

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 1 – Week 1 - TERM 1 Tuesday 6th January 2018

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



5th to 16th February	PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS Teachers will advise dates & times
12th Feb	P&C MEETING 7pm All Welcome
16th Feb	ASSEMBLY – Student Council
20th Feb	H.E.C IN SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING Juniors Yrs 1-3 / Senior Yrs 4-6
22nd Feb	FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL Bilgoman Pool
26th - 9th March	IN TERM SWIMMING LESSONS Pre-Primary to Year 6 - \$45 per student
5th March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
14th March	H.E.C INTERSCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING @Gidgagannup PS Junior and Senior Rep

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: 12th February 7pm
Please join us - All Welcome
President: Rowena MacKinnon
Email: darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com

SCHOOL BANKING: **Wednesdays** in the Library 8.15 to 8.45am Co-Ordinators: Anke, Fiona and Danneil

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB CO-ORDINATOR
Alison Scott - darlingtonpsbookclub@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP - Open Friday twice a term (1st, 2nd last)
See school calendar for dates 8.30-9.00am
Email - dpsuniform@gmail.com

ORDER ANYTIME ON FLEXISCHOOLS FOR CLASSROOM DELIVERY: www.flexischools.com.au

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

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, Care Givers and Friends,

Welcome back for the start of the 2018 school year. Thank you to everyone – students, parents and staff for their terrific contributions that made the start of the year very calm and smooth. It is a delight to see the students already settled into the environments and routines of their new classes. It was just wonderful to watch our new Kindergarten students confidently and enthusiastically setting out on their journey in education and even ‘contemplating coming again’. Quote from a Kindy student.

I extend an especially warm welcome to all of the families who are new to the Darlington School community. I trust that your association with the school will be productive, enjoyable and rewarding. The strong sense of community is one of the most outstanding features of this school.

Staffing

I also extend a very warm welcome to several new teachers on the staff.

Mr Paolo Sabattini joins us in a variety of support roles, including teaching Italian to the Year 3 students who are just embarking upon their journey in learning a new language. As a native Italian speaker and experienced Language teacher, Signore Sabattini is well placed to provide them with a very solid foundation. He will also be providing Science lessons in some of the junior classes, as well as supporting Literacy and Numeracy consolidation in Years 4 – 6. In addition to working here at Darlington on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, he will continue as the Language teacher at Edney Primary School on the other two days of the week.

Two new graduate teachers have also joined our staff for the year and we are absolutely delighted to have them on board. Miss Kaili Beeson will be sharing the teaching duties in Year 6 Room 2 with Mr Scott and will work on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays. Miss Emily Bloomer is already well into the swing of things as the Physical Education teacher for Years 1 to 6 and has been keeping the children very busy out on the oval. I am sure you will all join me in making these two new teachers feel at home as they embark on the exciting new stage of their careers.

A complete staff list is attached to this newsletter. However, I am really pleased to make special mention of some changes to arrangements for this year. Firstly, I am delighted to announce that Miss MacKay, Mr Smith and Mr Moran have all secured permanent positions at the school, albeit part-time at this stage. This move is well deserved recognition of the wonderful contributions they have all made to the school already and, no doubt, will now continue to make well into the future, knowing that their tenure here is secure.

I am also very pleased to welcome back Mrs Trish Paice, who will be working three days a week in the Pre-primary class. She has had a very long association with the school, both as a teacher in many areas and as yet another former student.

Attendance (excerpt from the Department of Education Website)

We want to make sure all children get the best education possible which is why attending school every day is so important.

Western Australian law stipulates that all school-aged children must go to and attend school every day.

Each school is required to keep accurate attendance records for all its students.

Initiative, Trust, Tolerance

This includes taking attendance:

- ◆ in the morning and afternoon for students in Kindergarten to Year 6
- ◆ at every lesson for secondary school students. When a student's attendance falls below 90%, the school principal is required to investigate the matter and develop a plan (in consultation with the family) to address and restore regular attendance.

