

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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This school will be closed on days of forecast Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating

Newsletter No 1 – Week 2 — TERM 1

Tuesday 7th February 2017

SCHOOL HOURS

Start: 8.45 am
Crunch and Sip: 10.45 - 10.50 am
Recess: 10.50 - 11.10 am
Lunch: 1.10 - 1.50 pm
Finish: 3.05 pm



6th—17th February	Swimming Lessons — Bilgoman Pool Pre-Primary to Year 6
6th - 17th February	Parent Information Evenings —See list in Newsletter for Class times and Dates
13th February	P&C Meeting 7.30pm Held in the Staff Room— All Welcome
17th Feb	ASSEMBLY — Student Council
23rd Feb	FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL
24th Feb	P&C SUNDONER See information in Newsletter
27th Feb	7pm School Council Meeting
1st March	H.E.C Inn School Public Speaking Junior Yrs 1-3 Seniors Yrs 4-6
1st March	Uniform Shop Open 3.00- 3.30pm
3rd March	ASSEMBLY —Room 1
6th March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY —Labour Day
8th March	H.E.C INTERSCHOOL Public Speaking @Gidgegannup Primary School Junior and Senior Representative
10th March	ASSEMBLY —Room 2

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting:

President: Rowena MacKinnon

SCHOOL BANKING Thursdays Library 8.15 - 8.45

Anke & Fiona

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB CO-ORDINATOR

Alison Scott - darlingtonpsbookclub@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP - Fri 8.30-9.00am + First Wed/Month

Jasmine - dpsuniform@gmail.com 3.00-3.30pm

CANTEEN DAYS - Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays

Ros Tooth ph – 0425 807 166 / School 9299 6888

LIBRARY DAYS - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays

Library Officer; Mrs Karen Diaz

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN ONSITE - Thursdays and Fridays

Chaplain; Tracey Buckley

SCHOOL DENTAL VAN - ph 0407 594 254

On site at Helena Valley Primary School

Dear Darlington Families

Welcome to our 2017 school year. Thank you to everyone: parents, staff and students, for your role in making last Wednesday such a smooth beginning. Welcome to our K1 class who started yesterday. It has been wonderful to see all our students happily engaged in their learning experiences. I have no doubt this is just the beginning of many more exciting adventures as part of the various learning journeys this year.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families, and our new students. I am sure you have all experienced a friendly introduction to our community and I look forward to getting to know you as the year progresses.

We have commenced the year with an enrolment just below 400 students. Staff have agreed to maintain the current structure, however if we have an influx of enrolments in certain year levels the structure may be reviewed.

Staffing 2017

Attached to this newsletter is our staffing structure for 2017. Some teachers have assumed different roles for this year. We welcome Mr Scott McCormack, Ms Jessica Chitty and Miss Tereza Dimovska to our team, and welcome back Mr Michael Smith, Mr Zane Moran, Miss Bonnie MacKay, Mrs Jessica Copping, Mrs Jo Horne, Mrs Ash-Lee Parkin and Mrs Sarah Duffus in various fixed term positions across the school. Mrs Mandy Osenton will be working in Room 8 on Fridays in Term 1 and 2. Mrs Clare Rice (nee Pustkuchen) has taken a 12 month position at the North Metropolitan Language Development Centre and Mrs Julia Spencer has taken a 12 month position at Upper Swan Primary. Both of the teachers have the option of returning to Darlington in 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Zoe Harper for the outstanding contribution she made to Darlington Primary in 2016. Zoe has won a permanent position and is teaching at Bungaree Primary this year. My tenure will end at the end of Semester 1 and Mrs Lorna Woodley will be returning to her substantive position at the commencement of Semester 2.

Student Leadership

It was a pleasure to watch and listen to our students present their Student Councillor speeches last Friday. The quality of their presentations was outstanding and they displayed great courage in front of their peers. Thank you to Mr Scott who co-ordinated the process and will lead the Student Council during 2017. Faction Captains were also chosen. Our Faction Captains have a number of key responsibilities over the year, managing sports equipment, assisting staff and leading their faction throughout the year's sporting calendar. Library and Art Monitors have also been selected to assist staff with the set up and pack up of these two areas in our school. Congratulations to those students who were elected into leadership positions. A list of the 2017 student leaders is included in this newsletter.

