# **DEE WHY PUBLIC SCHOOL**



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## P&C Principal's Report – May 2019

## **Term 1 Focus: Public Speaking**



#### We've Been Building!

On Thursday 4 April, Friday 5 April and Monday 8 April Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in an incursion, in the school hall, with the facilitators of 'Happy Builder'. Each class will create buildings etc. using Kapla timber blocks. KAPLA is a wooden block construction toy made up of identically-sized pieces of wood. The unique size of the blocks with dimensions in the ratio of 1:3:15 makes them ideal for building many kinds of structures.

The building tasks are challenging and the outcomes outstanding. Each child participates either on their own, or as part of a larger project or as part of a group and it was wonderful to see the students collaborating and being given responsibilities to complete tasks to the best

of their abilities. Last year Kindergarten and Years 3 and 4 participated in the Happy Builder incursion and it was a fantastic experience. The two facilitators are extremely well organised, encouraging and attentive to our students. Come along to the school hall at 2.30pm to see what your child's class has created during the day...you will be amazed!

Thank you to Sue Dooley for organising this engaging educational opportunity!

## **Music Camp Sounded Great!**

Students committed to our extracurricular strings and band ensembles annually by participating in our Music Camp.

In 2019, participation grew to over 100 students whom took part in more than 7 hours of intensive music tuition over their weekend. Their hard work and concentration is rewarded with Saturday night pizza and a movie in the school hall.

The end of camp concert always concludes with a bang as all five ensembles showcase their

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outstanding improvements to amazed parents, families and staff.

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Shargh always look forward to working with such dedicated and respectful students over the weekend filled with such musical madness. We hope to see your child in one of our many extra curricular music ensembles soon!

Beginner Strings - open to students in Yr 2 after undertaking a year of in class violin lessons Intermediate Strings - For students who have been playing a string instrument for more than 12 months Senior Strings - For students who have had the most experience with their string instrument

Training Band- For students in Yr 3-6 who have no previous instrumental experience. Concert Band- For students who have been learning a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument for more than 12 months.

Thank you to Yenny Huang and Sasha Stocken for organising this engaging musical opportunity!

## **Upcoming Events:**

Cross Country Carnival, 1<sup>st</sup> May Excursion: Rocks Walking Tour (Stages 2 & 3), 6<sup>th</sup> May P&C Mothers Day Morning Tea & Stall, 9<sup>th</sup> May K2020 Information Showcase, 22<sup>nd</sup> May Incursion: Kaboom Percussion, 30<sup>th</sup> May

Mark Chaffer Principal