

# DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Newsletter No 4 – Week 8 – TERM 1 Wednesday 21st March, 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



26th March	<b>Girls Group 3.05 to 4.15pm In the Library (Years 4-6)</b>
26, 27 & 29th March	<b>ST JOHN AMBULANCE FIRST AID TALKS</b> Kindy to Year 6 students 
30th March	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY</b>
2nd April	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY</b>
3rd April	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER TUESDAY</b>
4th April	Back to school (Wednesday)
6th April	<b>ASSEMBLY:</b> Room 3
6th April	<b>UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:</b> 8.30-9.00am
9th April	<b>Girls Group 3.05 to 4.15pm In the Library (Years 4-6)</b>
13th April	<b>ANZAC SERVICE</b> End of Term 1 
14 to 29 April	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>
30th April	<b>TERM 2 Begins</b>
4th May	<b>MOTHERS &amp; OTHERS DAY STALL</b>

## OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

**NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting:** 7th May 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 opening 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** - Monday, Thursday & Fridays  
**Chaplain:** Tracey Buckley

**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ONSITE** - Every Thursday  
**Psychologist:** Melissa Morgan

## Dear Parents and Care Givers

No doubt parents, along with staff and students all heaved a collective sigh when in-term swimming lessons drew to a close. Thank you all for your co-operation in ensuring that our children had the opportunity to participate in this very important aspect of the school's program. With swimming lessons completed and the term now more than half over, school has settled onto a regular but busy routine. It was a major undertaking – organising and transporting approximately 330 children, with all of their gear, to and from the pool for 9 days, on a very rigid timeline, but it appeared to all run very smoothly. All participating students should now have brought home their swimming certificates that detailed their progress and achievements during the lessons.

The Interschool Carnival will be held at Guildford Grammar School Pool today. We will be competing against other schools of similar size, including several private schools. I wish our competitors every success, expecting that the competition to be very stiff. Thanks to Magda Wright who again donated her time to train the swimming squad before and after school, over the last few weeks.

Last Wednesday, Ruby B and Amy WF represented the school in the HEC Public Speaking competition. The eventual winners came from Mundaring (Junior) and Giddegannup (Senior). Both of our students acquitted themselves very well.

Last Thursday, the school participated in the local T20 cricket competition. The teams, made up of students from Years 5 and 6 were very successful, with the girls winning their competition and the boys finishing as runners up. Both teams will go on to compete in the regional finals and, if successful, will progress to the state championships. Thanks to Mr Scott, Mr Moran and the students for giving up their lunch breaks to train.

## Purple Day

Next Monday, the 26th March, the school will participate in Purple Day, to acknowledge and raise awareness of, the many people who are affected by Epilepsy.

Epilepsy is the most common serious neurological condition in Australia.

- It affects approximately 3.5% of the population in their lifetime. In WA, at least 24,500 people have active Epilepsy with at least a further 1,400 new patients presenting with a seizure each year.
- It can affect anyone at any age, but many people experience their first seizure before the age of twenty.
- One in 20 children will have a seizure at some time during their childhood or adolescence
- The risk of a person developing epilepsy in their lifetime is between 3 and 5%.

We have several students at school who are affected by epilepsy.

On Purple Day, students are encouraged to wear something purple – a ribbon, t shirt, socks, a hat or a badge (or even a Dockers scarf!) and to bring a gold coin to donate to research into Epilepsy.

The money will be collected in each class.



*Initiative, Trust, Tolerance*

### School Council Public Meeting

The School council will conduct its annual Public Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. In this forum, the Chairperson, Craig Manton, will provide a report on the Council's activities over the last 12 months. Significant outcomes of the parent and staff surveys, which were conducted late in 2017, will be shared with parents.

Another feature of the evening will be a presentation on cyber safety for children, delivered by an expert in the field.

All parents are encouraged to attend. The P & C will be providing light refreshments on the night.

