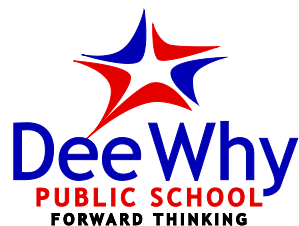


DEE WHY PUBLIC SCHOOL

REGENT STREET
DEE WHY, N.S.W., 2099
TEL: 9971 8635
FAX: 9971 5516

email: deewhy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
webpage: deewhy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



P&C Principal's Report – March 2023

Term 1 Focus: Cool to Be Kind



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.

Let's do it all again next week!

Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 15 February

Come along in Week 4 to hear about the year ahead at Dee Why Public School and meet and listen to your child's teacher in their classroom. The teachers will be discussing the class program and expectations for another great year at the school. Details are:

5.30pm Kindergarten - meet with your child's teacher in the classroom
6.00pm Years 1 & 2 - meet with your child's teacher in the classroom
6.30pm Year 3, 4, 5, 6 - meet with your child's teacher in the classroom

It is very important that you come along and meet with your child's teacher. The partnership between school and home is so important. Let us work together to achieve the best results for your child.



School Contributions

Don't forget about your School Contributions!

School Contributions for your child were recently emailed out.

We appreciate parents and caregivers meeting these costs in a timely manner to support and meet our 2023 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



A School of Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity and Harmony

network, interactive 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!

Design Make Innovate (DMI)

We're designing something amazing!

Yesterday, was the first Design Day for the Design, Make, Innovate (DMI) program. The 2023 design theme is "Shrinking our Footprint."

DMI's 'Shrinking Our Footprint' is a mathematics-based design and technology challenge involving Year 5 and 6 students from partner primary schools working with Year 9 Northern Beaches Secondary College (NBSC students).

Primary students work in groups of 4 / 5 using key mathematical concepts and Design Thinking to find a solution to the question, "How can we use data to reduce our families' impact on the environment?"



Primary students gather data on their family's use of resources, making graphical representations and inferences about their family's carbon footprint. From this, teams work through the design thinking process to make a prototype for a product or technology, based on one of the resources measured, that will assist in reducing their/the communities carbon footprint.

Shrinking Our Footprint is ideal for transitioning students into high school by fostering relationships through collaborative learning and mentorship. Students develop their skills in Futures Learning through the use of high impact teaching strategies. It is also a worthwhile extension project and an avenue to engage parents in their child's learning.

Thank you to Nick Pye and the Stage 3 teachers for facilitating this great educational opportunity!

Pool Time

We hit the pool this week!

On Wednesday, students 8 years old and above headed up to Warringah Aquatic Centre for the 2023 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, Madeline Bennett, Nick Pye, staff and parent volunteers for delivering a superb sporting opportunity for the students!

Upcoming Events:

Bushlink, 3rd March

Zone Swimming Carnival, 8th March

Music Camp, 18 & 19th March

School Photos, 23 & 24th March

Mark Chaffer
Principal

A School of Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity and Harmony