Student Awards

At our Graduation Assembly at the end of last year our 2016 Year 6 students were thanked for their contributions to our school. Students who received individual awards are acknowledged elsewhere in the newsletter. Congratulations to these students.

Congratulations also go to one of our current Year 6 students, Talia H, who received an award at the recent Australia Day celebrations in Mundaring. Talia received an under 25 years award, acknowledging her contribution to the community. She was nominated by Girl Guides WA for her work towards a homeless appeal, food collections, reserve gardening and rubbish collections. Well done Talia.

Initiative, Trust, Tolerance

Student Requirements

Please ensure your children have all of the items that were listed on the Students Requirements Lists as well as Items for Students' Personal Use information. This includes both stationery; Hand-writing and Stars & Cars Workbooks, and extra equipment such as art shirts, library bags, tissues and supplementary items specific to year levels. Thank you to all families who have finalised their Contributions Fees and Charges for 2017 as per the schedule. Payments are welcome at the office as soon as possible. EFTPOS facilities are available. Please contact the school if payment presents a problem for your family.

In-term Swimming PP-Year 6

Thank you to everyone for being so well organised for the start of our in term swimming yesterday and for providing your children's information and finalising payment for these lessons. It is very important that our students are involved in this activity, learning essential water safety skills and improving personal fitness. The Department of Education meets the cost of instruction at these classes. The \$41 payment covers transport and entry costs to the pool. Final payment is required by tomorrow please.

Parent Information Evenings

These meetings are an excellent opportunity for teachers to inform families of the procedures and timetables of each class. Parents are encouraged to make supervision arrangements for children as is not appropriate for them to attend such meetings. In addition to sessions presented by class teachers K-6, our Specialist Teachers will also be offering a session to inform parents of these programs. Thank you to all staff for these sessions.

Bushfire Preparedness

As part of the school's planning, we will be practising a bushfire evacuation drill next week. We have a very well-developed Bushfire Response Plan that has been approved by both the Department of Education and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. A copy of the plan accompanies this newsletter. Please ensure you are familiar with the arrangements as your actions in ensuring the plan runs smoothly are vital. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services' website has a wealth of important information also: <http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/alerts/Pages/default.aspx>

In closing, sincere thanks to Roz Lipscombe and her team, for maintaining our new Nature Gardens near the amphitheatre; we are very appreciative of you keeping our young plants alive during the summer months. Thanks also to the Bowden family for their kind donation of a coral gum to replace the 2015 leavers gift. We will ensure this tree has a happier life. And finally thanks to the many members of our wonderful community for the support they have provided to one of our families who was impacted by a tragic house-fire recently. If you would like to contribute, please visit this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/house-fire-relief-for-jonitoby>

I look forward to working with you all this semester. Have a great fortnight.

Maree James
Principal

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS TIMES AND DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Year	Room	Teacher	Date & Time
K 1	K	Mrs R Barrow & Mrs J Chitty	Tuesday 7/2/17 12 noon
K 2	K	Mrs R Barrow & Mrs J Chitty	Thursday 9/2/17 12 noon
PP1	PP1	Mrs J Horne & Mrs Parkin	Monday 13/2/17 4.00pm
PP2	PP2	Mrs L Swingler & Mrs S Duffus	Monday 13/2/17 4.00pm
Yr 1/2	6	Mrs M Ryan-Gadsden & Mrs R Holmes	Tuesday 14/2/17 6.30pm
Yr 1	7	Mrs J Woods & Mrs J Copping	Tuesday 14/2/17 6.30pm
Yr 1	8	Mrs K Tester & Mrs M Osenton	Tuesday 14/2/17 6.30pm
Yr 2/3	9	Ms P Adam & Mrs N Hill	Wednesday 8/2/17 4.30pm
Yr 2	10	Mrs L Finch	Monday 13/2/17 4.30pm
Yr 3	11	Mr D Sherpa	Thursday 16/2/17 4.30pm
Yr 3	12	Ms B MacKay	Monday 6/2/17 4.30pm
Yr 4	5	Mrs C Ferrari	Thursday 9/2/17 4.00pm
Yr 4/5	4	Mrs R Barley & Miss T Dimovska	Thursday 9/2/17 4.00pm
Yr 5	3	Mr Z Moran	Monday 13/2/17 5.00pm
Yr 5/6	2	Mr M Scott & Ms J Chitty	Monday 13/2/17 5.00pm
Yr 6	1	Mr M Smith	Monday 13/2/17 5.00pm
Specialist Teachers Music, Art and PE	Library	Mr S Melrose, Mrs H Bycroft & Mr S McCormack	Wednesday 15/2/17 4.00pm