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vital so children do not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

Did you know:

- ◆ missing **half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning each year**
- ◆ the attendance habits set by children when they first start school continue throughout their school life
- ◆ if children miss **half a day of school each week between Pre-primary and Year 10, they would miss almost one full year of learning**
- ◆ learning is cumulative – if children miss a day, it is harder for them to catch up.
You can help by arriving and collecting your children on time; making sure they get nutritious meals and enough sleep; and making appointments with doctors, dentists and specialists, and making holiday plans during school holidays and not during the school term.

If one of your children is unwell and unable to go to school, let the school know straight away by telephone or by the school app if they have one. If they miss a day it is important you talk with their teacher to find out how you can help them catch up. If your child cannot attend school because of their mental or physical health contact your school to see what options are available for your child.

Gifted and Talented and Specialist programs

The Department of Education offers a wide range of **Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance** programs at secondary schools across the metropolitan area. There are three different categories: Academic, the Arts (Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Music), and Languages.

All students applying for entry into one of these programs must sit the Academic Selective Entrance Test. **Students who are interested in participating in one of these programs in Year 7 2019 must complete an application by this Sunday, 11th February.** For further information, visit the Department of Education website www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented. Advice or information can be provided by members of this school's administration or specialist teachers.

School Survey

At the end of last year, the School Council sought feedback, via an online survey, of the level of parent satisfaction within the school.

Thank you to the 76 families that took the time to complete the survey. Results of the survey will be published later this term, once the School Council has had time to consider them. The information will contribute to planning the school's direction and focus for the forthcoming year.

It is acknowledged that this survey was conducted very late in the year, so the exercise will be repeated in the second half of this year. A survey of staff satisfaction levels was also conducted.

School Pick up and Drop off

Parents are reminded that there are two main pick up and drop off points at the school.

There is considerable parking located adjacent to the Early Learning Centre to enable parents to deliver and collect their children at the door of the classrooms. Please park only in designated bays and exercise extreme caution when moving vehicles or walking in this area.

Other students can be collected at the *Kiss and Drive* located in Amherst Avenue. This is quite a congested area, particularly immediately after school on hot or wet days. Please remember to exercise patience, courtesy and care when using this area and driving in Amherst Avenue.

The Shire of Mundaring has asked that the school inform parents that **parking is not allowed on the verge within 15 metres of the car park and Kiss and Drive exits in Amherst Avenue**. Shire Rangers will be undertaking patrols during peak periods.

An alternative is to park at the Railway Reserve near the Post Office and allow older children to walk to school. They have all been reminded that they must enter via the Emma Hogan Gate as **the Staff Car park is strictly out of bounds to all students for safety reasons.**

Your care and co-operation will help to keep our children safe.

I look forward to sharing with you another busy, productive and enjoyable year at Darlington Primary.

Lorna Woodley,
Principal

Student Leadership

Last Friday, students in Year 6 presented speeches to the senior students and teachers outlining why they wanted to be elected as Student Councillors and Faction Captains for 2018. The quality of the students' speeches was outstanding, making the decision of the students extremely difficult.

I would like to congratulate everyone who prepared a speech, whether successful or not, you were all amazing!



Student Councillors

- ◆ Cormack Bell
- ◆ Charlie Dudek
- ◆ Jaxon Dullard
- ◆ Ella Kuchel
- ◆ Paighton Mc Gough
- ◆ Emily Scott

Faction Captains

- Red:** Carissa Moore & Barney Lockwood
- Blue:** Nikki Foskett & Declan Justice
- Green:** Brooke Hobson & Jye Stephens
- Gold:** Evie O'Reilly & Gabe Stevens

Art and Library monitors will be selected this week.

