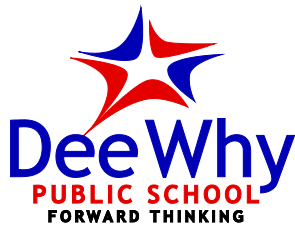


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## Principal's Report – November, 2017

### Term 3 Focus: Phonics

#### Carnivale 2017

Carnivale 2017 was simply amazing....wow!

On Wednesday, Dee Why Public School opened its doors to the community as part of our Carnivale 2017 celebrations.

Carnivale is the school's special biennial event, celebrating the cultural diversity that makes our school unique. Carnivale 2017 was a cultural feast of song and dance performances followed by the International Food Tasting provided by the school community.



Congratulations to the boys and girls and their teachers for their amazing class performances and thank you to the parents for helping with the cultural dances and international food. It was a truly amazing day for the school and the Dee Why community.

*Thank you to the EALD Team, Carnivale 2017 Committee, staff and the Dee Why PS community for a fantastic day!*



#### Dancesport Gala Event

*On Thursday 19th October, 22 year 6 students will travel to Homebush to compete in the Dancesport Championship Gala Event. These students have demonstrated the core values of respect, courage and resilience in their participation during the Dancesport program. We are so proud of all our Year 6 students who have all demonstrated personal growth and achievement when dancing and stretched themselves beyond expectations to learn and perform these ballroom dances.*

*We cannot wait to see them shine on the stage and celebrate all that they have achieved. Congratulations Year 6 and Good luck to the 11 competing couples!*

*Thank you to Clare Skelding, Maddison Broughton and John Wyllie for providing this opportunity for our senior students!*

## Start Smart Money Lessons

In week 2, classes from Year 1 to Year 6 all had a 45 minute lesson about money and the value of using it wisely.

Start Smart educators visited school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to deliver their informative and engaging lessons. The following is information from the Start Smart website which briefly explains the program and the reasons for teaching children about money and finance.

During term four, Year 1 all have a class shop and students are earning money (plastic!!) and learning about the value of coins and notes. They are also experiencing the value in saving for something from the shop that they would like to own. Their teachers open the class shop for approximately 10 minutes once a week and students can then count the money in their money boxes and decide if they have enough to buy the item they want. Teachers encourage students to save for something they would really like to own. This means that purchases of higher valued items may be made by students only a couple of times a term as they need to save consistently for a longer time to buy items. If parents can donate small items to their child's class shop please feel free to drop in and talk to the Year 1 teachers about suitable items and to see the shop first hand.



*Thank you to Sue Dooley for organising this fantastic educational opportunity for our students!*



## Getting to Know You Playgroup

Wednesday, 18th October marked the first of four Meet a Friend Playgroups for our children transitioning to Kindy 2018!

It was a fanfare of Spring colours, rainbows, flowers and stunning self-portraits! I had 5 pairs of busy hands who helped set up, assist and pull down ready for next week's Summer Sun Day.

We had 63 people including 30 kindy children honing their skills in pencil grip, concentration, colour recognition, small and large motor muscles and planting a seed to take home in their pot. Some of the

boys were keen to play at the Spring Car Track after their exhausting craft pursuits.

Thankyou to all those families who enjoyed a great day meeting the teachers and making new friendships over morning tea. I look forward to next Wednesday's Summer Fun! See you at 9.30am. From the team at Dee Why Families

*Thank you to Meron Waller for organising this fantastic opportunity for our new students!*

## Upcoming Events:

Count Us In Music Activity, 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Week 4)

Year 5 Leadership Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Week 4)

K2018 Getting Ready for School, (Weeks 4&5)

Honour Assembly (Phonics), 28<sup>th</sup> November (Week 8)

Year 6 Graduation, 7<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9)

Carols Under the Stars, 8<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9)

Reports go home, 11<sup>th</sup> December (Week 10)

Presentation Assembly, 12<sup>th</sup> December (Week 10)

## Mark Chaffer - Principal

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