Diary Dates

**Week 7**
- Wednesday 12/3: Maori Performer, AFL Paul Kelly Cup
- Thursday 13/3: Selective High School Test
- Friday 14/3: District Swimming Carnival

**Week 8**
- Monday 17/3: 9.00am P&C AGM, DMI Mentors Visit
- Wednesday 19/3: Grandparents Day
- Friday 21/3: Cross Country Carnival

**Week 9**
- Tuesday 25/3: Harmony Day

**Week 11**
- Tuesday 8/4: Family Picnic and Honour Assembly
- Friday 11/4: Last Day of Term

School Resumes: Tuesday 29 April

‘Leap into Learning’

**TERM 1 FOCUS**

**GETTING ALONG**

Our school website
www.deewhy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Latest Update:** Principal’s Message and Photo Gallery – Working Bee Term 1 20014

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**Principal’s Message**

School Working Bee – Congratulations!
The first working bee for 2014 was a huge success. With over 44 names on our sign-on book, we had a fantastic turn-out of children, parents, grandparents and staff to transform our Regent St garden area. Special thanks to the following families for assisting on the day: Starr family, Giono family, Guarino family, Jadric family, Nzogu family, Genovese family, Stoker family, Maloy family, Aofia family, Shrestha family, Botezatu family, Levaci family, Chen and Wang families, King family, Ahmed family, Deontea Cornett and Chaffer family. Extra thanks to staff John Wyllie, Carmel Hillier, Margie Parsons and Lindy Barry lending a hand, plus Chris and Chris Baker for running a super BBQ lunch!

Make sure you pop on in to take a look at our handiwork.

P&C Sushi Day – Yum!
Thank you to the P&C for hosting a wonderful Sushi Day last week. The students had a great time eating their special lunch on the day.

P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)
9.00am Monday 17 March
The P&C is a vital part of our school. It is a link between home and school and a chance for parents to help plan the future direction of our school. Come along and meet with other parents. Your ideas and input are valued and welcomed. We will meet in the school library.

Yours in Education...
Mark Chaffer
Principal
Wear Orange for our Harmony Mufti Day
Special Assembly -Tuesday 25th March
- Harmony Day is celebrated in Australia at the end of March each year.
- Harmony Day is a day when all Australians are invited to celebrate our cultural diversity. It is a time to embrace other people and come together to spread harmony in our community.

Dee Why Public School will celebrate Harmony Day at an assembly on Tuesday 25th March at 2pm. On the same day students are asked to wear something orange and to bring a gold coin donation to support UNICEF. UNICEF is a charity organisation supporting children around the world.

YMCA Out of School Hours Care
YMCA OSHC is here! The professional team from YMCA are ready to take your applications for before and after school care for your child. Drop in and have a chat with the friendly team about how best they can provide after-hours care for the children and families of the Dee Why Community.

NAPLAN 2014 test dates information for parents available in 35 languages
The dates for the 2014 NAPLAN assessments and what they will comprise is now available for download in 35 languages from the Department’s translations website. Please see National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Letter to parents for all the available languages.

Other documents providing important school information are also available on the Department’s website in up to 35 languages.

For further information about translations or using interpreting services please contact Ms Mary Binder, Communications and Translations Advisor on (02) 9244 5311 or email mary.binder@det.nsw.edu.au

ASR 2013
The Annual School Report 2013 is now available. This document provides detailed information about Dee Why Public School for last year, including NAPLAN analysis, program overviews and committee reports. It’s a great way to find out how your child is educated at our school. Copies are available from the school website, www.deewhy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and at the office.

Safe Road Crossing
As Fisher Rd is a busy road and very close to the school, please ensure that the traffic lights are used when crossing the road. Dangerous road crossings may set the wrong example to younger students who naturally observe the actions of others. Please model safe road crossing for our students and help us keep Dee Why Public School a safe environment.

TIP OF THE WEEK….. Tips for packing lunches
- Pack food that is easy to open, easy to eat and not messy
- Write their name on their lunch box, water bottle and any other containers
- Include a frozen drink bottle to keep food cold. Wrap it in a tea towel in case it leaks
- Use insulated lunch boxes or cooler bags
- Avoid using plastic wrap because children find it hard to pull apart, paper bags are better for the environment too
- Pack tissues or paper around fruit so it won’t bruise
- Remind your child to wash their hands before eating and use the toilet at recess and lunch
- Pack a water bottle for your child each day and remind them that they can also get water from the taps or bubblers throughout the day