Matt Scott,
Deputy Principal

DARLINGTON PRIMARY STAFF 2018

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL	Lorna Woodley
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS	Matt Scott and Nicki Hill
MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES	Naomi D'Arcy
SCHOOL OFFICERS	Diane Walker and Kath Stanwix

TEACHING STAFF

YEAR	ROOM	
K1 & K2	K	Robin Barrow & Jess Copping (Fri)
PP1	P1	Jo Horne & Trish Paice
PP2	P2	Lorraine Swingler (Tues-Fri) & Trish Paice (Mon/Tues)
1	7	Jen Woods & Jess Copping (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
1	8	Kath Tester (Mon-Thurs), Rona Holmes (Fri)
1/2	6	Melissa Ryan Gadsden & Rona Holmes (Thurs)
2	10	Lynne Finch
3	9	Nicki Hill (Mon & Tues) & Paula Adam
3	11	Dawa Sherpa
2/3	12	Bonnie MacKay
4	5	Christel Ferrari
4	4	Ronnie Barley
5	3	Zane Moran
6	2	Kaili Beeson (Mon-Wed) & Matt Scott
5/6	1	Michael Smith

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS 2018

THE ARTS

Visual Arts Years 1-6	Helen Bycroft (Mon-Wed)
Music Years 1-6	Stewart Melrose (Wed-Fri)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE Yr 1-6	Emily Bloomer (Mon-Wed)
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LANGUAGES

Italian	Paolo Sabattini (Wed-Fri)
French	Leanne Teti (Tues & Thurs)

SCIENCE AND SUPPORT

	Paolo Sabattini (Wed-Fri)
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SCHOOL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (SIM)

BRASS Yr 5/6	Peter Hind (Tues)
GUITAR Yr 5/6	Justin Lynam (Thurs)

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, Jesinta Reeves, Kym Banjac

Intervention Programs

*Mini Lit *Mac Lit	Jen Webb Jesinta Reeves/Kym Banjac
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LIBRARY OFFICER

	Karen Diaz (Mon- Wed)
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STUDENT SERVICES

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN	Tracey Buckley (Thurs & Fri + even weeks Mon)
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST	Melissa Morgan
COMMUNITY NURSE	Rachel Hall

GROUNDS

Rico Schmidiger (Mon& Wed) and Phil Jackson (Thurs)

CLEANING STAFF

Deb Stubberfield, Relita Jackson and Arlene Jalipot

CANTEEN

CANTEEN MANAGER	Ros Tooth (Mon, Wed & Fri)
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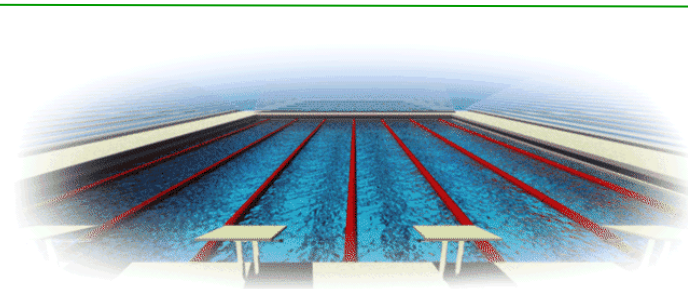


School Calendar

A big thanks to Lynne Dullard and the P&C for our wonderful school calendars. I know a lot of time and effort goes into putting these together, they look fantastic!

These are an excellent resource to use throughout the year with lots of upcoming events.

It covers school holidays, student free days, important events, school assemblies, uniform shop opening days, school banking and lots, lots more! Make sure you check them out.



Swimming Lessons

Our in term school swimming lessons are coming up in weeks 5 and 6 for Pre-Primary to Year 6 students. Please see school calendar for dates. **The cost of lessons will be \$45 per student.**

Faction Swimming Carnival - 22nd February \$5.50 - Yrs 1-6

These can be paid to the class teacher, the office or will soon be available on: www.flexischools.com.au

Permission Forms will be coming home today



REGISTER

- 1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the REGISTER option and enter your email address.
- 2 You will be sent a registration email. Click on the link in the email to complete the registration.
- 3 Fill in your details on the Registration Form and click "submit".
- 4 Add your students, select their school and class.

