**Diary Dates**

**Week 4**
- Monday 19/5: Recorder Rehearsal
- Tuesday 20/5: Computer Competition
- Wednesday 21/5: District Cross Country Carnival
  
  Kindergarten 2015 Information Showcase
- Thursday 22/5: P&C Red Shield Appeal Mufti Day

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

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

**Week 7**
- Tuesday 10/6: School Captain Parliament House Visit

**Week 8**
- Monday 16/6: P&C Meeting School Captains’ Leadership Camp
- Tuesday 17/6: School Captains’ Leadership Camp

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**‘Leap into Learning’**

**TERM 2 FOCUS**

PUBLIC SPEAKING

“What’s Your Story?”

Our school website

Latest Update: Working Bee - Term 2

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**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.

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**Principal's Message**

Oops! We did it again! What an amazing turn out at the recent Working Bee…

School Working Bee – Well done to the Dee Why School Community!

The second working bee for 2014 was a fantastic success. With page-load of names on our sign-on book, we had a fantastic turn-out of children, parents, grandparents and staff to transform our Regent St and Fisher Road garden areas. Special thanks to the following families for assisting on the day: Olga and Nina Pokhilko, Yvonne, Grace and Jadi Conry, Zaina, Izac and Jack Nzogu, Milan, Jacky, Christopher, Nicholas and Tom Rajcany, Gary and Angus Munro, Caroline and Elena Genovese, Ofa Latu, Andrew, Kathryn, Bailey and Morgan King, Amelia and Finn Tuionetoa, Thales Guarino, Robert, Liz, Emese and Ben Stoker, Liang, Lucy and Oliver Chen, Jordan Young Craig, Jill, Rebecca and Laura Starr, Fuli and Penny Lei Aofia and Dhakpa Tsering.

Extra thanks to staff John Wyllie and Marea Webster for leading the troops, and Carmel Hillier, Margie Parsons and Suzi Langford for lending a hand, plus Chris and Chris Baker for running a super BBQ lunch. Special mention to Lindy Barry for sourcing the yummy donated sausages for the day from local butchers – Dee Why Fresh Butcher and Daily Specials!

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

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.

Mental Maths Strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

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 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 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](http://www.bit.ly/1m0agnk)