

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 13 – Week 4 — TERM 3 Tuesday 22nd August 2017

SCHOOL HOURS

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Aug to 21st Sept	ZUMBA with Tracey (Thursday - 8 weeks) (Kindy to Year 6) 3.05pm - 4.00pm
21 - 25th Aug	CHILDRENS' BOOK WEEK More Information in Newsletter 
25th August	P&C BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE 9am ASSEMBLY More Information in Newsletter
25th August	FATHERS DAY STALL GIFTS \$5 
28th -29th August	BOOK FAIR SALE - LIBRARY EFTPOS AVAILABLE 

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: AGM 4th September - 7pm
 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
 Email - 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
Dental van currently at Darlington 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 Parents and Care Givers

Darlington Primary School Excels in the Interschool Arena

In recent weeks, teams from Darlington Primary School have achieved outstanding success in both academic and athletic interschool competitions.

A wonderful team effort resulted in our Cross Country team winning the Hills Education Community Sports Association Interschool Carnival on Friday 11th August. Cross country events rely upon the performance of the team as a whole, not just those who finish in the first four places. This result was a fabulous example of the determination and dedication of all 48 competitors and their coach, Mr Moran. Congratulations to them all. A detailed account of our team's performance is included later in this newsletter.



Not only did our students perform exceptionally well on the race track, but their general behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding. This was commented upon by staff and parents from other schools and I was immensely proud of their all-round effort.

The same accolades were received by the team of 4 Year 6 students who competed in the Hills Education Community Science Quiz last Wednesday. Once again, the team members worked very collaboratively and efficiently to retain the trophy that was won by Darlington last year. Well done, Anakah, Eamon, Elih and Jake.

Both of these victorious teams were welcomed back to the school with the traditional guard of honour formed by all of their school mates as they arrived at the Emma Hogan Gate.



Initiative, Trust, Tolerance

Sensational Science Activity Day

Thursday certainly went off with many bangs and exciting demonstrations of chemistry, physics and biology at work as the school acknowledged Science Week. The day began with Scitech Discovery Centre demonstrations of physical science for both junior and senior groups. That was followed by activities in classes that ranged from: Mrs Ferrari appearing to set herself on fire; to freezing marshmallows with dry ice (the solid form of carbon dioxide); blowing smoke rings from a rubbish bin; and balloons that deflated and inflated in response to abrupt changes in temperature, to mention just a few. These were powerful and amazing learning opportunities for the students. The culmination of the day was an explosive chemistry display on the oval, which included the launching of some spectacular rockets. It was prepared and presented by parent, Heath Dullard, who is the Head of Science Learning Area at Ellenbrook Secondary College. Our thanks go to him for once again making this possible.

Thank you also to Mr Smith, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Osenton for their magnificent efforts in planning and preparing for a memorable day.

School Council Meeting

Last Monday, the School Council held its Term 3 meeting. Items on the agenda included: introduction of new parent representatives; the future of the Kalamunda Senior High school Academic Extension program for Year 5 and 6 students; and heating in classrooms. Details of the Council's deliberations will be available to the community via minutes which will be posted on the school's website once they are approved.

The Council plays an important role in the school's decision-making processes. Parents are encouraged to discuss issues or ideas with the Council Members who are:

Craig Manton	Chairperson and General Parent Representative
Heath Dullard	General Parent Representative
Fiona Gordon	General Parent Representative
Samantha Craig	Early Childhood Parent Representative
Roz Lipscombe	P & C Representative
Anke Steinwandel	Community Representative
Nicki Hill	Staff Representative
Stewart Melrose	Staff Representative
Melissa Ryan-Gadsden	Staff Representative
Lorna Woodley	Ex Officio

Forthcoming activities

There's never a dull moment at school!

As you are no doubt aware, this week is Book Week which we will celebrate with a traditional book character parade in lieu of assembly on Friday. I am aware that a lot of planning has gone into preparing costumes – and that's just on the part of staff. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up on Friday.

Please remember to provide a change of clothes if your child's costume is unsuitable for normal activities, including sport.

The NAIDOC Language Workshops that were postponed from last term will be conducted next Tuesday 29th August. Students have already paid to participate.

The Book Fair will be conducted in the Library next week. This offers a great opportunity for families to purchase some wonderful books whilst the commission from sales supplements Library resources.



Easter Hills Senior High School is offering the opportunity for beginning music students to participate in their **Training Band Workshop** at the end of this term. The workshop is open to students from Years 5 or 6 who are currently attending music lessons, either at school through the School of Instrumental Music or privately.

This annual 2-day workshop is held on Tuesday 19 September and Wednesday 20 September 2017 (Week 10 – the last week of Term 3). It will provide beginning students with an opportunity to experience the fun of playing in a large group, thereby enhancing their music experience and complementing the musical development already taking place in their instrumental lessons.

Interested students should approach Mr Melrose for details and permission notes.

