

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 5 – Week 1 — TERM 2

Tuesday 4th April 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



UPCOMING EVENTS	
3rd May	UNIFORM SHOP Open 3—3.30pm
5th May	ASSEMBLY - Student Council
5th & 12th May	MOTHERS DAY STALL (Open 2x Friday) 
9th - 11th May	NAPLAN—Years 3, 5, 12th May
12th May	ASSEMBLY - ROOM 7
14th May SUNDAY	Happy Mother's Day!
18th May	Lightning Carnival Years 4-6
22nd May	6.00pm Public Meeting 7.00pm School Council Meeting
24th May	9.30am Kindergarten Tour (Office)
26th May	ASSEMBLY - ROOM 4 9.30am Kindergarten Tour (Office)
28th May SUNDAY	 Autumn Busy Bee 10.00am - 3.00pm (see Flyer)
29th May	Kindergarten Tour (Office)
1st June	2018 Kindergarten & Pre-Primary Enrolments Open

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: 13th June - 9.15am
 President: Rowena MacKinnon

SCHOOL BANKING: Fridays in the Library 8.15 - 8.45am
 Co-Ordinators: 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 DENTAL VAN - ph 0407 594 254
 On site at Helena Valley Primary School

STUDENT SERVICES

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN ONSITE - Even week Mondays and every Thursday and Friday
 Chaplain: Tracey Buckley

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ONSITE - Every Thursday
 Psychologist: Melissa Morgan

Dear Darlington Families

Welcome to Term 2 and a special welcome to our new families.

It was wonderful to see so many families attend our ANZAC ceremony on the final day of Term 1, to acknowledge the contributions past and present of our armed service men and women and to reflect on this important event in our nation's history. The work by the staff and children in acknowledging the range of animals that have made an invaluable contribution to Australia's military history was excellent. Thank you to Mrs Finch for coordinating the day, and special thanks to our invited guests Mr and Mrs Lazenby, who shared information about the important role that pigeons played, and then released his pigeons in what was a spectacular culmination of the ceremony. Thanks also to our parents for the kind donations of flowers for the wreaths and for assisting in the making of them.

We have had a very smooth start to Term 2. There is definitely a fresh nip in the air on these crisp Autumnal mornings. The children look wonderful in their school uniforms with their lovely green school jackets to keep them warm. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled – we already have a collection growing in the lost property box and it is only Day 5 of the term.

At our School Development Day on Monday staff:

- engaged in Professional Learning regarding the effective use of our subscription programs: Mathletics and Reading Eggs/Eggspress.
- reviewed the Aboriginal and Cultural Standards Framework and the enVision-MATHS Resource.
- developed whole school Scope & Sequence Vocabulary lists to further support the vocabulary development for all students in English, Maths, Science, HASS and Technologies.
- All in all, it was a very busy but very productive day.

Our Student Councillors were excellent ambassadors of our school when they attended the Combined Hills ANZAC DAY Service at Blackboy Hill last Thursday with Mrs Hill and I. We received commendations about their excellent behaviour and our beautiful school uniforms.

Last Friday we hosted a Professional Learning Day for all Hills Education Community (HEC) Early Childhood staff, with over 30 teachers from our HEC schools attending. The session was presented by Speech Pathologists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists from WA Health and related to aspects of Child Development and information about community support services – it was a very informative day.

Thanks to members of our Grounds Committee for their ongoing commitment to the various projects. Special thanks to Kylie Brinfield for her great work in preparing the plans for the playground constructions. We are awaiting approval for these and hope to get started on constructions in the very near future. Congratulations to Kym Kinkela who submitted a successful Grant Application to the Mundaring Shire to further support the Grounds Project! Thanks also to Roz Lipscombe and her team for coordinating the Busy Bee scheduled for Saturday 28th May. The focus of this Busy Bee is to plant seedlings & complete some work works in various zones. If you have any natives to donate for our Nature Trail Area, please contact Roz. We look forward to another very successful day. Please see details elsewhere in the newsletter.

It has been wonderful to see the students (and teachers and parents) participating in Lap Club on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. Lap Club is from 8.25am on these days. It involves completing laps of the cross country course to improve stamina and fitness

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whilst gaining points for factions as well as recording individual cumulative total of laps. We encourage students to use this time to practice running their Cross Country distance. Certificates will be presented to individual students acknowledging achievement of certain targets such as 25, 50, 100 and 200 laps.

Thank you to our teachers for ensuring our Year 3 and 5 students are well prepared for the nationwide NAPLAN assessments commencing next week, and to Mr Scott for his coordination of the arrangements for these.

This Friday evening all our Year 1s and 2s will be having their Glow in the Dark Night. Thank you to all the staff involved in coordinating this evening and to all the parents who have volunteered to assist. I am sure a lot of fun and a lot of learning will be had. Special thanks to our wonderful Chaplain Tracey and our generous P & C for their coordination of our annual Mother Day stalls this week and next. Mother's Day is a time to say thank you to all our wonderful mums, grandmothers and great grandmothers for all their love and support. Best wishes to all our mums for a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday 14th May.