Several School Council Representatives will complete their tenures after the public meeting. Parents and staff are urged to nominate for the vacancies that will arise as a consequence. They include one Early Childhood Representative, two General Parent Representatives, a P & C Representative and one Staff Representative. Nominations will be called for, and elections conducted, early in Term 2

A student survey will be conducted with Year 5 and 6 students in the final weeks of the term to gauge their levels of satisfaction, enjoyment and comfort at school. This is a component of the National Schools Opinion Surveys which are mandated by the Commonwealth Government, to be conducted at least every two years. Students were last surveyed in 2014.

### First Aid Lessons

Commencing on Monday next week, all classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in a First Aid lesson appropriate to their level of development. The program, First Aid Focus, will be delivered by St John Ambulance and allows students to learn the importance of first aid skills in an enjoyable and age appropriate manner. It will culminate in a visit from an ambulance on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> March.

## PARKING REMINDERS



### Parking

Parking is a perennial problem at most schools as there never seems to be enough space for the number of people needing to leave their cars whilst delivering or collecting children to and from class or visiting the school for other reasons.

The only designated parking area for all parents is adjacent to the Early Learning Centre. If you are delivering or collecting your primary aged child/ren, I encourage you to consider using the Loop Drop-off area in Amherst Avenue. Some parents may be anxious about their child proceeding unaccompanied to or from class. I can assure you, they do this without issue at every recess and lunch break throughout the day. There is always a teacher on duty at the Loop after school (until 3.25 pm), when the volume of traffic in this area is at its height.

Another alternative, particularly for older children, is to drop them off or meet them in the car park at the Railway Reserve near the Post Office. Please avoid the bays closest to the Post Office.

**Parents are reminded not to park in the designated staff car parks at the Early Learning Centre, behind the Covered Assembly Area off Glen Road or in the car park off Amherst Avenue, near the office.**

### Easter Break

Next Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> March, the school will close for the traditional Easter Holiday. Parents are reminded that the Tuesday after Easter is a Public Service Holiday and so the school will remain closed.

**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Lorna Woodley  
Principal



## French News

Bonjour tout le monde! Congratulations to students of French this term on their efforts so far to learn the French poem set by the Alliance Française de Perth for the 2018 Poetry Competition. Any student who wishes to participate in this competition is required to learn the poem by heart, and apply by filling out the request form before the end of this term. Videos need to be submitted by the 4<sup>th</sup> of May and the Grand Final will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June for those selected. Bonne chance!

A reminder to students and parents that the French Film Festival is on at the moment with 4 suitable films for students this year. See the website for more details:

<https://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/film/belle-sebastian-friends-for-life> and <https://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/film/big-bad-fox-other-foes>; <https://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/film/the-school-of-life> and <https://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/film/tomorrow-and-thereafter>; <https://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/film/rock-n-roll> and <https://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/film/dr-knock>.

Students are further reminded to practice their French in between lessons to ensure they get the most out of their language experience. One way of doing this is to use Language Perfect. Students can access this by going to [languageperfect.com](http://languageperfect.com), using their login as dps with both their first and last names, (no spaces, capitals or full stops) eg. dpsjohndoe then the first time they have their first name as the password. Students are encouraged to change this to a password they can remember such as the one they use for their school password.

Madame Teti.

## CHAPLAINS CHAT

*I am really excited to let you know that I am here every Monday this year as well as Thursday and Friday.*



### Craft Group

*Craft Group is on every Thursday in the library, we meet in the second half of lunch. Come along and see what you can create.*



### Girls' Group

*Just a reminder that Girls' Group will meet on:*

- *Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March and*
- *Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April.*

*We meet in the library from 3.05pm to 4.15pm.*



### Boys Drama Group

*Just a reminder for when we are meeting for Boys Drama Group.*

*We will be meeting on Monday the 26 of March and Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April in the second half of lunch.*

*We will meet in the undercover area.*

*Looking forward to seeing you there.*

*My Quote for the fortnight-*

“ Kindness is  
a gift everyone can  
afford to give.”

*- Unknown*

*Tracey Buckley,  
School Chaplain*

### **Student Update Forms**

Reminder to return your completed Student Update forms. Please check the information and update where necessary.

**PLEASE 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.



### **Lost Property**

Are you missing a pair of glasses?

If you are please see the ladies in the office.



Are you missing a  
mouthguard?



We also have a collection of water bottles and left overs from swimming lessons in the office. Come in and have a look to see if anything belongs to your family.

