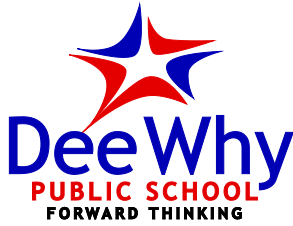


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P&C Principal's Report – March 2021

Term 1 Focus: Mathemagicians



Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2021 school year!

Tomorrow, Friday 29th January, will see the return of student from years 1 to 6 to Dee Why Public School. We will welcome the boys and girls, including new students to school with a brief assembly under the Cola. All students will attend a holding class (their 2020 class) until student numbers are finalised and new 2021 classes announced next week.

Kindergarten 2021 will begin their BEST Start assessments over the next four days before kinder classes beginning next Thursday 4th Feb, 2021.

COVID-19 Update: The Department of Education has given exception to parents of kindergarten children to enter the school grounds for both drop-off and pick-up of their children for their BEST START assessment session and the first couple of days of kinder classes, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th February. We thank parents for continuing the COVID Safe Guidelines into the beginning of this school year.

Welcome to New Teachers!

Our staff has grown again in 2021, with 24 classes being formed from K-6. I would like to welcome the following staff to their new positions at Dee Why Public School:

Kimberley Whitehead – Deputy Principal
Clare Skelding (Rel. Assistant Principal Mon – Wed)
Nick Pye (Rel. Assistant Principal)
Ash Watson (Rel. Assistant Principal)
Bethany Antill-Cassie - Class 6A (Wed, Thur)
Heidi Owles - Class 6T (Wed, Thu)
Emma Campbell – Class 1L (Mon – Wed)
Corinne Ceccato – Class 2S (Wed, Th)
Britta Fletcher – Class 4P (Wed, Thurs)
Harriet Wicket – Class 4W (Mon – Wed)
Kara Ritchie – Class 4W (Thurs, Fri)
Claire Horton – Class 4/5H
Darcy Shevlin – Class 5S
Bryony Wood - School Counsellor



A full list of staff and their roles is included in our "DYPS Staff Guide":



Jaya the therapy dog is all smiles!

Jaya the Therapy Dog is turning one!

One member of our wellbeing team has a big birthday coming up- JAYA, our Dee Why therapy dog turns one on the 14th of February!

Jaya has been at our school for 8 months, bringing lots of joy to the students and staff. Therapy dogs are said to have a therapeutic or positive effect on students in the classroom and the playground. Jaya has had a busy start to the year, greeting lots of students in the playground, helping Mrs Olivey teach the old KS during holding classes, visiting lots of classrooms and listening to students read. I'm sure she will get lots of new toys and treats on her birthday!

ICT Use at School

Let's use our ICT correctly!

We believe that teaching students to be safe and responsible users of technology is essential, and is best taught in partnership with parents and carers. The school's Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services guideline can be located on the school website (see below). We ask parents to review this and discuss with your child.

We strongly encourage students to leave Fitbits and smart watches at home. They are a cause of

distraction and when lost or broken, cause distress. Parents and Students are reminded of the following:



Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services - Dee Why Public School

- Primary aged students may not use digital devices during class time, recess and lunch unless for an educational purpose or for other reasons such as an adjustment to support learning and wellbeing. (Student use of digital Device and Online Services Policy, NSW Department of Education, June 2020).

- Off and Away: Personal devices are off or in 'flight mode' and out of classrooms during class

time and will be confiscated by the school Principal if they are used between the hours of 8:30am and 3pm, unless directed by the teacher. Personal devices may only be turned on once the student is off school grounds.

- Devices for Learning: Teachers will decide if personal devices are required to support teaching and learning programs.

<https://deewhy-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-planning-and-reporting.html>

PSSA

PSSA is back!

Interschool sport (PSSA) returned to the school lives of many students last week after nearly a year's absence due to COVID-19. The boys and girls played so well in their initial games of Eagle Tag, recording many wins and displaying such patience and resilience after not being about to compete for an extended period of time in 2020.



The school is extremely proud of our athletes and wish them all the best for a successful and healthy PSSA season!

Upcoming Events:

Zone Swimming Carnival, 5th March

Music Camp, 13 & 14th March

School Photos, 25 & 26th March

Working Bee, 30th March

Term 1 P&C School Disco, 26th March

Mark Chaffer
Principal