**Dee Why Newsletter**

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Term 3  Week 5  13 August 2014

**Diary Dates**

| Week 5  | Monday 11/8          | Special Swimming Scheme (all week)          |
|         | Thursday 14/8        | Primary Proms Rehearsal                     |
| Week 6  | Monday 18/8          | Special Swimming Scheme (all week)          |
|         | Tuesday 19/8, 21/8   | P&C Meeting, 9.15am                        |
| Week 7  | Monday 25/8          | Book Week (all week)                        |
|         | Tuesday 26/8         | Book Parade                                |
| Week 8  | Tuesday 2/9          | K-6 Assembly                               |
|         | Thursday 4/9         | P&C Fathers’ Day Stall                     |
| Week 9  | Friday 12/9          | P&C School Disco                           |

**‘Leap into Learning’**

**TERM 3 FOCUS**

SUPER SCIENTISTS

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

Latest Update: Gallery - Opera Visit, “The Barber of Seville”

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**Principal’s Message**

**Amazing Opera Performance**

On Wednesday, 6 August 2014, Opera Australia visited our school and performed “The Barber of Seville”. The students were truly enthralled by the performance and had the opportunity to experience many cross-curriculum activities including music, drama, language, set/costume design and history. Some of the comments students made were “cool, funny, exciting, colourful interesting, fascinating” and from a Year 6 student “engaging”. The Opera Company made a huge effort to tailor the performance to appear to all K-6 students.

This great opportunity to experience Opera was enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you to Mrs Rika for organising this great educational experience!

Mark Chaffer
Principal

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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.
Special Swimming Scheme 2014
For those students participating in the Special Swimming Scheme, this week, please take note of the following requirements:
Please send morning tea, lunch and drinks with your child

In a swimming bag please send:
- Spare undies in a plastic bag
- Costumes
- Towel
- Jumper

Optional:
- Swimming cap
- Goggles

Please do not bring:
- A watch
- Bracelets, etc

Bledisloe Cup Rugby Test between Australia and New Zealand
Josefina Ainuu, a Year 4 pupil at Dee Why Public School, plays for the Dee Why Lions' U9 rugby union team. The Dee Why Lions U9s have been nominated by the Australian Rugby Union to play a curtain raiser match, against the Orange 'Emus', as part of the pre-game entertainment before this weekend's (Saturday, 16 August) Bledisloe Cup rugby match between the Australian 'Wallabies' and New Zealand 'All Blacks' at Sydney's ANZ Stadium.

Kick off for the children's match is at 6:30pm. After the game they get to sit on the side line and watch the Wallabies go through their pre-match warm up and training drills.

Free tickets for the children to watch the test match between the Wallabies and All Blacks are also included in their 'big day'. Needless to say the kids are very excited about this 'once in a lifetime experience'.

Stephen Comber
Mini's Co-ordinator, Dee Why Lions Rugby Club

P&C Sushi Day
Thursday 21 August
The P&C will be hosting a Sushi Day at lunchtime.

Book Week Celebrations – Book Parade and Book Fair
Dear Parents and Caregivers

We will be celebrating Book Week at Dee Why Public School during Week 7, 25 August until 29 August. (Please note - this is a week later than the official date for Book Week.)

The Theme for Book Week is:
'Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect'

Connect to reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring story, and making connections with other books or texts, ourselves and the world.

Students are currently reading the shortlisted titles for the Children's Book Council of Australia Competition during their library lessons. We love choosing our own winners!

We will be holding our annual Book Parade on Tuesday, 26 August after lunch in the assembly hall. We would like students from K – 6 to dress up as a character from a children's book. We ask for your assistance in helping students put their costumes together. They do not have to be expensive store bought costumes. A little bit of imagination and creativity works just as well.

We will also be holding a Book Fair in the library during lunchtime and afterschool on Tuesday, 26 August. Books will be available for sale for students to purchase and keep. The book supplier this year will be Central Books. They have a large range of books available for very low cost. If you would like further information or would like to help please see Mrs Clark in the library Monday to Wednesday.

I look forward to seeing some great costumes.
Start thinking and see you in Book Week.

Lisa Clark
Teacher Librarian

P&C Meeting
9.15am Monday 18 August
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.
**Book Club Orders**

I would like to assure parents and students that Book Club Orders for this term have not been forgotten. I apologise for the delay but due to a series of unplanned events including not having enough order forms sent for all classes, Year 5 and 6 subsequently away at camp and illness, orders have only recently been placed. Scholastic and I will ensure to get all book orders to students as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience.

Lisa Clark  
Teacher Librarian

**Second Hand School Uniforms**

If anyone has school uniform items at home that they no longer need and could donate to the school's second hand uniform collection, they would be much appreciated. Please bring these second hand items to the office.

**Flu season is here!**

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**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.