# DEE WHY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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## P&C Principal's Report – March 2019

### Term 1 Focus: Mathemagicians



### New Students are all Smiles

What a fantastic week we've had at Dee Why Public School! Our Year 1 to 6 classes began smoothly, including many new students, and our delightful new kinders have been arriving for BEST START and are still all smiles...

First days at school can sure be daunting, but our new students and our new kinders have made it look very easy. Not only are our new students very confident and enthusiastic, but are assisted by the caring and professional staff and very protective student body that have looked after them through out

the week. Many examples have been seen of teachers guiding the new students with friendship groups, whilst older students have taken time to demonstrate new games and activities for the new students to join in with. Older boys and girls have also helped with what to buy at our canteen, Dee Why Delights.

#### New Music Room Mural

We have a new Music Room Mural and it looks super!

During the holidays, the school commissioned a new mural on the side of the Music Room. The amazing artwork was completed by school parent and artist, Miguel Gonzalez from Kayapa Creative Studio. Miguel worked through the intense January heat to produce a modern depiction of our music students. Miguel's superb art skills are the talk of the town and we thank him for producing such a colourful artwork on our school building.



Take a look at our school website for more workflow images of Miguel's artwork. Click here: <u>https://deewhy-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery/music-room-mural.html</u>

Thanks again, Miguel!



# Thanks for Coming to our Class Information Evening

We had a great turn out to our Class Information Evening, so thanks for coming along!

We had a full house on Wednesday night at our Class Information Evening. I was so impressed with our professional, caring and passionate staff. It was a massive feat visiting all our 19 classes, but I did it. Thank you for our Dee Why PS families for coming out in the rain. We truly appreciate your time and effort!

#### **2019 Swimming Carnival**

We had a great day for a swim!

Dee Why students turned out in record numbers for the 2019 swimming carnival on Wednesday. Perfect sunny weather allowed for 50 students to spend the day in the water at the Dee Why Rockpool, swimming in 32 races across the morning. It was impressive to see so many children giving their personal best, swimming hard and participating in multiple races. The teachers were incredibly proud of the sportsmanship displayed by all students.

Thank you to Mr Pye whose fine organisation resulted in a smooth carnival and provided an exciting opportunity for our students. Thank you also to the parents who came along to support the children and volunteered to help out with the events.



A huge congratulations to all who participated and good luck to those who will be representing our school at the zone carnival in March.

Ms Kate La Peyre Assistant Principal

#### **Forensic Fun**

This week, Years 3-6 attended a Forensic Science Workshop. The classes involved were split into 2 groups with each session running for 1.5 hours.



The interactive, hands-on incursion has been designed to increase student awareness and engagement in science through entertaining and realistic forensics. Students solved a crime while getting fascinating insights into how science works in the real world. Students learnt about fingerprint recording, scatology, animal track identification, UV detection, forensic botany, manual chromatography and digital evidence.

Thank you to John Wyllie for organising this exciting educational experience!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Zone Swimming Carnival, 11<sup>th</sup> March NBLA Year 6 Leader's Camp, 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> March Excursion: Stage 1 Vaucluse House, 19 & 29<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April School Photos, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> March Working Bee, 30<sup>th</sup> March Term 1 P&C School Disco, 5<sup>th</sup> April Music Camp, 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> April

Mark Chaffer Principal