The bridge needed to span 40cm with no middle supports. Watching the students engage in this 2.5 hour workshop of questioning, designing, problem solving and de-briefing was wonderful. Conversations, critical thinking and teamwork were evident from all groups and some very impressive and successful bridges were designed. This is only the beginning of their project, students have another 3 sessions where they will continue to use their new knowledge of engineering to construct a bridge working within the constraints provided.

The six best prototype bridges, out of 14, will be displayed at Freshwater Senior Campus in an exhibition for all finalists from each school. All participating schools are invited to attend and view each other's designs and accompanying portfolios. The portfolio is similar to that of a high School Design Technology portfolio, which outlines the design process, and evaluation of design features.

Thank you to John Wyllie, Ash Watson and Wendy Ross for organising this exciting educational experience!

Upcoming Events:

NBLA Student Leadership Camp, 12-13th March

Harmony Day, 20th March

Working Bee, 24th March

Photo Days, 27-28th March

Grandfriends Day, 29th March

Music Camp, 7-8th April

Honour Assembly, 10th April

Mark Chaffer
Principal

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