Hi DPS Community,

The School Council is assembling a contact list for community based sporting clubs accessible to DPS students, which will be distributed to all families. If you are associated with a club and would like it to be included on the list, please send the name of the club, and a contact email and phone number to [rozlip-scombe@bigpond.com](mailto:rozlip-scombe@bigpond.com)

Thanks all,  
Roz Lipscombe







#### Contact

1300 610 355  
Saverplus@bsl.org.au  
www.saverplus.org.au

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN A SAVINGS PROGRAM THAT MATCHES EVERY DOLLAR YOU SAVE, UP TO \$500.

As you may be aware, the Department of Education supports parents to provide financially for their children and refers families to community and government organisations that can offer additional support to families. Saver Plus, Australia's largest matched savings program, is one such program and assists people to save for education expenses by matching their savings dollar for dollar up to \$500.

Saver Plus was developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ in 2002 and is delivered by The Smith Family and Brotherhood of St Laurence in Western Australia. More than 32,000 people across Australia have participated in the program, saving over \$17.3 million.

The Department wishes to offer eligible parents the opportunity to participate in Saver Plus.

#### What this means for you

Saver Plus is a free ten month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips, and matches your savings up to \$500 for education costs. Saver Plus can help you:

- build your skills around managing money
- become a regular saver, and
- reach a savings goal.

Once you finish the program ANZ will match your savings dollar for dollar, up to \$500. You can use your matched savings for education-related costs, such as, computers, laptops, and tablets, school uniforms, text books, sports fees and equipment, school excursions and more.

#### Can I join?

You may be eligible to join if you meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, The Benevolent Society and Berry Street and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.



## Stressed about school costs?

Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Visit [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)  
Call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355

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Trials for our high performance sports programs are being held on:

Trial 1 - Wednesday, 28 March 2018

Trial 2 - Thursday 21 June 2018

AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Netball, Soccer, Swimming

Children who currently participate in any of these sports at club level are welcome to trial for possible enrolment at Darling Range Sports College in 2019

Please visit our website for further details

Phone: 9453 0100  
117 Berkshire Road, Forrestfield  
[darlingrangesc@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:darlingrangesc@education.wa.edu.au)  
[www.darlingrangesc.wa.edu.au](http://www.darlingrangesc.wa.edu.au)

Dare to Dream



Thinking of playing Netball this year?

All games are played on Saturdays at Mundaring Netball courts,  
Training is after school during the week

Darlington Netball Club is always happy to enrol new players (aged 7-18 years)

This year we have online registrations  
And the last day to register is 26th March 2018

It is easy to register  
Visit the [mynetball.com.au](http://mynetball.com.au) website  
under the FIND A CLUB enter **Darlington Netball Club**  
click the green **Register** button

#### Under ONLINE REGISTRATION

There are two choices

Event/program registration: 2018 NSG Darlington Netball Club (born 2008 and after)

Or click the down arrow at the end and choose

Membership Darlington Netball Club Registration Form (born before 2008)

Complete the first time participant details

click **FIND ME**

then create a new record or follow the prompts

Any problems contact [darlingtonnetball@outlook.com](mailto:darlingtonnetball@outlook.com)





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## Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth (North East)



### Tuning in to Kids

A parenting program for parents of children aged 3-10 years

Tuning in to Kids is a 6 session program for parents, with children aged 3 to 10 years. The program explores ways that parents can help their children develop emotional intelligence and increase the emotional connection between parents and children. Learn more about:

- developing emotion coaching skills to help children understand and regulate their own feelings and emotions
- promoting co-operative behaviour in young children
- developing parent's own emotional awareness
- managing emotions such as anger and anxiety



For more information and to register, please contact:

Name: Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth North-East  
Telephone: (08) 9374 0327  
Email: [parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au)

Where:	Parkerville Primary School 16 Parker Road, Parkerville
When:	Wednesdays 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> May & 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018 *participants are encouraged to attend all sessions
Time:	9.30am to 11.30am
Cost:	FREE
Crèche:	Not available with this program



The Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth (North East) is provided by Midvale Hub (Shire of Mundaring) and funded by the State Government through the Department of Local Government and Communities.