The school requires the assistance of a handyperson or persons who could assist us to mount two large works of art above the stage in the covered Assembly Area.



If you are able to help, please contact the school on 9299 6888 or email Lorna.Woodley@education.wa.edu.au

Lorna Woodley
Principal



Planning for 2018 (Year 6 excepted)
Please notify the office if your child/ren will not be returning to Darlington Primary in 2018
Email: darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au
Phone: 9299 6888



Thanks to Lynne Dullard for the photos



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This year's cross country was again held at the Mundaring Recreation Ground and Golf Course, with a total of 11 schools competing. Once each of the competing schools had arrived, they were all taken on a course walk, where race strategies and tactics were discussed in depth by Mr Moran. With a hill leading into a rocky, narrow opening that I'm sure would challenge the most experienced mountaineers, these tactics were definitely a crucial aspect to our success. An unbelievable amount of effort, determination and dedication was shown by every single competitor during training, and especially on the day which was evident in each year groups over all results. A special mention to year 4 Amalyn M. who won her individual year group race with an outstanding effort.

A big thankyou to all teachers, parents and spectators who came down on the day, and especially to super coach Mr Moran who organised each of the trainings and certainly encouraged our students to run to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to each of our runners with the finishing positions of each of our year groups below:

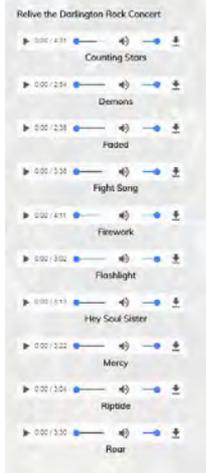
- Year 3 Girls: 8th place
- Year 3 Boys: 1st place
- Year 4 Girls: 1st Place
- Year 4 Boys: 4th Place
- Year 5 Girls: 1st Place
- Year 5 Boys: 1st Place
- Year 6 Girls: 5th Place
- Year 6 Boys: 2nd Place



Scott McCormack
Physical Education



DARLINGTON ROCK 2017



Darlington Rock Concert

"A huge congratulations to our band students who performed admirably at last week's 15th annual Darlington Rock Concert, blasting their way through hit after hit to the amazement of our school and community. I am constantly in awe of some of the musical talent that presents at our school, and it is a privilege to teach and nurture the future generations of instrumentalists and singers in our school. It's always good to hear and read about past students who have gone on to forge musical careers or pastimes, and Darlington PS has produced many. I have no doubt that this current cohort of students will produce more. Many thanks also to our parents who provide support and encouragement to our students to foster their musical drive and passion. Well done Darlington.....you rock! Also a big shout out to our school choir who opened proceedings with their performance of "Flamerei" Well done to our School Band and Choir."



"Last Wednesday the school again had the pleasure of being entertained by a talented group of musicians at the annual Darlington Rock concert. The entertainment got off to a sizzling start with the school choir performing Pompeii. That was followed by 20 band members performing a variety of items - some old favourites and some new songs. It was fantastic to see so many students confidently and skillfully performing in front of a large audience. I was impressed that students who used to hide behind the rocks or hang their heads with shyness were up on stage singing or playing instruments with poise and self-assurance. Their enjoyment was evident in the glimmer in their eyes and the smiles on their faces. Congratulations to all performers for their dedication to practising and contributing positively and co-operatively to their groups and to Mr Melrose for his passionate stewardship of the band program. It is a very special feature of Darlington Primary School."

Please visit our school website to listen to our performances
http://darlingtonps.wa.edu.au/events_17_01.html



P&C BOOKWEEK CHARACTER PARADE

FRIDAY 25TH OF AUGUST
9.00 AM

- ◆ Students to come dressed as a character from a favourite book or story
- ◆ Family and Friends welcome to attend
- ◆ To be involved in organising please contact; Jane at jane.bigelow@hotmail.com

THIS FRIDAY!



ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE
CBCA BOOK WEEK 19-26 AUGUST 2017



BOOK FAIR IS HERE

WHERE : **Darlington Primary School Library**

WHEN: **Monday 28th August**
Tuesday 29th August
 from **8.30am - 3.30pm**



Book Fair brings the books to you.
 Purchase quality items - great reading, and great gift ideas.
 Purchase a book to donate to the school library.
 Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card and EFTPOS.
 The school receives a commission on all sales.

Colouring in competition on display



Thank you for your support



Children's Book Week incursion

Perform Education Musicals will be presenting 'Super Duper' - a brand new educational musical for schools with an exciting and interactive narrative created to celebrate Children's Book Week, the CBC shortlist and its 2017 theme *Escape to Everywhere*.

The six featured books are:



Where: Darlington Primary School undercover area
When: Wednesday 30th August 2017 (Two performances 9am and 11.15am)
Cost: \$6.50 per student

Remember to return permission forms with payments to your class teacher

FRENCH NEWS

In French this semester, the Year 5 and Year 6 students have been learning about the major landmarks in Paris. They will be combining this knowledge with French words for directions. The year 4 and some year 5 students have been working on French words for clothing and connecting this with their knowledge of colours to correctly use adjectives in French. The year 3 students have been learning about farm animals in French and discussing their pets.

