Dee Why Newsletter

Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity and Harmony

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Diary Dates

**Week 3**
- Tuesday 10/2  Dee Why Delights
- Thursday 12/2  Parent Teacher Evening, 6pm

**Week 4**
- Monday 16/2  Cromer Campus Open Night
- Tuesday 17/2  K-6 Harmony Day Assembly, 2pm
- Wednesday 18/2  P&C Welcome Morning Tea & Meeting
- Thursday 19/2  Dee Why Delights

**Week 5**
- Tuesday 24/2  Dee Why Delights
- Thursday 26/2  Staff Development Day

**Week 6**
- Tuesday 3/3  Dee Why Delights
- Thursday 5/3  Dee Why Delights

Principal's Message

**Class Information Evening**
**Thursday 12 February**
- 6.00  K-2 meet with your child’s teacher in the classroom.
- 6.30  All parents meet in the School Library. General information session.
- 7.00  Yrs 3-6 meet with your child's teacher in the classroom.
  *Note: Class 3/2W will have their session at 7pm.*

It is very important that you come along and meet with your child’s teacher. The partnership between school and home is so important. Let us work together to achieve the best results for your child.

*Note: As playground supervision is unavailable, please ensure any attending students or siblings have brought a book to read or activity to do.*

**P&C Welcome Morning Tea & Meeting**
**9.00am Wednesday 18 February**

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.

*Note, we have moved the P&C AGM to later in the term, so the first meeting next week will allow parents to find out about the roles prior to election.*

Mark Chaffer – Principal

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**TERM 4 FOCUS**

**MATHEMAGICIANS**

Our school website

**Latest Update:** Gallery – Mr Soccer

School Tours

Wednesdays 9.30am – by arrangement

Are you new to the area or have a child beginning Kindergarten in 2016? Come and meet me and have a personalised tour of our fantastic school. Ring the school for a booking.
School Plan 2015-2017
Our school strategic directions for the next 3 years will be:
**Strategic Direction 1** - Quality Teaching and Learning
**Strategic Direction 2** - Innovation and Opportunity
**Strategic Direction 3** - A Positive School Community

Each year these strategic directions will be supported with detailed improvement measures.

We have had a strong focus on achieving a positive school community last year and this will continue in 2015.

We want all our children to make a total commitment to their education. We will not settle for second best!

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NAPLAN 2015 test dates information for parents available in 35 languages
A letter to parents advising of the dates of the 2015 NAPLAN assessments and what they will comprise is now available for download in 35 languages from the Department’s translations website. Please see National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Letter to parents for all the available languages.

Other documents providing important school information are also available on the Department’s website in up to 35 languages. Staff can view the documents by document name or by language or by clicking on a complete alphabetical listing of the documents.

For further information about translations or using interpreting services please contact Ms Mary Binder, Communications and Translations Advisor on (02) 9244 5311 or email mary.binder@det.nsw.edu.au

Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.


Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


Medicines at School
Parents MUST complete a Deed of Indemnity Form and make arrangements in writing with their child’s class teacher for any medicine to be administered at school. By law, staff cannot administer medication without the appropriate documentation. Please see the office staff for forms and your child’s class teacher to whom you may provide vital information about your child’s needs.

Stewart House School Clothing Appeal
Stewart House clothing bags will be picked up on Tuesday 4 March. Please return bags before this date to the school office.