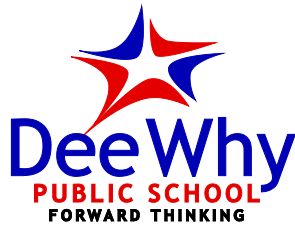


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## P&C Principal's Report – May 2018

### Term 2 Focus: Public Speaking

#### A DMI Update

Years 5 and 6 have continued to use their problem solving skills for the next stage of the Design Make and Innovate (DMI) project this week. Students are using the design processes and skills learnt last week to begin the construction of another bridge over one and a half days. The materials the students are using consist of 400 pop sticks, PVA glue and string. The bridge, when completed, needs to span 40cm and support 500 grams. All students continued to work well with their mentors from Cromer Campus and have shown some impressive engineering skills.



*Thank you to John Wyllie and Ash Watson for providing this exciting educational experience!*

#### NBLA Leadership Camp



Well done to our school leaders (Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects) of Dee Why Public School who attended the 2018 Leadership Camp at Narrabeen AIS this week. During the camp, the students took part in team-building activities including a high ropes course and challenge games with 10 other schools in the NBLA. They were encouraged to build stronger leadership skills and ideas for their roles as leaders this year. They had a 1 night stay in fabulous dorms where they built positive relationships and extended their confidence when communicating with the wider community. It was a pleasure to attend the camp and see the amazing efforts from all who organised the opportunity.

*Thank you to John Wyllie for supporting this exciting educational experience!*

#### Happy Harmony Day

Two special Harmony Day assemblies were held on Tuesday, 20th March to celebrate cultural diversity in our school.

For 19 years, Harmony Day has been a 'national celebration of belonging', no matter what cultural background, language or creed our students may come from, in Australia and at Dee Why Public, everyone belongs.



The parents and friends who celebrated with us were treated with the song "Everyone Belongs" by the 3-6 Choir, three 'super star' iMovies about three very different cultures and a very heartfelt personal account of a family's journey across the Himalayas from Tibet by Damdul. Our students looked fabulous in their splashes of orange representing 'Communication and Conversations' to encourage harmony in our society.

Our charity, The Australian Red Cross will soon receive your wonderful donations to help disaster areas around the world. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

The hall was beautifully decorated with Harmony Day art created by our students and very talented teachers. Special thanks to Mrs Barbour and the SRC, the music and EALD teams who 'coordinated' the day. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making our Harmony Day so special for our students, staff and community!

*Thank you to Kym Scollay, The EALD Team, Susan Barbour, The SRC and staff for supporting this exciting event!*

### Grandparents and Friends Day 2018



On Thursday 29th March, our students celebrated Easter in remarkable style with an Easter hat parade and morning tea with their Grandparents and friends. The community spirit was truly alive with an incredible number of families turning up to support their children.

Prizes were awarded to a boy and girl in each class for the most spectacular Easter hat. We are extremely grateful to our school community for donating the books and eggs awarded to students. Thank you to the P&C for compiling the book prizes.

Congratulations to our Senior choir and Ms

Kline for their wonderful song.

A special mention must also be made to Dee Why Delights and the P&C, who supplied hot cross buns for the special Grandparents and friends' morning tea.

But, a significant achievement from this family extravaganza was the incredible generosity shown by our school community in the 'donate-a-book' and 'donate-a-piece-of-music' drive. Mrs Clarke, Ms Stocken and their support crew collectively took sales in new books for our school library and new music for the band. Well done Dee Why Public School.

Thank you also to the teachers who spend countless hours stapling, sticking and cutting Easter craft to make the end of term and Grandfriends' Day such a memorable event.

*Thank you to Mrs Whitehead, the committee and staff for running and organising our fantastic day, and thanks you to the P&C for their judging, prizes, hot cross buns and Easter eggs!*

### Upcoming Events:

ANZAC Assembly, 1<sup>st</sup> May

NAPLAN Online, 15-25<sup>th</sup> May

Banksia Concert (Recorders), 21<sup>st</sup> May

K2019 Information Showcase, 30<sup>th</sup> May

Concert Band and Strings Workshop (Cromer Campus), 31<sup>st</sup> May

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