Principal’s Report

Term 1 Focus: Lets Read

Great Start to 2016
Wow, what a fantastic first week we had at Dee Why Public School! Our Year 1 to 6 classes began smoothly, including many new students, and our delightful new kinders are all still smiles and are the "talk of the town..."

First days at school can sure be daunting, but our new students and our new kinders have made it look very easy. Not only are our new students very confident and enthusiastic, but are assisted by the caring and professional staff and very protective student body that have looked after them throughout the week. Many examples have been seen of teachers guiding the new students with friendship groups, whilst older students have taken time to demonstrate new games and activities for the new students to join in with. Older boys and girls have also helped with what to buy at our canteen, Dee Why Delights.

Swimming Carnival Success
We went swimming in the best looking pool on the Beaches!

On Wednesday 10th of February we held the school Swimming Carnival at Dee Why Rock Pool. 13 students took part in the event which turned out to be a very successful day. With the sun shining and the oceans crystal waters, it was amazingly pleasant for all who attended. All competitors entered the water to achieve their best results in their chosen strokes. We would like to say a big thank you for the parents who attended and assisted on the day:

Mrs Maloy
Mrs Stoker
Mrs Rozhko
Mrs Radhamma
Mr Prica

Thank you to Mrs Scollay and Mr Wyllie for organising the event!

Our Sailors Were All Smiles!
Class 3/6 spent a glorious day last week sailing the high seas of Manly Cove.
The wonderful staff at Sailability Manly treated our students with a sailing adventure amongst the yachts and boats of the harbour, with the occasional ferry thrown in for good measure! Class 3/6H repaid staff with plenty of smiles and exceptional manners, which made for a memorable experience for all.
Thank you to Carmel Hillier for organising a terrific day and thank you to our parent helpers who happily lent a hand. Well done, kids!

**P&C off to a Flying Start!**

The P&C is off to a flying start in 2016! Record numbers of parents came to find out what it's all about ...

Recently, the P&C held its first meeting for the year and for new parents to the school. Parents chatted about their child's start at Dee Why School and spent time getting to know one another. It was an enjoyable time for all!

We then moved on to hold a mostly informal meeting, so that new parents could find out what the P&C does and how they do the things they do. The current office bearers spoke about the roles available, the spent some time describing the roles in an easy to understand manner. Parents could then take some time over the next couple of weeks to think about the roles, before coming together for the P&C AGM. Thanks for coming along and being part of the excitement!

**Upcoming Events:**

- Scripture begins
- NBLA Student Leadership Camp, 7-8th March
- Harmony Day, 15th March
- Working Bee, 19th March

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