

# DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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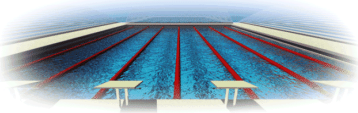

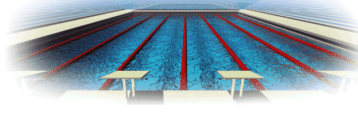
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Newsletter No 2 – Week 4 - TERM 1 Tuesday 20th February, 2018

## 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



22nd Feb	<b>FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL</b> at Bilgoman Swimming Pool. Please return forms with payment 
23rd Feb	Please join us at school this Friday for our <b>SUNDOWNER</b> 
26th - 9th March	<b>IN TERM SWIMMING LESSONS</b> Pre-Primary to Year 6 - \$45 per student 
5th March	<b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
14th March	<b>H.E.C INTERSCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING</b> @Gidgannup PS Junior and Senior Rep

## OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

**NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting:** 12th February 7pm  
 Please join us - All Welcome  
**President:** Fiona Gordon  
 Email: [darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dpsuniform@gmail.com)

ORDER ANYTIME ON FLEXISCHOOLS FOR CLASSROOM DELIVERY: [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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,

The school program is now well underway, with students and teachers settled into normal routines, including specialist and support classes, Library visits and sport sessions. Many parents attended class information evenings over the last two weeks, where teachers provided information about the organisation, standard procedures and expectations for the students in their care for this year. If you were unable to attend a session, feel free to contact the teacher/s who will provide the relevant information to you.

### In-term Swimming

Of course, this routine will be somewhat disrupted for two weeks, when In-term Swimming commences next Monday 26th February.

Water sports and activities are an integral part of the Australian way of life, so the opportunity for students to participate in quality swimming lessons is vital to ensure they develop vital swimming and water safety skills. Parents of all students from Pre-primary to Year 6 have been provided with the information required to register their children and all students are encouraged to participate.

### Public Speaking

Today the school conducted its Public Speaking competition. The aim of the competition is to provide students with an opportunity to express their views confidently, using appropriate speaking skills before an authentic audience. Two representatives from each class earned the right to participate. Year 4 to 6 students researched and composed a 4 minute speech on a topic of their choice and Year 1 to 3 students recited a poem. It was wonderful to see our young people so confidently addressing their peers. Adjudicators for the event were Mrs Woodley and Mrs Diaz.

Congratulations to the winners of the competition who were:

- ◆ Year 4 – 6 Amy W from Room 3, whose topic was “If IKEA was Australian”
- ◆ Year 1 -3 Ruby B from Room 6 who recited the poem, “ I Took My Dog for a Walk”

These students will now go on to represent the school in the Hills Education Community Public Speaking Competition to be held at Gidgannup Primary School on Wednesday 14th March.

### Student Health Care Needs

A number of our students have specific health care needs that necessitate action plans to manage conditions such as: severe allergic reactions (including anaphylaxis); asthma; and seizures.

If your child has specific needs, please ensure that up to date Emergency Management Plans and details of medications to be administered have been provided to the office. It is a parental responsibility to ensure that necessary medications are provided and that they are not past their expiry date.

For some students, this will be particularly important as students head off to an off school environment for swimming lessons.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Walker or Mrs Stanwix in the office or make an appointment to discuss the situation with the principal.

*Initiative, Trust, Tolerance*

### Parking

The Shire of Mundaring has asked the school to advise motorists who use Amherst Avenue not to park within 15 metres of the exits from the Kiss and Drive, and the Early Learning Centre and Administration car parks.

### Labour Day Holiday

You are reminded that Monday 5th March is a public holiday to mark Labour Day. The school will be closed and students do not attend.

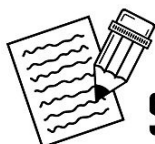
Lorna Woodley  
Principal

### Student Update Forms

Student update forms will be coming home with your children this week. Please check this information and update where necessary.

Then sign and return forms to school even if they require no changes as we keep them on file.

There is a drawer in the office for forms to be returned to.



