**Term 1 Week 8**

**Diary Dates**

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School Resumes: Tuesday 29 April

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**Principal’s Message**

**Sailability Makes Us Smile! (Photo Gallery)**

Class 3/6 spent a glorious day last week sailing the high seas of Manly Cove. The wonderful staff at Sailability Manly treated our students with a sailing adventure amongst the yachts and boats of the harbour, with the occasional ferry thrown in for good measure! 3/6H repaid staff with plenty of smiles and exceptional manners, which made for a memorable experience for all.

Thank you to Carmel Hillier for organising a terrific day and thank you to our parent helpers who happily lent a hand. Well done, kids!

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**Maori Performer (Photo Gallery)**

Dee Why PS students enjoyed an entertaining afternoon of laughs and tall tales when our Maori Performer visited. Take a look at how the students learnt more about the cultures that make up our rich school community.

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**AFL Paul Kelly Cup (Photo Gallery)**

Our mixed teams of boys and girls had a great time putting their best feet forward as part of the AFL Paul Kelly Cup. Their exceptional sportsperson ship made for a brilliant games and super results throughout the day. Thanks to John Wyllie for guiding our teams to participate in this worthwhile competition.

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**District Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the boys and girls who raced in the recent swim carnival. Their efforts were truly superb when racing against the best of the best in the district. Great job, kids!

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**‘Leap into Learning’**

**TERM 1 FOCUS**

**GETTING ALONG**

Our school website

www.deewhy-pschools.nsw.edu.au

**Latest Update:** Photo Gallery – Sailability, Maori Performer, AFL and DMI

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**Gallery**

**Sailability**

51 photos  Mar 18, 2014
Design, Make, Innovate *(Photo Gallery)*
Cromer Campus students mentored our Stage 3 students on Monday in the finer art of bridge building. Our students participated in their learning project to learn more about researching, designing and working in groups. Our classrooms were transformed into engineering labs as the students used straws, pop sticks and tape to build a bridge to meet a design brief. Thanks to Suzi Langford and John Wyllie for their patience with all the fun mess!

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

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.

**Supported Playgroups 0-5years**

Come and join the fun on Monday and Thursdays 9.30-11.45 am in the school hall. Come along, make new friends and enjoy playtime with your child. Bring along fruit to share for morning tea. There is a gold coin donation for tea and coffee.

See you there – Rain, Hail or Shine!

Robbie
Acting SACC Coordinator