As part of reporting to parents at Darlington Primary School we had 3-way parent-teacher-student conferences. As I am only working part-time on Tuesdays and Thursdays, if you would like to arrange a time for an informal talk about your child's progress in this learning area and any ideas, suggestions or concerns that you have, just leave a message with the front office.

More pictures in the next newsletter

Madame Teti



LANDMARKS IN FRANCE





The P&C Father's Day Stall

When: Friday 25 August for all classes and also on Friday 1 September for Kindy 2 and for last chance presents for Dad.

Where: The Undercover Area

Time: Students will come up with their classes after the school assembly

Cost: Gifts cost \$5.00/per child

DARLINGTON BASKETBALL CLUB PLAYER NOMINATIONS CLOSING SOON!

Any children in Years 1-6 interested in playing basketball? Basketball is a great game to introduce your children to team sports and they have so much fun playing with their school mates!

Darlington Basketball Club player nominations are open **until 1st September** and there are places available for new players.

Primary school age players are graded into teams as follows:

- ◆ Mixed 8 and Under (Years 1/2)
- ◆ Boys 10 and Under + Girls 10 and Under (Years 3/4)
- ◆ Boys 12 and Under + Girls 12 and Under (Years 5/6)

So far we have had a fantastic response from players from previous seasons and also a lot of new players which is great!

We are still looking for more players from Years 1 and 2 and girls from Years 3 and 4 to ensure we can make up full teams.

2017-18 DBC Player Fees

8s-12s - \$80 14s-18s - \$85

Note - \$5 per game fee applies for all players in addition to our club fees. This is paid directly to our parent club Hills Raiders Basketball Association on game night.

Games are played at Mundaring Recreation Ground on Friday nights from October to March with a break for Christmas holidays. Training days are coach's choice – training is usually held at Darlington Primary School on a weekday after school, subject to court availability.

All enquiries to the Club Registrar Maddie McLeod at maddie75@westnet.com.au.



Woolworths Earn and Learn is on again 26 July to 19 September



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Darlington Primary School Website

Remember to visit our school website for handy information. Latest news, Important Dates, Current Newsletters, Permission Forms and much more.

Great resource to make use of.

www.darlingtonps.wa.edu.au

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Darlington Hockey Club

Interested in Hockey ?

Come and join us to play the Summer League at the Mundaring Recreation Centre Courts every Thursday night.

We are looking for new and experienced players to join our team. Training is on a Monday night at Darlington School (3.15pm to 4.15pm).

The Season runs from Oct till March, (break for the holidays), games are weekly from 5.30pm in Mundaring. Teams are mixed. Players are required for the following age groups

- > U7's (2010/11)
- > U9's (2008/9)
- > U11's (2006/7)

Registration forms are available from the school office, or email Lisa Good (littlelisa60@icloud.com)
Registration cost is \$80 for the season plus the cost of a stick, mouth guard and shin pads.

Be great to have the teams up and running again.....

Visit our Facebook page : [Darlington Hockey Club](#) for more information...





Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

Email: darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com



Nature Trail - Winter Weed and Tidy Up 10 - 12, Sunday 10 September

Come and see how all the new natives are going in the Nature Trail, next to the amphitheatre.

This is not a full working bee, but an opportunity to visit the Nature Trail and reduce the Winter weeds. We have found the Nature Trail a great zone for all families, including those with younger children.

It won't be catered, but feel welcome to bring morning tea to share and catchup with other school families.

All inquiries, Roz Lipscombe 0432 369 141 or rozlipscombe@bigpond.com



CANTEEN NEWS

With book week comes the fun of costume making and arranging. Why not let canteen give you a hand this week and let us make your child's lunch on Friday while you watch the book parade assembly?

We have had a few children go home sick over the last fortnight and they have missed out on their canteen lunch. If you can, phone me in canteen and we can have your child's lunch ready to go when you come to pick them up. It might not be cooked, depending on the time but I am happy to tell you how to warm it through or toast it for when you get home.

Thanks, Ros.

HONEY
IS NOW BACK IN
THE OFFICE
\$10 A TUB

Book Club



SCHOLASTIC BOOK WEEK

Thanks for the amazing response to Issue 5 of Scholastic Bookclub earlier this term. The orders placed have earned Rewards of \$240, which in turn gets used for purchases in our library.

Due to the Book Fair running in the school library next week on Monday and Tuesday, the Issue 6 brochure will be sent home on the Wednesday.

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 TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER.

Many thanks for supporting your P & C and School

Alison Scott

next meeting



Our Next P&C Meeting:

4th September - 7pm
ANNUAL A.G.M. All Welcome