Dee Why Newsletter
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Term 2    Week 1
30 April 2014

Diary Dates

Week 1
Monday 28/4     Staff Development Day
(Pupil Free Day)

   School Resumes: Tuesday 29 April

Wednesday 30/4     Anzac Day – 11.30am

Week 2
Wednesday 7/5     Athletics Carnival

Week 3
Tuesday 13/5     NAPLAN
Wednesday 14/5     NAPLAN
Thursday 15/5     NAPLAN
Saturday 17/5     Working Bee (11am)

Week 4
Wednesday 21/5     Kindergarten 2015
Information Showcase

‘Leap into Learning’
TERM 2 FOCUS
PUBLIC SPEAKING
“What’s Your Story?”

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

Latest Update: P&C Principal Reports

Principal's Message
Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you had a good Easter and relaxing holiday. There are plenty of exciting events on this term, so we’ll keep you informed…

Kindergarten 2015 Information Showcase
Do you have a sibling starting kindergarten at Dee Why Public School in 2015? Be sure to add this date to your diary, as it will sure be a special morning about “all things kindergarten” at our school. Light refreshments will be provided following the presentation, along with a chance to chat to the staff about starting school.

OC Placement
Notes have gone to all Year 4 students this week, seeking an Expression of Interest for students applying for an Opportunity Class Placement in 2015. Interested parents are required to return the slip indicating whether they will complete their child’s application either online or would like to request a paper package. Slips need to be returned by Friday.

P&C Meeting
9.15am Monday 12 April
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

School Tours
Wednesdays 9.30am – by arrangement
Are you new to the area or have a child beginning Kindergarten in 2015? Come and meet me and have a personalised tour of our fantastic school. Ring the school for a booking.
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

It's nearly here….. NAPLAN Week!
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels will be participating in tests in Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) (Tuesday 13 May), Reading (Wednesday 14 May) and Numeracy (Thursday 15 May).

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning for English and mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive or imaginative text.

The school would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Years 3 and 5 students the very best of luck for the upcoming NAPLAN tests!

It's On Again! - School Working Bee

The next working bee for 2014 will be held on Saturday 17 May from 11am to 2pm. This is your chance to get involved in making our school a better place and to meet other parents and staff. Our aim is to beautify the front of the school garden area along Fisher Rd. We’ll be trimming plants along the border of the garden area, rejuvenating the well-worn surrounds and adding mulch. Many hands make light work. Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes. Once again, a BBQ lunch will be served and light refreshments provided. All the family is welcome. Please respond on the note beside if you can give up 1 or more hours. Looking forward to catching up with as many parents as possible at this rewarding Dee Why PS event.

WORKING BEE

I would love to assist at the Working Bee on Saturday 17 May

11am – 12 noon  
12 noon – 1pm  
1pm – 2pm

Name: ..............................................
Class ............
Phone No..................................
For catering purposes how many people will be staying for lunch ______