DARLINGTON PRIMARY STAFF 2017**ADMINISTRATION**

PRINCIPAL	Maree James
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS	Matt Scott & Nicki Hill
MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES	Naomi D'Arcy
SCHOOL OFFICERS	Di Walker (Mon Tues Wed & Fri) Kath Stanwix (Thurs)

TEACHING STAFF

YEAR	ROOM	
K 1 & 2	K	Robin Barrow & Jess Copping (Fri)
PP 1	P1	Jo Horne & Ash-Lee Parkin (Fri)
PP 2	P2	Lorraine Swingler & Sarah Duffus (Fri)
1	7	Jen Woods & Jess Copping (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
1	8	Kath Tester & Mandy Osenton (Fri)
1/2	6	Melissa Ryan Gadsden & Rona Holmes (Thurs)
2	10	Lynne Finch
2/3	9	Nicki Hill (Mon & Tues) & Paula Adam
3	11	Dawa Sherpa
3	12	Bonnie MacKay
4	5	Christel Ferrari
4/5	4	Ronnie Barley & Tereza Dimovska (Thurs)
5	3	Zane Moran
5/6	2	Jessica Chitty (Mon-Wed) & Matt Scott
6	1	Michael Smith

SPECIALISTS PROGRAMS 2017**THE ARTS**

Visual Arts	Yr 1-6 Mon-Wed	Helen Bycroft
Music	Yr 1-6 Wed-Fri	Stewart Melrose

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Health:	Yr 1-3 Mon & Tues	Rona Holmes
PE	Yr 1-6 Mon – Wed	Scott McCormack

LANGUAGES

French	Yr 3-6 Tues & Thurs	Leanne Teti
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SCIENCE	PP Fridays	Rona Holmes
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SCHOOL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (SIM)

BRASS	Yr 5 & 6	Peter Hind
GUITAR	Yr 5 & 6	Justin Lynam (Thursdays)

SUPPORT STAFF**EDUCATION ASSISTANTS**

Early Years	Colleen Claysbrook, Fran Silvestro, Zdenka Hercik- Saul, Heather Thomson, Anthea McQuarrie
Special Needs	Kim Maxted, Zeta Adams, Rachel Chittleborough, Lisa Thompson, Kym Banjac

Intervention Programs

Mini Lit Mac Lit	Jen Webb Jesinta Reeves
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Library Officer	Karen Diaz (Mon-Wed)
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STUDENT SERVICES

School Chaplain	Tracey Buckley (Thur & Fri + even weeks Mon)
School Psychologist	Melissa Morgan (Thursdays)
Learning Support Co-Ordinator	Ronnie Barley (Thursdays)
Community Nurse	Rachel Hall

GROUNDS

Rico SCHMIDIGER (Mon & Wed) Phil JACKSON (Thursdays)

CLEANING STAFF

Deb STUBBERFIELD, Relita JACKSON and Arlene JALIPOT

CANTEEN

Canteen Manager	Ros TOOTH (Mon, Wed & Fri)
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Darlington Primary School Bushfire Emergency Procedure



All gas cylinders are to be turned off at the beginning of Term 4 each year.

Practice drills of the Bushfire Emergency Procedure will be carried out during the first two weeks of Term 1 & 4.

The School will liaise with the Police or Bushfire Control (DFES) regarding the location and direction of a fire and/or will monitor the DFES website or ABC Radio 720 for updated details.