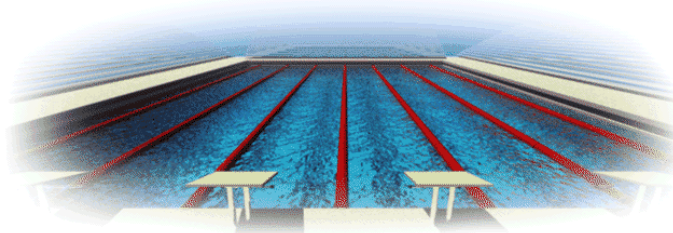
**PLEASE CORRECT,  
SIGN, AND RETURN**

### SWIMMING EVENTS

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

### Swimming Lessons - \$45 per student

Our in term school swimming lessons are coming up next week for Pre-Primary to Year 6 students. **Please make sure you have returned completed paperwork with payment to the class teachers ASAP.** These can be paid to the class teacher, the office or on flexischools.



### Head Lice Check

Please be aware we have had some recent cases of head lice. Please check your children and treat if necessary.



Children with head lice are required to have their hair cleared of lice before returning to school. This can be achieved by using an insecticide product purchased from the local pharmacy and used according to the manufacturer's instruction. This must be followed by physically removing the lice from the hair after the recommended time period using a special nit comb.

Hair will need to be checked on a daily basis for the following 10 days to ensure that all lice and eggs have been removed from the hair.

Refer to the Department of Health, head lice fact sheet at:  
<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Corporate%20search%20results?searchStr=head%20lice&site=all>

### French

Bonjour! As mentioned in the last newsletter, students are learning a French poem for the State Poetry Competition and to access a sample of the poem from home, please go to the following website: <https://www.afperth.com.au/french-courses-learn-french/af-french-schools-exams/af-poem-recitation-competition/Af-Perth-selection-po%C3%A9sies-2018.pdf>. Soon there will also be audio files on this website to assist with pronunciation.

Students can also practice their French skills to reinforce classwork by going to the Language Perfect website [www.languageperfect.com](http://www.languageperfect.com) and logging in with the following:

**USERNAME:** (dps for the school, the student's first name, the student's last name- not using any spaces, nor hyphons and no capital letters) eg. dpsjohndoe.

**PASSWORD:** (for the first logon for 2018, the password is your child's first name. Please help him/her to change it to something that is easy to remember).

Recently some classes made masks to celebrate the cultural European event of Le Carnival. They also discussed the French custom of eating pancakes for Le chandeleur and Mardi Gras (French for Shrove Tuesday). In rooms 3 and 4, the masks will be put up on display.

Room 5 currently has a display of French mini-posters made by students about their preferences for different vegetables.

Madame Teti.



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## Year 4 - 6 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 6.30pm



in  
**School Cafeteria**

A Year 4-6 Parent Information Evening has been organised to provide an insight into how Kalamunda Senior High School operates including information about:

- School History
- Facilities
- Pedagogy and Values
- How the Year 7 team works
- Specialist Programs
- Academic Achievement of Kalamunda Senior High School



Opportunity for discussion and questions will be an integral part of the evening and members of the Learning teams will be present.

We look forward to your attendance and meeting you at this information evening. To reserve your place please call the office on 9293 6400 if you will be attending.



## CHAPLAINS CHAT

### Boys Drama Group

lights!  
camera!  
action!

Boys Group started on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, we meet the second half of lunch in the music room.

This is for boys in year 4 to 6.

Students will need a permission form to attend. Boys Group is every second Monday.

### Girls Group

Girls Group started on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, we meet after school from 3.05pm-4.15pm in the library.

Could each girl please bring an A5 visual diary, we will be using these for journaling. Girls Group meets every second Monday.



## Chaplaincy Information

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.

My quote for the fortnight:



Tracey Buckley  
School Chaplain



**PLEASE NOTE** Permission Slips for: Boys Drama and Girls Groups can be found on our school website.  
[www.darlingtonps.wa.edu.au](http://www.darlingtonps.wa.edu.au)



## P&C News

### Thankyou

I would like to express a huge thank you to Rowena MacKinnon for her work as the P&C President for the last 18 months. Rowena has just resigned and at the meeting last week I was voted in as the new P&C President, Rowena is now the Vice President.



