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P&C Principal's Report – April 2022

Term 1 Focus: Cool to Be Kind

Pool Time

We hit the pool this week!

On Wednesday, students 8 years old and above headed up to Warringah Aquatic Centre for the 2022 Swimming Carnival. It was a great afternoon of swimming races with plenty of smiles, plenty of race tension and plenty of students commenting that they look forward to next year's carnival so that they can enter more races.

Meticulous organisation meant for a smoothly run afternoon of racing and house war cries. Well done kids!



Congratulations to Josh Freeland, Bethany Antill-Cassie, Nick Pye, staff and parent volunteers for delivering a superb sporting opportunity for the students!



Zone Pool Time

We hit the pool this week...again!

On Wednesday 2nd March, only a week after our school's swimming carnival 33 of Dee Why's finest swimmers represented Dee Why Public School by competing against other schools from the Northern Beaches in the Manly Zone Swimming Carnival. This year our keen swimmers participated in various events including the 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 200m individual medley as well as four teams in the 4x50m relays.

All our swimmers should be congratulated on their incredible effort and determination throughout the day! It was amazing to hear our team cheering for each other throughout the various races. Special acknowledgement goes to Hamza for his superb achievement, earning

finalist places in 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 200m Individual Medley, sending him through to Regionals for those events.

Students are to be commended for their behaviour on the day. They really did demonstrate the school values of respect, responsibility and personal best.

Overall, our students gave everything they had in all their races and did our school proud!

Mr Josh Freeland & Mrs Bethany Antill-Cassie

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A School of Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity and Harmony

Tell Them From Me

We value what the kids think!



Our school will be once again participating in the Tell Them From Me student survey, another part of the suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks students questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand students' perspectives on their experience at school. This valuable feedback will help our school make

practical improvements.

More information about all the surveys is available at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers/your-childs-participation

The survey is a great opportunity for Years 4, 5 & 6 to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses.

A non-consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is available from the parent website above. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 18 March.

School Fees

Don't forget about your School Contributions! School Contributions for your child were recently emailed

appreciate parents and caregivers meeting these costs in a timely manner to support and meet our 2022 budget plans. Overall, general school contributions support a variety of student programs and needs, including purchasing the most appropriate resources to support student learning. The curriculum programs include the cost of in-school music events, such as Opera Australia and Musica Viva. The technology contribution will support ongoing upgrade and maintenance of a technology rich learning environment including computers, iPads, the network, interactive

school Fees

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whiteboards and digital projectors, employment of a part-time technology support officer; in addition to online programs such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

The future direction at Dee Why School is very exciting, but is dependent on your financial support. We ask that your Statement of Account is returned with payment at your earliest convenience.

Many thanks to those parents who have already paid their School Contributions!

Upcoming Events:

Zone Swimming Carnival, 2nd March Music Camp, 19 & 20th March School Photos, 24 & 25th March

Mark Chaffer Principal