Dee Why Newsletter
Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity and Harmony

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Term 2  Week 3  14 May 2014

Diary Dates

**Week 3**
- Monday 12/5  P&C Meeting (9.15am)
- Tuesday 13/5  NAPLAN
- Wednesday 14/5  NAPLAN
- Thursday 15/5  NAPLAN
- Saturday 17/5  Working Bee (11am)

**Week 4**
- Monday 19/5  Recorder Rehearsal
- Tuesday 20/5  Computer Competition
- Wednesday 21/5  District Cross Country Carnival
  - Kindergarten 2015 Information Showcase

**Week 5**
- Wednesday 28/5  P&C Cake Day (11am)

**Week 6**
- Wednesday 4/6  Science Competition

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Principal’s Message

Thank you to Suzi Langford, John Wyllie, Diana Aitken and staff for yet another brilliant whole-school sporting event... Athletics Carnival!

**Athletics Carnival**

Last Wednesday our school participated in a jam packed day of fitness and fun as part of our annual Athletics Carnival. The whole school warmed up for their events by walking down to Dee Why Park for the carnival. To ensure a full day of programmed events, the students rotated amongst the different track events and skill-based games. Sack races and tug-of-war proved to be good cool-down activities in between the busy running races. The school came together to be spectators for some special events on the day. The 800m races and 100m relays were a great way to bring out the supportive spirit of the students as they cheered on their class mates.

Take a look at the website gallery for some photos!

The Dee Why Public School students are indeed a sporty group of kids, as throughout the day many heat times were being broken and school records set. The students loved to find out their times at the end of each race and often compared race times with each other. Ripper racing, kids!

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‘Leap into Learning’

**TERM 2 FOCUS**
PUBLIC SPEAKING
“What’s Your Story?”

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

Latest Update: Athletics Carnival

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School Tours
Wedgesdays 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.

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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 surely 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.

Yours in Education...

Mark Chaffer
Principal
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.

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

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 ______