### Grounds Project Team

I'm looking forward to doing some great things around our school and in our community. Already the Grounds Project team are looking at the next stage of our school playground improvements and are looking for some project co-ordinators to make this happen. There are plans and money in the budget for this so all we need are boots on ground – contact me if you are this person!

## How can you help?

### Looking for a Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

The other really important issue at the moment is what is happening with our uniform shop. Our long term co-ordinators are no longer able to do this job and we need to have a review of how we get quality and value for money uniforms on our children. There are heaps of ideas floating around from completely outsourcing to just changing suppliers. **Are you the person to do this? It needs to be done urgently.**

## SEE YOU ON FRIDAY AT THE SUNDOWNER

Fiona Gordon

[darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com](mailto:darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com)

0409306709

## CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to a new year in DPS canteen

We have had a fantastic start to the term with our canteen made chicken nuggets being a run away success on Fridays!

This week we will be busy making the sausage rolls and apple pies for your sun downer on Friday.

The sausage rolls and apple pies will be made with our new and improved pastry made right here in Darlington by Cath at Empire Pastry and the pork for our non veggie sausage rolls will be from JB Butchers in Glen Forrest.

Next week sees the start of swimming lessons.

**Canteen will be offering a full menu through out swimming lessons so, no matter when your child is swimming, we will make their lunch for them.**

From personal experience with my boys, its always worth ordering a little bit extra food from canteen or popping some extra snacks into the lunch boxes during the swimming lesson fortnight as the children get so hungry.



I am always looking for new helpers in canteen as we have a turn-over of volunteers at the end of each year. If you would like to help just get in touch or pop into canteen. Its a great way to see your child in their school environment and to try some of our homemade canteen food.

Thanks for all of your support.  
Ros.

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**





Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

Email: [darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com](mailto: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)

Uniforms can be ordered any time via [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) for delivery to classrooms.

Thankyou for using Flexischools to order your child's school uniforms. I'm still ironing out a few creases in my weekly routine but rest assured if you order before Fridays cut-off I will endeavour to have your child's order delivered to their classroom by the following Friday. Any problems or concerns please email the uniform shop.

Steph, Anna and Jasmine.

Email: [dpsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:dpsuniform@gmail.com)



Can you help with the Uniform Shop?

Please email [darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com](mailto:darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are able to help.

We would love your support

**HONEY \$10**  
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OFFICE

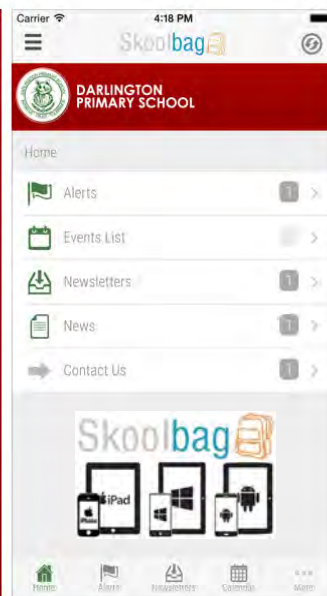
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"THE COLLECTION BOX  
LOCATED IN THE OFFICE**





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## Darlington Primary School P&C Welcome Sundowner!



Come relax with your school community as we embark another year of challenges, fun and learning,  
Catch up with old friends or make new ones to some sweet tunes while the kids have a ball.



**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

**615-7 DPS Student performers**

**7-8 Hannah Mae**

Pop songstress Hannah Mae will strum up a smile on your face with her lyrical humour and charm. A singer songwriter based in Perth, her music fuses folk roots with jazz quirks to bring a retro chic pop sound accompanied by the ukulele...



BYO Picnic or order  
DELICIOUS homemade  
sausage rolls / veggie rolls  
/ apple pies  
from Flexischools  
(orders close Wed)

Coloured hairspray  
(gold coin donation)

Coffee & ice cream  
sorted by Bobby J's!

Glo sticks



Please join us at school for  
our Sundowner this Friday