Dee Why Newsletter
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Term 3  Week 9

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Principal's Message
Wow! It’s truly quite difficult to put into words the feelings associated with yesterday’s celebration of cultural diversity…Carnivale. Yesterday, the Dee Why Public School community delivered a celebration simply like no other. Carnivale 2015 was wonderful and an event of which we should be justifiably proud. As my first Carnivale, I was extremely proud and very humbled to part of this unique event.

Of course, yesterday’s success was due to a committed and cohesive school community who worked seamlessly to showcase our amazing kids in the forefront of their vibrant cultures. Thank you to our school community for your support and hard work with this year’s Carnivale. It’s success was on the lips of all I spoke to throughout the day. Well done to our passionate Dee Why PS staff who continue support our students in all that they do.

Again, Dee Why Public School…congratulations!

Honor Assembly – Carnivale
Tuesday 15 September, 2pm
Come and join us for our special honour assembly next week, as we celebrate all things Carnivale. Come and join us! Please note, that due to Carnivale this week, the assembly will not be preceded by our normal family picnic.

Mohammad Family Fundraiser
To support the Mohammad Family after their sudden and tragic loss recently, the school will be holding the Mohammad Family Fundraiser next Wednesday, 16th September. Children can wear “mufti” for a gold coin donation, and bring an additional gold coin for entry in the raffle. Parents may also support the family through donations made at the front office.

Mark Chaffer
Principal

‘Light Up with Learning’

TERM 3 FOCUS
CARNIVALE


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 you enrolment application.

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**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.

**Taking Home the Children of Others**

Please note, before the school can “hand over” its Duty of Care of a student to another student’s parent or relative, approval must be provided to the school. Ideally, this would be in the form of a signed note from the non-present parent. In exceptional circumstances and where a signed note is not possible, the school would need to speak to the non-present parent on the telephone. Thank you for your understanding!

**District Athletics 2015**

This week a squad of students represented our school in both Field and Track events at the District Athletics Carnival held at the Narrabeen Sports Academy. The weather was fantastic and so were the kids, who were wonderful ambassadors for our school. They all tried their very best and displayed the usual wonderful Dee Why sportsmanship. We are proud of them all, and especially proud to announce that Kalosipani Hopoate set a new District record in the 11 years Shot Put with a throw of 9.9 metres. Pani is off to Regional Athletics next week to compete in both Shot Put and the 100m race and we wish her all the very best for a successful day. **Stop Press:** Congratulations to Pani for 3rd place in the 100m. She’s now off the State Competition!

**Carnivale Food Committee Thank You**

We would like to thank the Dee Why community for their tremendous generosity in providing all the delicious food for Carnivale 2015. Eating lunch together after the marvellous performances was a wonderful way for all of us to share in the celebration of Carnivale. Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort in giving food. There were so many amazing things to eat yesterday and I hope people had the opportunity to try something new or enjoy a favourite dish. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped prepare and serve the food yesterday. Without your help during the performances the lunch could not have happened. Particular mention goes to Natasha Sutton, P&C President.

During term 3 a group of teachers and parents worked hard on how best to organise the lunch. I would like to sincerely thank our amazing canteen supervisor Jaclyn whose energy, ideas and enthusiasm made yesterday’s lunch such a success. As many of the teachers on the committee are new to Dee Why School it was wonderful to draw on Jaclyn’s knowledge from previous Carnivales.

Thank you to committee members Maddie Broughton KM, Susan Barbour KB, Clare Skelding KS, Ash Watson 1B, Marea Webster 2/3W and the marvellous Margie Parsons who all worked so hard to ensure that the lunch was a success.

It was a privilege to be part of Carnivale 2015. My sincere thanks to everyone for your advice and help.

Susan Dooley
Assistant Principal

**The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on
their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

To take the survey, go to: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17883&j_password=Dee1744

**Woolies Earn & Learn – Last Week – Please bring in all outstanding stickers to the office box for counting!**

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for Dee Why Primary School. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs. It’s simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at Dee Why Primary School or at our local Woolworths, Dee Why and Warringah Mall Shopping Centre.

**School Tours**

Wednesdays 9.30am – by arrangement
Butterfly Van’s Family Day Care in Dee Why
Providing education and quality care for your child
Children aged three months to pre school

Please contact Van Chaves on 0420551665 for vacancies