Dee Why Newsletter
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Term 2 Week 7 3 June 2015

Diary Dates

Week 7
Tuesday 2/6 Dee Why Delights
Wednesday 3/6 Aboriginal Incursion, 1.30pm
Thursday 4/6 Dee Why Delights

Week 8
Tuesday 9/6 Dee Why Delights
Wednesday 10/6 Dee Why Delights
Thursday 11/6 Dee Why Delights
Saturday 13/6 Working Bee, 10am

Week 9
Monday 15/6 Student Reports go home
Tuesday 16/6 Dee Why Delights
Parent/Teacher Interviews begin
School Leader Parliament
House Visit

Wednesday 17/6 Dee Why Delights
Thursday 18/6 Dee Why Delights
Friday 19/6 P&C School Disco

Week 10
Tuesday 23/6 Dee Why Delights
Honour Assembly, 1.45pm
Wednesday 24/6 Dee Why Delights
Thursday 25/6 Dee Why Delights
Friday 26/6 Last Day of Term

Principal’s Message

Tennis
Congratulations to all students on their exceptional behaviour and performance during in-school tennis lessons. Our tennis staff have commented several times on the way Dee Why PS students listen and then practice their tennis skills each week. The staff are so impressed, they are offering a discount to all students who are interested in participating in tennis activities outside of school hours. Please contact the school office for contact details.

Road Crossing
With the current council building works combined with a larger student population, the roads surrounding the school have become increasingly busy. Please support the school staff by discussing with your child safe ways to cross neighbouring roads, including using school and traffic light crossings. Please note when crossing Regent St, students need to use the Fisher Rd traffic light crossing.

Uniform wearing
With the weather becoming cooler, students may be choosing to wear non-school uniform items, such as beanies. On the coldest days, this is acceptable both to and from school only. Should your child require additional warmer uniform items, please contact the school uniform shop for options.

Mark Chaffer – Principal

‘Light Up with Learning’

TERM 2 FOCUS

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

Latest Update: District Cross Country

School Tours

Wednesdays 9.30am – by arrangement
**Student Reports & Parent Teacher Interviews**

Teacher are currently working very hard preparing the Student Reports for their class. The reports will provide parents with information about how their child is performing and applying themselves in English, Mathematics and additional Key Learning Areas. Reports will go home on Monday 15 June.

Notes went home this week inviting parents to come along and participate in the Parent/Teacher Interviews to be held from Tuesday 16 June. *This year, bookings will be made using an online system.* Instructions on accessing the system were provided in the note. Parent/Teacher Interviews are a fantastic opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress with their class teacher. Please bring along your child’s report to assist with the discussion.

**Music News**

This term has been very busy and productive. Children have been very busy in Recorder and Primary Proms Choir, practising for our performance at the Opera House and Town Hall. Please return notes and money as soon as possible for Recorder to Mrs Kean, for Primary Proms to Mrs Rika. We are also practising a number of chants, songs and dances for Carnivale.

On Tuesday we had a brilliant performance by Fred Reid, an Aboriginal performer who showed us aspects of traditional culture through songs, stories, body painting, and showing us traditional artefacts and instruments.

Please note – students need to come to my room at Recess to order Year 6 casual, School headers, Year 2 Choir, Opera House Recorder, beginner Recorder, 3-6 Choir, Librarians and School Captains photos at a cost of $17.00 each. Please return envelopes and money to the school office.

Thank you.

Keep Singing, Keep Happy!

Mrs Rika-Heke

Music

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**It’s On Again! - School Working Bee**

The Second working bee for 2015 will be held on **Saturday 13th June** from 10am to 1pm. This is your chance to get involved in making our school a better place and to meet other parents and staff. Our aim for this working bee is to paint the toilets, add soil to garden beds and mulch the kinder seat area. *In the recent School Plan survey, we noticed that parents and children would like to lighten up the clean, but dull, toilets under the library.* So, we will be “white washing” (painting) the walls to brighten things up. We’ll also be moving some new soil into garden beds and re-mulching the kinder seat area. Many hands make light work. Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes. Once again, a BBQ lunch will be served and light refreshments provided. All the family is welcome. Please respond on the note below if you can give up 1 or more hours. We are looking forward to catching up with as many parents as possible at this rewarding Dee Why PS event.

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**WORKING BEE**

I would love to assist at the Working Bee on Saturday 13 June.

- 10am – 11am
- 11am – 12noon
- 12noon – 1pm

Name: ………………………………...

Class …………. Phone No……………………………..

For catering purposes how many people will be staying for lunch ______

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**OOSH Update**

Dear Parents,

It is already week 7 and nearly the end of term 2, it is closely not very far away for school Holidays. I would like to thank you to you all for your support for everything you do with the centre. I would like to welcome the Lock-Nuygen family. They are only here one day a week but they have enjoyed their time here.

Wow what a busy 7 weeks happening. Carmen has done a lot and has brought a lot to this centre like craft etc and I would like to thank her for that. This last two weeks we have celebrated Anzac day. We made poppies and the children got to trace their hands which made a circle of hands.
Another activity craft we did was animals, the Kindy to year 2 children went to the zoo which was very exciting for them. They saw lots of animals. We decided to extend and make animals masks; some children had lions some had hippos and some had other animals. The children enjoyed making them and decorated them very well. Lots of other exciting activities that have been and more to come. The children made themselves and we also made a world. It was great to see all the children get involved. Also the children have gotten involved in the good old French knitting. It great to see them learn and my goodness they are amazing at it. They want to do it more and more. The children are also been doing beading for mothers day. I hope you enjoyed them Mums??😊

There is a lot more we have been doing and I could go on forever. I would love you as parents to come in and have a look at the room. Have a look at the wall and the programming and more. Please if you have any input or any concerns please don’t hesitate to call or email me😊

These next two weeks is filled with lots more craft and activities that will be very exciting for everyone and even more till the end of term. This week we are doing under the water. The children are making a mural of the underwater picture which will include fishes, jellyfish, seaweed and lots more underwater creatures. We have made our hellos from every single culture background and related it back to the world. The children bought up where we are in the world and then related it back to how we say hello in different languages. As of 2015 I cam aboard in the centre and it was a great change, there was lots of arts and craft that we had in the room that needed a good revamp which I think we are doing well at. We all decided to make a new Dee Why Ymca sign to put up which is colourful and bright. We are getting on to doing another which will be awesome, getting the children to hand painting.

Next week it is the YMCA’S BIRTHDAY WHOOOO!!!!

Next week the children will be celebrating it all week. We will be doing lots of fun activities and eating lots of lollies etc. if you don’t want your children to eat the lollies please let me know before next week and I will not give it to them.

There is heaps and heaps that I could talk about and more more activities to come but I don’t want this to be too long. We don’t have long till the end of term 2 which has gone too fast but we are getting there slowly.

Just a couple of friendly reminders:
- Please make sure that you are signing the children in and out of After school care.
- Any notices on your notice please read as there are some events that are coming that parents will want to attend.
- The children have been doing a lot of recycling and using materials for activities like french knitting and lots more (hope you don’t mind the products they make). I would love more recycling materials to be brought in. Any materials will do😊

If you have not yet received a handbook, a statement or if you have any concerns with anything please don’t hesitate to contact me or email on 0402 283 964 or oshc.deewhy@ymcansw.org.au

Kind regards

Emily-Jane Kerr
Co-ordinator