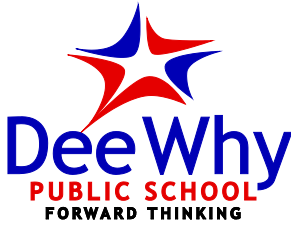


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## Principal's Report

### Term 2 Focus: Public Speaking

#### Dee Why Disco Dynamos



The P&C hosted a fantastic disco that brought the Dee Why PS kids together for a fun filled night!

It was time to put on the dancing shoes for the first disco of the school year. The disco was a super evening for our students, who came dressed as their "Favourite Rock Stars" for the night. Drinks, snacks and glow sticks were available and assisted the boys and girls to stay cool from their energetic dance moves.

The fantastic DJ, as proudly sponsored by LJ Hooker Real Estate, did a great job at keeping our students entertained throughout the night, with plenty of classic disco games and dance tracks. The good ol' limbo and musical statues got a good workout, along with the Macarena and Nutbush getting the dance moves going.

Once again, the Dee Why Public School students showed us just what harmony is all about with their all inclusive dancing. The boys and girls of all cultural backgrounds danced and smiled together - often learning each others' dance moves. Well done to our best dressed winners on the night, as you sure looked swell in your glad rags.

#### Design, Make and Innovate (DMI)

Last term, as part of the Stage 3 *Design, Make, Innovate* project, students from Stage 3 have been working in collaborative teams with Cromer Campus mentors to design and create bridges made from a variety of materials. The bridges were required to be structurally sound as well as visually pleasing from a design perspective.

Five teams were successful in making it to the finals, with the following two teams receiving the highest awards:  
Outstanding Achievement Award – Tenzin Rigsang, Twinkle Randhawa, Milica Avramovic, Tenzin Chosang;  
People's Choice Award – Rojan Alarde, Teerapong Somsaard, Yanisa Phadee, Alex Paese.



We were delighted to receive so many positive comments about the behaviour of the students involved as well as the high standard of the works submitted.

## Staffing Changes

This term sees some changes to the teaching and support staff at Dee Why PS. The Department of Education and Training requires schools to fill vacancies as soon as possible and allows positions to be covered by casual staff until selection processes can be completed. Thank you to Wendy Ross, Lindy Barry, Stevie Levenston, Adele Varvaessos and Sue Richardson for stepping in so competently and ensuring the best education for the students over the previous term. The staffing appointments for this term are as follows:

- We welcome Sue Dooley (ex. Middle Harbour PS) to the Assistant Principal position and teacher for Class 1/KR. Sue comes to Dee Why PS with a wealth of K-2 teaching and leadership experience and will be a wonderful asset to the Executive Team and school as a whole. Sue will teach 1/KR from Term 2, Week 4 (11/5/15). Thank you again to Wendy Ross for her commitment to the class and support of the Kinder Team throughout Term 1. Wendy will return to her Learning and Support Teacher role and will job-share teaching KS on Fridays. Clare Skelding will be taking the class Mon-Thurs from Week 2.
- Congratulations to Ashley Watson (Targeted Graduate) on her successful appointment to the 1B classroom position via Graduate Pool Merit Selection. Ashley comes with a plenty of enthusiasm and ICT skills to assist our students make their way to being 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners. Ashley will be taking 1B from Term 2, Week 1 (21/4/15). Thank you to Lindy Barry for so ably teaching the class during Term 1 and assisting Ashley with the class teaching and learning programs.
- We welcome Elizabeth Murphy to the IM SLSO position on 3/6H. Thank you to Sue Richardson for assisting in a temporary capacity.

## Grandparents and Friends Day

Yesterday saw many visitors to our school as part of the school's Grandparents and Friends Day. Our grandparents were entertained by many student items, such as poems, chants, songs, plays and video presentations that depicted the great digital learning taking place at Dee Why Public School. iPads with Adobe Voice had been used to capture both images of a class book creation along with the students narration. The boys and girls were very impressed by their handiwork and the grandparents were suitable impressed.



Our grandparents also enjoyed a cup of tea and biscuit whilst they donated a book to our school library. The library was very busy during the morning, and included lovely scenes of the boys and girls showing their grandparents the books available for purchase.

## Upcoming Events:

### Kindergarten 2016 Information Showcase

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am**



Do you have a sibling starting kindergarten at Dee Why Public School in 2016? Be sure to add this date to your diary, as it will sure be a special morning about "all things kindergarten" at our school. Light refreshments will be provided following the presentation, along with a chance to chat to the staff about starting school.

**Mark Chaffer**  
Principal