ORDER

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- 1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the LOGIN option. Click on "Start an order" for your student.
- 2 Select the service you wish to purchase from. You can also set up orders in advance.
- 3 Add each of your items. Extras and options will appear where relevant to the item.
- 4 Select your payment option. Pay for the one order or "top up" your account. Complete payment to place order.

French News



Languages 2018:
La Langue Française
(The French Language)

For French this term Year 4 students begin with learning about different things to buy in a community market. We have started with fresh produce and will move onto clothes, toys and bakery/ cake-shop items.

The Year 5 and 6 students have begun their lessons with drinks in a coffee shop. They will learn other vocabulary about conversations in a coffee shop from ordering and asking directions. Traditional meals including regional specialties of France will form part of this unit of work.

This term we have a variety of extra-curricular activities available from learning a French poem for the State Poetry Competition, Language Perfect practice before the World Championships, The Teachers of French Association's annual Sticker Competition and French cultural celebrations of Grand-mothers' Day, Spring and Winter Festivals, Monkey Day and Name Days.

There will be a special newsletter about French classes coming out for parents. Anyone interested in coming to a parent afternoon, please indicate to the office a preference of Tuesday in Week 4 or Thursday in Week 5.

Thank you
Madame Teti.

Lost and Found

A ring has been handed into the office towards the end of last year.



If you have lost one please see the ladies in the office.

Bushfire Drill

We will conduct a bushfire drill this week.
Please refer to the information attached to this newsletter



Darlington Primary - Bushfire Emergency Procedure

All gas cylinders are to be turned off at the beginning of Term 4 each year.
Practice drill of the Bushfire Emergency Procedure will be carried out during the first two weeks of Term 1 & 4.

1. The school will liaise with the Police or Bushfire Control (DFES) regarding the location and direction of a fire and will monitor the DFES website or ABC Radio 720 for updated details.
2. 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. Students Attendance should be checked.
Always stay in place for as long as the Bushfire Emergency Procedure is in place.
3. 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.
4. Teachers take class lists from Evacuation Point (located next to the door and the evacuation map in all rooms) and escort students to their normal assembly place via designated evacuation routes. Specialist teachers relieve the Deputy of their classes once evacuated. Teachers should take classroom keys.
5. If possible, class lists, including shortnotes, will be passed from teachers by office staff and distributed to class teachers for Roll Call.
6. School Administration staff to carry out special duties as per the school's "Emergency Plan".
7. Medical kit, 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.
8. Parents should not attempt to reach the school to collect children as roads will be blocked by Police for use by fire-fighting vehicles.
9. Off-site evacuation, if required, will be co-ordinated with the DFES Incident Management Group. Children and staff will be taken to a safe location to be collected from there. Parent contacters listed in Language 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 1300667209 or www.dfes.wa.gov.au or via ABC Radio 720 on the quarter hour.
10. Parents: SHOULD NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL, as the lines must be open for communication with the relevant authorities. The OOD phone number should only be used to report emergencies.

The school will be CLOSED on all declared days of Catastrophic Fire Danger

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 Tankers Avenue. Children must not attend school.

CHAPLAINS CHAT



It is so good to be back at Darlington Primary for 2018, I hope that you had a great holiday and some well-deserved rest.

If you haven't met me I am Tracey the School Chaplain and I have been here for just over 6 years.

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.

I am here every second Monday (even weeks) Thursday and Friday.

What is happening this term- 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 is on this Thursday 8th and Thursday the 15th of February.

We will then be back on after swimming.

Girls Group



Girls Group is back on this year, Yeah! Girls Group will commence on Monday the 19th of February from 3.05pm-4.15pm we will meet in the library.

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 Chaplain's letterbox in admin. There is no cost for this program.

Boys Drama Group



The boy's drama group will be on again this term, we will meet every second Monday commencing on Monday the 19 February in the music room. This is for boys in year four to six. Students will need a permission to attend.

Forms will be in the newsletter and near the Chaplain's letter box in admin. There is no cost for this program.