I found this lovely piece of writing that I would like to share....

*Dear Mum
As I look back on my life
I find myself wondering....
Did I remember to thank you
For all that you have done for me*

*For all the times you were by my side
To help me celebrate my successes
And support me with my disappointment
Or for teaching me the value of hard work, good judgment and honesty*

*I wonder if I ever thanked you for the simple things,
The laughter smiles and quiet times we shared*

*If I've forgotten to express my gratitude for any of these I am
thanking you now
And I'm hoping that you've known all along
How much you are appreciated*

Have a wonderful Mother's Day mum!

I look forward to your ongoing support. Sadly this will be my last term at Darlington Primary but I have no doubt it will be as rewarding as all others have been.

Maree James,
Principal



Some end of term fun....

**TEACHERS
VERSUS
STUDENTS**



CHAPLAINS CHAT

Chaplains Chat



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Hope that you all had a nice holiday, I am really excited to be back at school.

Just a reminder that I am here Monday (every second Monday even weeks of school) Thursdays and Fridays. I am here for the whole school community.

Just wanted to let you know what is happening this term-

Girls Group



Girls Group is on again this term. We will be meeting on 1st May, 15th May, 29th May, 12th June and 26th June. We will be starting at 3.10pm and will finish at 4.15pm. In Girls Group this term we will be looking at- all about me, drama, theatre sports, dance, making encouraging bracelets and drumming.

We will be meeting in the library. Girls group is for girls in year 4 to year 6.

Craft Group



Craft Group will continue this term on Thursdays in the library during the second half of lunch. Come along, meet some friends and create a masterpiece.

Drumbeat



DRUMBEAT
BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH RHYTHM

The Drumbeat Program is on again and this term we will be working with a group of year four girls.

My thought for the fortnight-



Tracey Buckley
School Chaplain



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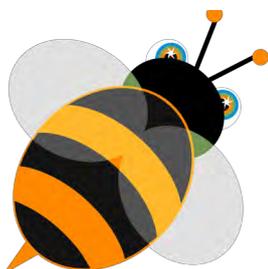
ANZAC DAY - WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



Thanks Lynne Dullard for photographs



Autumn Busy Bee



Darlington Primary School Grounds Project
Sunday 28 May 2017 10am - 3pm

Mothers Day Stall see flyer for more information



Gifts cost \$5.00/per child

ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET... GO
It's Fun Run time again!



After the HUGE success of the Fun Run last year it's on AGAIN!

On Friday 23rd June everyone from Kindy to Year 6 will walk, jog, run, skip or dance their way around the lap club course or oval for 15 minutes. Students can raise money for the school by getting sponsorship per lap. Don't forget to get planning on your crazy costumes.

Watch this space to find out what fantastic family prizes there will be this year.

All money raised goes to our fabulous school and the exciting projects on the brew.

Sponsorship forms available May 26th. 20 parent helpers will be needed on the day so mark your diary now if you're happy to help.

So get moving, get planning, get involved, and get sponsored!
Any questions? Contact the P&C at darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com.

next meeting



Our Next P&C Meeting:

13th June - 9.15am

All Welcome

Book Club



Reading has never been more fun!

Scholastic Bookclub

Thanks for the amazing response to the first and second issues of Scholastic Bookclub this year. Orders placed have earned a Rewards total of nearly \$400, which in turn gets used for purchases in our library.

Please look out for Issue 3, which 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 10th MAY.

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

HONEY

Honey available from the office
- \$10 a tub (cash)



Autumn Busy Bee

Darlington Primary School Grounds Project

Sunday 28 May 2017 10am - 3pm

Would you like to be part of the team making the school grounds even more fun, educational and beautiful for our kids? All families are welcome – we need your help!

We'll be working on the Nature Play Zone and the Nature Trail.

- 10am Join us for a cuppa, quick tour of the projects and the work so far
- 10.15 Work gets underway
- 12.30 Lunch – free sausage sizzle

Come for a couple of hours or more if you can spare the time.

Nature Play Zone

More details about this work in the next newsletter.

Nature Trail – next to the amphitheatre

This project is connecting our kids to the wonderful local natural environment, on the school grounds. We will continue with weeding, planting natives and making other features.

Please let us know if you can join in the fun of the Busy Bee.

This will help us plan the day's work and organize the catering.

RSVP or send inquiries to rozlipscombe@bigpond.com before Monday 22 May.

Things to bring along:

Old clothes, wheelbarrow, rake, covered footwear, plenty of water, mug / cup, sunscreen / insect repellent, gloves, knee pads, trowel or fork, hoe, saw, digging implements, tray backed ute we can load with green waste, and more as plans develop.

Put your name on all your gear and see you there!



The P&C Mother's Day Stall

When: Friday 5 May for all classes and Friday 12 May for Kindy 2 and for last chance presents for Mum.

Where: The Undercover Area

Time: Students will come up with their classes from 10.00am

Cost: Gifts cost \$5.00/per child

