# DEE WHY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Principal's Report – September, 2017

## Term 3 Focus: Carnivale

## **Super Swimming Stars**

We've been busy swimming over the last week or so!

51 students from Years 2 – 6 are today going to complete the intensive 'learn to swim' program as part of the Dee Why Public School PDHPE curriculum. We have been amazed by the level of improvement in such a short space of time. Students who were initially fearful of hopping into the swimming pool are now growing in confidence in water skills. Other students are learning breathing and stroke techniques that enable them



to swim safely and for longer periods of time. We look forward to seeing ongoing improvement in swimming skills and water safety over the second week of the program.

Thank you to Ms Hillier for coordinating this valuable experience!

## **DY Star Wristbands**



As part of our PBL program students have the opportunity to earn DY Stars.

A DY Star is awarded to a student when they demonstrate a behaviour in line with our three school expectations: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & PERSONAL BEST. Students can potentially earn several DY Stars in a week. Every DY Star a student earns, goes into a barrel. There is a barrel for K-2 students and a barrel for 3-6 students. On a Monday morning at assembly, the School Leaders roll out the barrels and lead the DY Star Raffle Draw. They pick out 6 students from the K-2 barrel and 6 students from the 3-6 barrel. If a student's DY Star is pulled out of

the barrel they are awarded a wristband which has the expectation written on it.

These wristbands can then be worn everyday as a part of your child's school uniform. The students are very excited about the wristbands and they are highly sought after. They are proving to be a very successful way of promoting positive behaviour which is respectful, responsible and encourages students to always give their personal best.

Thank you to Ms Kline, Mrs Whitehead and the PBL Team for coordinating this valuable PBL strategy!

#### **Dancing with the Stars**



Last week saw the start of our Dance Programs at Dee Why in preparation for our Carnivale event in September.

K-5 participated in their first Footsteps lessons. Students danced to the latest tunes and showed us their rhythm and coordination. They were all so excited about their dances and are looking forward to their lessons continuing every Monday this term.

Year 6 students showed us how to dance with a partner and master the Cha Cha and are looking forward to learning more of their partnered dances. Miss Broughton, Mr Wyllie and I are so proud of their attitude towards this new program as well as the amount of respect they are showing each other.

#### Carnivale is coming to Dee Why this Term...

Everyone put on your dancing shoes and tune up those wonderful voices because Carnivale is coming to Dee Why. Put Wednesday, 20th September in your diaries for a whole day extravaganza!

Every student will be involved in singing and dancing on the day. All our dance classes will be up and running by Week 2, so don't forget to ask your child or children how they enjoyed it! A note will be sent home from your class teacher about costumes in the next few weeks.



Also, information on how to buy tickets will be coming soon. Carnivale is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diverse cultures in Dee Why.

So please come along and enjoy the day with us

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Working Bee, 16<sup>th</sup> September (Week 9) Carnivale, 20<sup>th</sup> September (Week 10)

Mark Chaffer Principal