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## P&C Principal's Report – Late March 2023

### Term 1 Focus: Cool to Be Kind



#### Pool Time....again!

We hit the pool this week...again!

On Wednesday 8th March, only a week after our school's swimming carnival, 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 11 Years Boys Champion, sending him through to Regionals for many 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 & Miss Bennett*

#### NAPLAN Online

It's NAPLAN time!

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.



From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March 2023. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

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Students and parents can access the public demonstration site to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

NAPLAN 2023 Information for parents and carers is attached. If you have any further questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Resources include:

- Public demonstration site
- NESA NAPLAN website
- NAP parent/carer support page
- Watch a video that explains tailored testing

#### **Upcoming Events:**

*School Photos, 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> March*

**Mark Chaffer**  
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