**Principal’s Message**

What a busy last couple of weeks we have at Dee Why PS! Make sure you put these dates in your diary…

**Thank You Morning Tea**

*Thursday 3 December, 10.30am*

We would like to invite all our school helpers to our end of year ‘Thank You Morning Tea’. Come along and celebrate our achievements, particularly our regular Working Bees and Carnivale. Allow us to thank you for your help throughout the year.

**Family Picnic & Honour Assembly – Techno Kids**

*Tuesday 8 December, 12.45pm & 1.45pm*

Come and join us for our special honour assembly next week, as we celebrate the creative students in our classrooms. We will also hear from an up and coming guest vocalist. The assembly is preceded by our family picnic in the school playground from 1pm. Come and join us!

**Presentation Assembly**

*Tuesday, 15 December, 9.30am*

Make sure you have our Presentation Assembly marked in your diary! It’s our last formal gathering for the year and will see the whole school community share in the educational success of our talented students. Come and join us!

Mark Chaffer
Principal
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.

News from The Music Department
We are having a really exciting week. On Monday, the Yr 3-6 Choir and The Opera House Recorder Group performed at the Dee Why RSL club for some of the Senior citizens. All our students performed brilliantly and we received many lovely comments on their excellent performance and behaviour. Our students are so talented and are a credit to both the school and themselves. This Friday at 9.30am in the School Hall students from K-2 are performing at The Dee Why Christmas Concert 2015. Everyone in our school community is welcome and we will also be having some community singing which will help you get into the true Christmas spirit. The children are very excited. Please dress children K-2 in mufti with the theme being Christmas colours of red, green, gold, silver and white. Hope to see you all there!

Keep Singing, Keep Happy
Mrs Rika-Heke - Music Teacher

School Student Transport Scheme
From 2 November 2015, a new online SSTS application process is being introduced for schools within the Opal network, coinciding with the introduction of the School Opal card. Benefits:
- Automatic renewal
- Most parents, guardians and students won't need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass for the current year.

School Opal cards which are being automatically renewed will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

School Opal cards applied for using the new online process will be sent to the student's nominated address ready for term one 2016.

Students should use the new form if they:
- are just starting school and have not had a pass for travel before
- are in moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7
- are changing schools or campuses, including going between primary and secondary school
- or, if their personal details have changed (e.g. address)

To order a new School Opal card, students go direct to www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500.

Change to Bus Numbers
From the start of Term 1, most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate any duplication of route numbers that may have caused confusion to students in the past. Please note these changes do not impact the level of service provided to your school or the route taken by these services. The only change is to the three-digit route number of these services.

Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website: www.sydneybuses.info.

Please note: The Dee Why School bus number will be changing in 2016. The new bus number for Dee Why PS in 2016 will be 758. (No longer 763).

If you have any questions or require further information regarding bus services to your school, please don't hesitate to contact the bus company directly on 9941 5864.

Chess Enrolment for 2016 with Sydney Chess Academy
(years1-6)
Sydney chess Academy will be emailing an enrolment form to those parents that completed an “Expression of Interest” form for their child to commence chess coaching next year.

This enrolment form will detail the cost of $72 per term and provide various payment options. Please follow the instructions on the enrolment form for completion.

We are all looking forward to a fun time learning more chess next year!

Susan Barbour
Chess Coordinator
Angela’s Singing Lessons

Angela’s singing lessons offer one on one vocal lessons taught by singer/songwriter Angela Galea. Whether you want to sing as a hobby or professionally I aim to help you find your own unique voice, learn how to use it properly & have fun too!

- All ages Welcome
- All abilities Encouraged
Dear Students and Parents,
The holidays are fast approaching and sadly our school library has stopped loaning books and is asking for all books to be returned as soon as possible for the annual stocktake. I would appreciate your assistance with finding hidden library books under beds and other tricky places. Please come and see me in person or send in a note if you have looked and cannot find the books at home. I am continually checking shelves in the library to locate missing books. Thank you.

**Student Borrowing**
Overwhelmingly students have continued with positive attitudes to reading and book borrowing. We have seen the majority of students continue to enjoy reading and book borrowing in 2015. Well done students!
This year we continued ‘Read With Me’ which encouraged students to share their reading with an adult. Many students received certificates and free books to take home. Some classes also continued to participate in the ‘Premiere’s Reading Challenge’. Congratulations to all those students who worked hard to achieve their personal best. Thanks to the combined teamwork of parents, teachers and students working together to encourage and produce lifelong readers.

**Summer Reading Club**
Our school library may be closing but that is no excuse to stop reading. Warringah library has a fantastic summer reading club. It runs from 1st Dec and over the school holidays.
For further information see the Warringah Library website: http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/library/kids-space
I would like to extend my thanks to the Year 5 library monitors for assisting in the school library in 2015. Special thanks to library assistants Jill Starr and Di Liddel for their work. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday and Happy Summer Reading!
Mrs Clark and Mrs Garcia (Teacher Librarians)

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**Library Monitors 2015**

- Josefina Ainuu
- Milica Avromovic
- Priya Singh
- Emily Rose King
- Imran Ibrahim
- Chad Milne
- Christopher Rajcan
- Adrian Young
- Tenzin Younte
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