If a *Watch and Act* is issued by DFES, all children are to remain in the classrooms, with windows and doors closed. Air conditioner fans should be turned off, but the pumps left running. School bags are to be taken inside classrooms. Student Attendance should be checked. *Admin are to ensure that staff in the Early Learning Centre are aware of the situation.* Deputy Principal (or other representative) will be despatched to the Incident Support Group.

If it is deemed necessary, students and staff may be required to shelter in place. The Principal gives instructions, through available channels, to evacuate all classrooms to the Covered Assembly Area.

Teachers take class list from Evacuation Pack (located next to the door and the evacuation map in all rooms) and escort students to their normal assembly place via designed evacuation routes. Specialist teachers relieve the Deputies of their classes once evacuated. Teachers should take classroom keys.

If possible, class lists, including absentees, will be printed from Integris by office staff and distributed to class teachers for Roll Call.

School Administration staff to carry out special duties as per the school's "Emergency Plan".

Medical kits, including student medication, will be organised by the office staff. Drinking water is available in the Covered Assembly Area and Canteen. A toilet is located in the Music Room.

Parents should not attempt to reach the school to collect children as roads will be blocked by Police for use by fire fighting vehicles.

Off-site evacuation, if required, will be co-ordinated with the DFES Incident Management Group. Children and staff will be taken to a safer location to be collected from there. Parent contacts listed in school records will be notified by special SMS message. The location of the evacuation area will be available from the DFES (*Department of Fire and Emergency Services*) information line on 1300657209 or www.dfes.wa.gov.au or via ABC Radio 720 on the quarter hour.

Parents **SHOULD NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL** as the lines must be open for communication with the relevant authorities. The 000 phone number should only be used to report emergencies.

In the event that a day of Catastrophic Fire Danger, the school will be CLOSED

Prior to the day of closure, SMS Messages will be sent to all parents' mobile phone numbers registered with the school and formal, written notification will be sent home to each family.

Announcements will also be made in the media.

School Closure signs and banners will be posted at all entrances to the school and on fences in Glen Road and Amherst Avenue.

Children must not attend school.

2016 Student Award Winners

Dux:

Sammy Scott

Medal of Excellence:

Darcy Bennett

Graeme Devitt Award:

Scarlett Hayes

Shire of Mundaring Citizenship Award:

Alice Baker

Bendigo Bank Endeavour Award:

Mackenzie Chittleborough

Woodside Scitech Science Awards:

Sammy Scott

Indara Gentle

Slater Gartrell Sport Award:

Haydee Armitage

Morton Faragher Hayden Art Award:

Veronica Stevens

Music Award:

Asher Milne

Languages Award

Darcy Bennett



2017 Student Leadership

Student Councillors

- Koby Bryant
- Lucy Croysdill
- Anakah de Jong
- London Milne
- Toby Osborne
- Mackenzie Snow

Faction Captains

- RED** Ben Rummer
Sydney Loveridge
- BLUE** Jon Rose
Alyssa Bayne
- GREEN** Tex Tolley
Bindi Sloggett
- GOLD** Nic Gilenko
Lotus Patrick

