

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Tues 5 August

Junior Rock Eisteddfod

Tues 12 August

Choral Concert Opera House

Wed 13 August

K-6 Athletics Carnival

Wed 20 August

K-2 Circus Workshop

Sat 30 August

Working Bee 1-3pm

Mon 8 September

Zone Field Athletics

Wed 10 September

Zone Track Athletics

Sat 13 September

Local Elections

P&C News

A huge thank you to Liz Stoker for attending the P&C conference at Albury on the weekend ! It was great to have our school representative there and get up to date info that may help our school.

Liz was inspired by the wealth of info at the conference. If you would like to hear about it come along to our next P&C meeting.

Thank you to those wonderful parents who came along to Coffee Club. Your input is appreciated.

P&C TEAM

News from the Relieving Relieving Principal's Office

As you are aware, our senior students and Mr Coles, Mrs Gray, Mrs McMenamin and Mrs Clarke have spent the last 3 days at the Canberra—Snowy Trip. I am Relieving Principal for these three days.

Junior Rock Eisteddfod

The Junior Rock Eisteddfod is next week, Tuesday 5 August. The student bus will leave from school at 9am. Dancers and back stage crew must be here by 8.45am. We stay for the entire day and night performance. A Parent bus has been organized, leaving from the front of the school at 4.45pm for the 6.30pm show.

If you would like to purchase bus tickets, the cost is \$5 each way. Please notify the office or myself if your need to book a seat.

After School Sports

A reminder that "After School Sports" commences Week 3, Tuesday 5 August. You will be notified if your child has been accepted into the program. Children who have been accepted need to be able to attend both Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for the entire program. This term will focus on AFL and touch football.

Enrichment Day for Gifted and Talented Students. Stage 1 2008

The following students will be attending their specific Gifted and Talented program this Friday 1st August. These programs are being run at Curl Curl North, Mimosa and West Pymble Primary schools.

Wiraphat Plathongkham, Bojana Marinkov, Dario Skrbic, Nancy

Tsiamis, Jordan Young and Tupou Hopoate.

These students will be participating in workshops for Dance, Art, Sport and Minibeast Investigations.

It is a very great honour and privilege to be accepted into this program and this year is credited as being the highest number of Dee Why students attending!

To all these students, congratulations and enjoy the sessions!

National Tree Day 2008

Dee Why students are showing great enthusiasm this week celebrating Tree Day. We were rained out last Friday but have managed to achieve several planting sessions around the school this week. Thanks to our kind sponsors "**Bill Buckle Motors**" we have enough tube stock (small plants) for all students to participate in planting at least one plant each.

Our school will be a much greener and pleasant place for all this effort. Many thanks to Mrs Nolan for all her hard work and organization!

Jules McKenzie
Relieving Relieving Principal



Our 2nd Merit Awards presentation for this term will be this Friday. If your child has a merit award you are welcome to come up to the school at 10am.

KN Jack Otukolo, Sequoia Ioane

KK Tonga Vei, Alex Genovese

1W Polly Fang, Simon Ayach, Joseph Wilson

1S Nyidon Tsering

2S Sameel Nazeer

2M Paul Lukaszewicz,

Heaven Lee Taylor

Teppakorn Pluangwan

Congratulations to all these wonderful students! Ms McKenzie

Watch this space for upcoming events

Tuesday 5th August

9am JRE dance bus leaves school

4.45pm Parent Bus departs Fisher Rd

10pm Parent and students return to school

Venue: Olympic Stadium Homebush

Wednesday 13th August

Athletics Carnival for K-6 at Lismore Oval.

K-2 will return to school after lunch.

All parents welcome to attend and support your child!

Wednesday 20th August

Circus Theatre Fitness Workshops at school. Note attached. \$5.50 per student.

Ms McKenzie

A new Initiative comes to Dee Why Primary Accelerated Literacy 2008

At the beginning of this school year Stage 1 teachers began trialling an innovative approach to teaching literacy, called the National Accelerated Literacy Program. Accelerated Literacy creates a supportive and structured learning environment allowing all students, including those new to the English language, to engage in the literate discussions essential for literacy development and academic success. The program makes use of quality books and the school has purchased a class set of copies of many of these high quality books for use with all classes. Early indications from K-2 classes are that student engagement for all class members has increased, as has student ability to discuss literate books at a deep level. Reading continues to increase at a steady level and writing responses are improving. The NALP leaders have indicated that true results take anything up to 2 years but in that time student results leap dramatically. This program seems very well suited to the needs of Dee Why Public School and matches perfectly with Quality Teaching ideals.

Some Stage 1 Writing

Year 1/2S have been studying the text "Refugees" The following story is based on and modeled from this book.

Ducks by Bojana Marinkov 2S

Once upon a time there lived two ducks and they were sisters. One duck's name was Percy and the other's name was Kim. They loved waddling to the pond. One day they were waddling down the road that they always waddled down. They saw a fox. They were very scared. The fox started chasing the two ducks. Percy and Kim flew into a

The next day they flew to the pond. There was no trouble at all. From then on they flew to the pond every single day.



A Narrative by Mannat Bhalla 1S

My duck sits on a shelf . The shelf fell down. The duck was in the nest. It had fallen down in the nest. I pick up the table and I pick up the duck in the nest, and then I play with my duck. It was a toy duck. The duck was needing some water!



JRE Check List

- Tuesday 5th August
- emergency contact details
- Lunch orders sent in.
- All dance costumes at school
- Bus departs 9am promptly
- Performance starts 6.30pm
- Students to be picked up from school at 10 pm
- No valuables or money to be taken
- Give it 150% effort
- Good Luck!

Last Minute JRE Tickets

I have 4 tickets available for our performance on Tuesday night 5th August. If you are interested could you please either contact the office or see me before this Friday. The cost of the tickets is \$27.

Some seats are available for the parent bus leaving school at 4.45pm. Cost is \$5 each way. This price is very reasonable as you would need to pay a parking fee if you drive to the venue.

