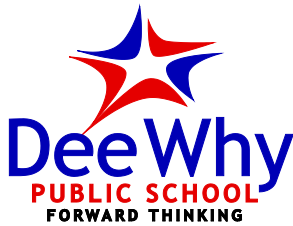


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P&C Principal's Report – May 2021

Term 1 Focus: Public Speaking/Awesome Authors

Pool Time!



We hit the pool this week!

On Wednesday, students 8 years old and above headed up to Warringah Aquatic Centre for the 2021 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 Nick Pye, Josh Freeland, staff and parent volunteers for delivering a superb sporting opportunity for the students!

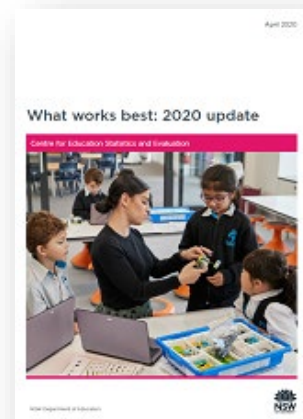
What Works Best!

In March of 2020, the NSW Department of Education released an update of some of the most significant research into effective teaching. This report is called 'What works best: 2020 update' and outlines eight evidence-based practices that teachers can use in their classrooms to support improved student learning.

Throughout the year, staff will receive professional learning around the eight 'What works best' practices for effective teaching. As a parent, you can check in with your child to support these practices in the home.

The 8 'What works best' practices are:

1. High Expectations
2. Explicit Teaching
3. Effective Feedback
4. Use of Data to Inform Practice
5. Assessment
6. Classroom Management
7. Wellbeing
8. Collaboration



Explicit Teaching - Students learn best when teaching is explicit, especially when learning something new. Explicit teaching involves teachers clearly explaining to students why they are learning something, how it connects to what they already know, what they expect students to do, how to do it and what it looks like when they have succeeded.

Conversation starters:

- Tell me about something you learnt today.
- Did you find it easy to learn, or did you need to ask a few questions?
- How could you tell when you 'got it'?

It's Photo Time!

With our school once again growing in size, we now take a whole two days for our school photos. Staff,



students, sports teams and music ensembles look fantastic in their uniforms as the AdvancedLife photographers worked their magic. We were lucky with such a sunny day yesterday and have our fingers crossed for sunshine as we aim for our traditional whole-school photo today. It's always amazing to watch the team arrange nearly 600 students and nearly 60 staff into one postcard size photo.

Thank you to Amanda Pearson and Sue Dooley for organising our memorable days.



Cross Country

The weather was just magic this week as we headed down to Lismore Reserve for our Cross Country carnivals. The boys and girls looked rather colourful in their house colours as they competed in their age races. They ran a long way and completed 2 or 3 laps of the reserve to make either a 2km or 3km distance. Most of the adults would have trouble doing that. Well done kids!

The students also sounded enthusiastic as they broke into their house war cries throughout the day!

Thank you to Britta Fletcher, Harriet Wickett and Amanda Pearson for organising our carnivals.

Athletics

The weather was once again just magic this week as we headed down to both Lismore Reserve (K-2) and to the Sydney Academy of Sport - Narrabeen (3-6) for our Athletics Carnivals. The boys and girls looked rather colourful in their house colours as they competed in their age races. They also participated in the finals of field events, such as long jump, high jump and shot put. The boys and girls in K-2 had a fantastic time with the equipment and guidance provided by the Sport in Schools (SiSA) Team. Well done kids!



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Thank you to Ash Watson and Margaret Garcia for organising our carnivals.

Upcoming Events:

Walk Safely to School Day, 14th May
Zone Cross Country, 25th May
P&C Welcome Picnic, 4th June
"Kaboom" Music Incursion, 7th June
Term 2 P&C School Disco, 18th June
Working Bee, 19th June

Mark Chaffer - Principal

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