Diary Dates

Week 3
Tuesday 20/10  K2016: Getting Ready for School
                 Dee Why Delights
Wednesday 21/10  K2016: Getting Ready for School
                    Dee Why Delights
Thursday 22/10   Uniform Shop, 8am
                  Dee Why Delights
Friday 23/10     White Ribbon Fundraiser

Week 4
Tuesday 27/10  K2016: Getting Ready for School
                 K-6 Assembly
                 Dee Why Delights
Wednesday 28/10 K2016: Getting Ready for School
                  Dee Why Delights
Thursday 29/10  Uniform Shop, 8am
                  Dee Why Delights
Friday 30/10    P&C School Disco, 5pm

Week 5
Tuesday 3/11    Dee Why Delights
Wednesday 4/11  Dee Why Delights
Thursday 5/11   Uniform Shop, 8am
                 Dee Why Delights
Friday 6/11     Year 5 Leadership Day

Week 6
Monday 9/11     K2016: Getting to Know You
                 Playgroup
Tuesday 10/11   K-6 Assembly
                 Dee Why Delights
Wednesday 11/11 K2016: Getting to Know You
                 Playgroup
                 Dee Why Delights
Thursday 12/11  Uniform Shop, 8am
                 Dee Why Delights

‘Light Up with Learning’

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

‘School Tours’

Wednesdays 9.30am – by arrangement

Congratulations Maksim Korac who recently sat the Opportunity Class (OC) test and has been successful earning a place at Mona Vale PS OC Class from 2016. Maksim’s high academic achievement has made us all very proud, and we’re all going to miss him next year. All the best, Maksim!

Congratulations to Pani Hopoate! Last Monday the Sydney North Regional Athletics Carnival was held at Homebush Sports Stadium. Kalosipani Hopoate competed in both the 11 years Shotput and 100 metre sprint race against students from schools as far away as Gosford and Ermington. The standard of competition was exceptional and we are delighted to report that Pani achieved 6th place in the Shotput and 3rd place in the 100 metres. She now progresses to the next level of competition and will race in the 100m event at the State Athletics Carnival to be held in October. Congratulations Pani – we are so proud of you!

P&C School Disco
Friday 30 October: 5-6.15pm (K-2); 6.30-8pm (3-6)

Time to put on your dancing shoes for the P&C School Disco! Friday 30 October sees the third disco for the school year, and is sure to be a super evening for our students. Come dressed in “Halloween” for a night of dancing. Drinks, snacks and glow sticks will be available for purchase. Please ensure your child is picked up on time. See you there!

Mark Chaffer
Principal

Selective High Schools In 2017

This year, all applications should be made online through an Internet connection. Information letters have gone home with all Year 5 students this week. Please complete the form below and return it to the school by next Friday 30 October 2015.

Crossing Issue
To ensure ongoing safety of our students and staff, the school would like to remind parents not to park in or across school driveways, and please not use driveways for pedestrian access. We thank you for your support in this important matter!

**Kindergarten for 2016**

Do you have another younger child intending to start school next year? We are currently communicating with parents of children who are new to the Dee Why PS school community, but also need to know of current students with younger siblings coming next year. Please pop into the office to complete your enrolment application.

**Getting Ready for School**

Term 4 has begun and it’s nearly time for Dee Why Public School’s Kindergarten 2016 Getting to Know You Playgroup and Getting Ready for School sessions. We’re sure that your child will enjoy these opportunities to get to know other children and our lovely Kindergarten teachers. Please contact the school to book in your child!

**Getting Organised for Term 4**

Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z’s monthly planners. They’re easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child’s bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities.


**School Attendance**

The school is now utilising new technology to assist parents in ensuring the regular attendance of their child at school. Daily emails and sms, along with ongoing parent letters are assisting the school monitor unexplained absences.

Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. The school is required to record the reason for any absences including partial absences as a way of ensuring that students are absent from school only when they are sick or have another good reason for missing school.

Please assist us by replying to attendance emails, sms and/or parent letters, to explain your child’s absence from school. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the school on 9971 8635 to discuss your child’s attendance.

**How much screen time?**

’Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.


**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.

**White Ribbon Fundraiser**

This week on **Friday 23 October** we are having a gold coin donation fundraiser to support the ’Treasure Project’ for the ‘White Ribbon Foundation’ which our school has committed to help this term.

Our ‘White Ribbon’ student leadership team have suggested that all students bring in a $2 gold coin donation (or more if you wish) so that items can be purchased by the team to create care packages for children. This is a practical way our Dee Why students can provide assistance to other children who in many cases have to suddenly leave their homes without their personal belongings. The White Ribbon student leadership team have also suggested that Dee Why students wear a white t-shirt on Friday 23 October and participate in a whole school photo.

We would also love it if more donations of items for the care packages could be brought to school.
and placed in the ‘box with the white ribbon’
which is outside the school office. Some
suggestions for donations include:
**Essential School Packs:** backpack, lunch box,
cooler bag, drink bottle, pencil case, set of
coloured pencils, ruler, eraser, 4 HB pencils,
sharpener, diary, fiction books (visit

Suggested Toys to donate include: bouncy balls,
plush toy (teddy bear) or movie vouchers.

So let us open our hearts to support this
wonderful project and bring a gold coin and wear
a white t-shirt to school on Friday 23.

Many thanks
Mrs Dooley, Miss Watson
on behalf of the White Ribbon Student Leadership
Team

**Library News**

‘Read With Me’ will shortly be finishing for 2015.
I have asked for all remaining completed
certificates to be handed in by next Wednesday,
October 21st so that certificates and prizes can be
finalised by Friday. It is pleasing to see that so
many students have been enjoying shared
reading experiences, with many students
completing one or more certificates and earning
some fantastic book prizes. Please continue to
share these reading experiences as research
shows that 10 minutes reading a day improves a
child’s general knowledge, vocabulary, reading
comprehension, verbal fluency and spelling.

Scholastic Book Club orders have been sent
home for this term. Please ensure all orders are
returned to school or ordered online by
Wednesday October 21st. See Instructions for
LOOP online or visit the Scholastic website for
further information.

Many thanks for your support with ‘Read With Me’
and assisting your children to be responsible and
respectful with school library books. Please let me
know if books have been returned via a note or
come in and see me, as many hours can be

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are hiding somewhere at home.

Thankyou

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