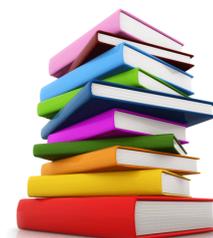
Art Monitors

- Liam Oliver
- Livy Bowden
- Lilly Subramaniam
- Ruby Oddie
- Talia Hobson



Library Monitors

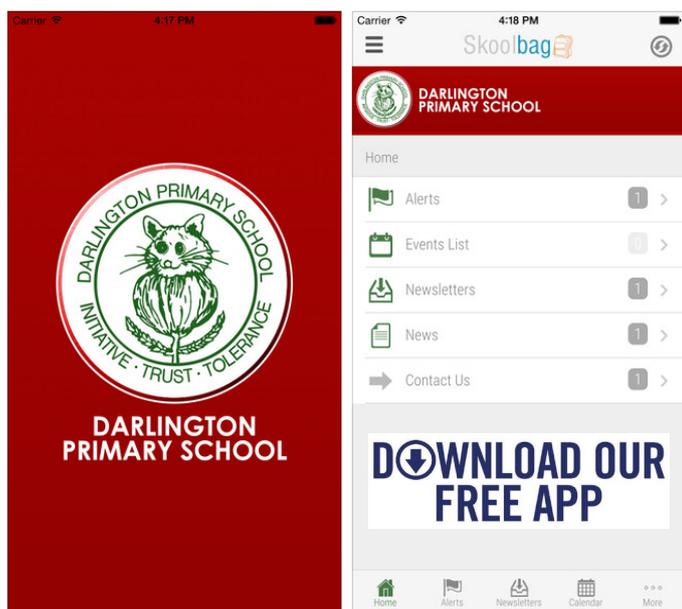
- Ava Crewe
- Ruby Rogers
- Nate Frost
- Felix Pole
- Lucia Cox
- Lucas Rummer
- Amy Perrot
- Elih Reid
- Tyler Wiltshire
- Eamon Ryan
- Georgia James



Darlington Primary School -
Skoolbag

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SCHOOL NAME IN:



Hope that you had a nice break? I am so excited to be back at Darlington Primary.

The Chaplaincy program is for the whole community, the Chaplain is here to support, encourage and journey with the school community. This can be achieved through individual support, through programs, and through events at the school. The role of the Chaplain is to be a listening ear to help and support students and the whole school community.

I have a letter box which is located in admin. Students can be referred to see the Chaplain through their teachers, admin and the Students Services Team. Students can also self-refer (request to see me). If you do not want, your child to be involved in the Chaplaincy program can you please let the school know.

This year I will also be at school every second Monday (even weeks) as well as Thursdays and Fridays. I am really grateful for the whole school community in having an extra day a fortnight at Darlington.

Programs that are happening this term are:

Craft Group

Craft Group is on Thursday's the second half of lunch in the library.

Craft Group is for years one to six. Children can just attend as they like. There is a selection of items for children to create with. Craft Group will start in week four when swimming is finished.



DRUMBEAT
BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH RHYTHM

Drumbeat

Drumbeat is for students from Year 4-6

Drumbeat is about helping students; be resilient, with friendships, helping them with self-regulation, emotions and feelings.

Students are selected for Drumbeat through consultation with the chaplain, teachers and admin.

The time for drumbeat will vary due to the year of the students and their timetable. The drumbeat program goes for 8 to 10 weeks and it will be during school time.

Students will need permission forms to attend. There is no cost for this program.

Drumbeat will start in Week 4 after swimming is finished.



Zumba Kids®

Yes Zumba® will be on again this year. Yeah!

Zumba Kids® will commence in term two on Thursday afternoons. Zumba Kids® is a dance based program for students from K-Year 6

- K-Year 3 will begin at 3.05pm and finish at 4pm.
- Year 4-6 will begin at 4.00pm to 4.45pm.

This will of course depend on numbers. Zumba kids® will be in the undercover area. Please check the newsletter for more information.

There is a small fee to attend Zumba Kids® and students will need a permission form.

I am really excited to let you know about a new group that is starting:

Girls Group

Girls Group will be on every second Monday (even weeks) in the undercover area after-school. This group will start on Monday 20 February.



It will be from 3.10pm-4.00pm.

Girls Group is for girls in Year 4-6 and will focus on self-esteem, identity, friendships and embracing who they are. Students will need permission to attend. Forms will be in the newsletter and near the Chaplains letterbox in admin. There is no cost for this program.

(Permission Form attached to email)

My thought for the fortnight:

*Embrace
THE JOURNEY*

Tracey Buckley
School Chaplain



2017 CHALLENGE COURSE & NATURE PLAY PROJECT

We have designed a fantastic area for the Seniors and Juniors, some will be outsourced but the more help we have the more we can achieve.

Families with building experience, carpentry, rope tying skills ...

>> could you help make one of these?



Can be done in your own time, could be a great family project - prep or install during Term 1/2.
Construction advice & designs available, materials can be supplied.

For a copy of the area plan or for more info: kbrinfield@iinet.net.au or 0419965650

Nature Play
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GETTING OUR KIDS OUTDOORS

LOST PROPERTY

OUR LOST PROPERTY BOX IS FULL AND OVERFLOWING. REMEMBER TO COME AND CHECK TO SEE IF ANY ITEMS BELONG TO YOU.