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29/05/17





## P&C News

Our next P&C Meeting is next Tuesday 7th May, at 7.00pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome. On the agenda is the grounds project update.

**Uniform Shop:** Thank you to Vanessa and Amy for putting your hands up to take over in the Uniform Shop.

**Grounds Project:** Exciting improvements are planned including some Funky Monkey Bars, a Tree Platform near the canteen and a Junior Sensory Play Area near Room 12.

**NEEDED:** Someone/s to water the donated mature trees near the staff car park twice a week until the winter rain sets in if you want to help keep these beautiful trees alive email Kym; [gkinkela@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gkinkela@optusnet.com.au)

**NEEDED:** Weeders, get your gang together and get rid of the weeds that are strangling our beautiful new plantings, contact Kym [gkinkela@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gkinkela@optusnet.com.au) to find out what needs to be gone.

Do any of these ideas SPARKLE for you?  
You can make them happen!

- Autumn Movie Night in the Amphitheatre
- School talent night
- Quiz night
- Community info evenings (eg cyber safety)
- Silent Auctions
- Bogan Bingo
- Dinner Dance
- Painting walls around school
- School Disco
- Winter Warmer Marshmallow Toasting

Or you may have some great ideas you would like to share. All enquiries please email [darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com](mailto:darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com)

### Use the School Crossing!

The Children's Crossings and Road Safety Committee (CC&RSC) has conducted two surveys of our school crossing and a site assessment. Lorna Woodley and Fiona Gordon have detailed results of these surveys and the site assessment if you are interested in viewing them. The CC&RSC will be conducting further surveys of our school crossing before preparing a review report so please, **please make sure you are using the crossing to get across Glen Rd so a full picture of our needs is gathered.**



Continued....

If you have any comments on any environmental factors or special circumstances regarding our school crossing please let Fiona Gordon or Lorna Woodley know as comments need to be submitted through the Principal or the P&C President.

Fiona Gordon  
P&C President

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*Mother's Day*

FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT  
P&C FUNDRAISER ON 7TH APRIL

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN,  
SEE ATTACHED FLYER

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next meeting



*Your* 

Our Next P&C Meeting:  
Monday 7th May 7pm held in staffroom

All Welcome



Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

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



## CANTEEN NEWS

A huge shout out to all of the Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas that have helped out in canteen so far this term.

*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR HELP

We have had several days this term where our scheduled helper has had to cancel due to an ill child and someone else has stepped into the brink, it really is a fantastic example of community spirit in our school and I personally, really appreciate the support from our community.

It has been a cracking start to the year, last year we made 1061 lunches by this stage of the term, this year we have flown past that number and reached 1430 lunches!

Currently, the only change to our menu is the pastry for our sausage rolls, we have swapped to a flaky pastry which has had very positive feed back from the children.

Next term we change the menu to our winter menu so, if you have any ideas, please feel free to message me or pop into canteen for a chat.

I am getting all of the contact details from our class reps back and will hopefully be getting in touch with any parents that have said they can help in canteen in the coming weeks.

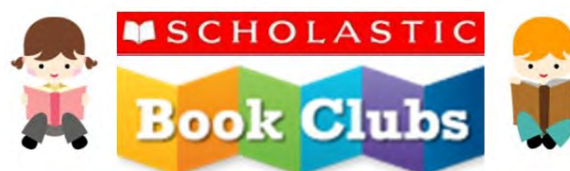
*If you are interested in helping feel free to call me or pop in.*

Thanks for all of your support.

Ros. 0425 807166



**THANKYOU TO OUR WONDERFUL  
P&C FOR RAISING MONEY FOR  
OUR SCHOOL**



*As Scholastic Bookclub's Issue 2 was delayed, the brochures only arrived at school last week. Therefore the order shut-off was also pushed back a week. The previous newsletter stated that Wednesday the 14th March was the final date for orders, however this was **changed to Wednesday 21st March (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 0439910830, or email [darlingtonpsbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:darlingtonpsbookclub@gmail.com)*

*Please have orders completed either electronically via [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or manually with order and cash to the School Office no later than **WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH.***

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

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# Mother's Day

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