My thought for the fortnight-



Tracey Buckley
School Chaplain



Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

Email: darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com



Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop will be open next
on Friday 6 April 8.30 - 9.00

(Please see school calendar for future dates)

Email: dpsuniform@gmail.com

Uniforms can be ordered any time via
www.flexischools.com.au for delivery
to classrooms.

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A reminder to label your items.

www.mynamelabel.com.au will donate
15% to the P & C where the reference
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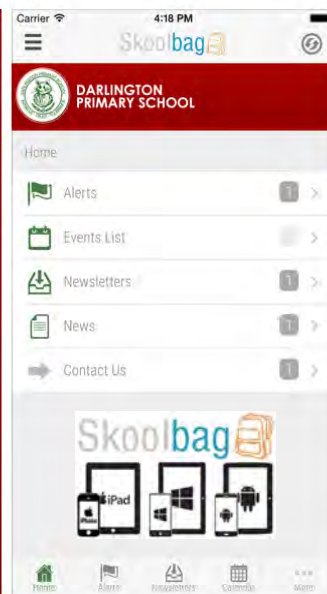
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Thanks for the incredible support of the Scholastic Bookclub in 2017. Orders placed throughout last year earned a Rewards total of \$1533, which were then redeemed for purchases in our School Library.

Please look out for **Scholastic Bookclub's Issue 1** catalogue coming home today.

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 online via Loop can also conveniently choose the 'Gift' option. Either phone or text 0439 910 830, 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 14th FEBRUARY.**

Many thanks for supporting your P & C and School

Alison Scott

HONEY \$10
AVAILABLE FROM THE
OFFICE



Get involved in the School Banking program.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarsmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarsmites deposit wallet.

Our School Banking day is Wednesday's from 8:15-8:45am in the library.



We are looking forward to seeing you soon,
Fiona Gordon and Anke Steinwandel
(School Banking Coordinators)





Hi! Welcome to 2018. We have a lot planned for the year and we want you along with us. Come along to our fun events, partake in fundraising or lend us your brain. It all helps build a strong community and is a great way to get to know everyone.

How can you help and get involved?

Join the Darlington Primary School P&C! It only costs \$1 (what?!?!?) and you can help run events, make decisions and hone your skills. Become a casual helper, a big player or a constructive observer. You decide the level of your commitment. Join anytime at the office or at the first meeting of the year on **Monday 12th February at 7pm**. Great adult time to be had and valuable friendships to be made.

Are you our new President or Vice President?

Ro MacKinnon (current President) and Fiona Gordon (current Vice President) are stepping down but are interested in swapping roles but this could be your opportunity to help steer our ship.

At the first meeting of the year on Monday 12th February at 7pm we will be taking nominations and voting on these positions. All members (only \$1 to join the P&C) are eligible and all nominations welcome.

MORE POSITIONS VACANT AT THE DPS P&C

Class P&C Communication Representative – 1 per class to help communicate between the school, teachers and the P&C about important information and co-ordinate your class' Assembly Morning Tea and Friendship Lists.

Darlington Review Scribe – How's your writing career going? Get some practice!

Uniform Supply Champion and Helpers – How's your logistics and supply skills? Want some more?

Innovative Thinkers and Doers – Get your idea on paper, gather your team and present your idea to your P&C.

Event Helpers – All levels of help and commitment welcomed.

No experience necessary, any time commitment considered and welcomed but the desire to make a difference is a must!

Those interest and for more information come to our first meeting on **Monday 12th February at 7pm** or contact Fiona or Ro on: darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com

COMING UP FOR YOUR P&C

First P&C General Meeting for 2018 – Monday 12th February at 7pm in the staff room.

Class information evenings – A P&C representative will be there. Ask them anything. Watch for notes home for dates and time.

Welcome Sundowner – Friday 23rd February. Look out for entertainment and menu announcements coming soon.

For more information on any of the above please email:
darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com

Thank you!

Ro MacKinnon
P&C President.