HONEY FOR SALE

P & C Fundraiser

1 KG POTS

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(Honey should be back in the office again soon)





Your P&C is ready for action!

First Meeting of the Year.

Due to some Parent Information Evenings the first meeting of the year will be put forward to **7.30pm, Monday 13th February** at in the Staff Room (currently noted as **7pm Monday 13th** on your calendar).

All are welcome! Come along and get involved or just sit in to see what we are about.

**The year ahead is as full as a sock!
Two great events to dive into 2017!**



Welcome Sundowner Friday 24th February: To kick off a year of school, join your school community for a relaxed sunset picnic and some sweet tunes on the oval. Whether you're new or part of the furniture, come and catch up with old friends or make new ones, while local Indi talent Annika Moses sings us into the evening.

Roast Vegie or Roast Beef rolls will be available for pre-order on FlexiSchools for the evening as well as tasty drinks and treats available for purchase on the night. Fun activities for the kids too! Our fantastic Grounds Project will displayed for you to get up to date on our progress and the exciting plans to come.

Election Day = Fun Day! Saturday 11th March.

Vote with your feet and your tastebuds. Sausage Sizzle, Cake and Surprise Jar stall.

Volunteers are needed for both these events so get involved now so your kids think you really are busy and important. If you think you can help in some way, large or small, you probably can. Please feel free to email me, Ro MacKinnon, at darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com if the little light bulb in your head turns on.



Class Representatives Needed!

A class representative helps gather all your details for the class friendship list (request note for this info will be sent home with your child and information is kept private). This enables you to easily arrange play dates and parties and keeps you in touch with the community closest to you and your children.

You also have the annual job of co-ordinating the morning tea for your class. Simply co-ordinate with the other parents, the setting up and packing down of the tea and coffee and remind parents to bring a plate.

It is a great opportunity to get to know the different parts that make up our DPS family and to work with other parents, carers and teachers towards common goals.

The following Class (room) reps are still up for grabs:

Room 2 (Yr 5/6)	Mr Scott/Miss Chitty	Rep. Required
Room 4 (Yr 4/5)	Mrs Barley/Mrs Dimovska	Rep. Required
Room 5 (Yr 4)	Mrs Ferrari	Rep. Required
Room 10 (Yr 2)	Mrs Finch	Rep. Required
Kindy	Mrs Barrow/Mrs Copping	K2 Role filled K1 Rep. Required
PP2	Mrs Swingler/Mrs Duffus	Rep. Required

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!
Ro (Rowena) MacKinnon, P&C President.

SCHOLASTICS Book Club

Please look out for the first Scholastic Bookclub catalogue for 2017. Issue 1 will be coming home this week. If you ever require your order as a gift, please don't hesitate to contact me so the books can be withheld and arrangements made for pickup. Those ordering via 'The Loop' online can also choose the 'Gift' option. Either phone or text 0439910830, or email: darlingtonpsbookclub@gmail.com. **Please have orders completed either electronically via scholastic.com.au/LOOP or manually with order and cash to the School Office no later than WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY.**

Many thanks for supporting your P & C and School
Alison Scott

Welcome to all those new and returning families to Darlington P&C canteen.

The term has started with the rush of swimming lessons and with this in mind we have adjusted the school canteen menu to cold food only, for weeks 2 and 3, this allows us to feed the children their lunches over a much longer time frame to allow for the comings and goings of swimming lessons.

We realise that not all children like sandwiches and wraps so we have some grazing options on the menu too such as carrot stick with hummus, crackers and cheese, veggie sticks, popcorn and corn chips. Wednesday will still be sushi day with teriyaki chicken, tuna and mayo and vegetarian options.

Some children will miss out on coming up to buy extra items as they would usually so maybe consider adding those to the order as they will all be hungrier after their swimming efforts.

To order food for your child just go onto Flexischools website and make your selection, alternatively we have hand written bags in canteen for you to complete and hand in. The menu is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions about canteen please feel free to pop in on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Thanks for your support, Ros Tooth.