

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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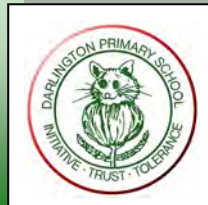
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Newsletter No 7 – Week 3 - TERM 2

Tuesday 15th May, 2018

SCHOOL HOURS

School commences	8.45 am
Crunch and Sip	10.45 am
Recess	10.50 - 11.10 am
Lunch Eating time	1.10 - 1.20 pm
Lunch Play time	1.20 - 1.50 pm
End of School	3.00 pm



15-17th May	NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
15th May	Child Safety Workshop 6.30 - 9.00pm (Held in undercover area)
Free Community Event Child Safety Workshop for Parents, Carers and Educators	
15th May	K1 & KP Kings Park Excursion
17th May	K2 & PP Kings Park Excursion
18th May	ASSEMBLY - ROOM 10 Walk Safely to School Day (See flyer page 4)
30th May	HEC ART COLLECTION Kindergarten Tour—9.30am (Office)
1st June	ASSEMBLY - RM 11
1st June	Kindergarten and Pre - Primary Enrolments Open
1st June	HECSA Lightning Carnival Years 5-6



OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: 12th June 9.15am

Please join us - All Welcome

President: Fiona Gordon

Email: darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com

SCHOOL BANKING: **Wednesdays** Near Rm 1 - 8.15 to 8.45

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 opening 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 - Monday, Thursday & Fridays

Chaplain: Tracey Buckley

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ONSITE - Every Thursday

Psychologist: Melissa Morgan

Dear Parents and Care Givers

I hope that the reminders given to students at assembly on Friday did not fall on deaf ears and that all mums experienced some special love and consideration on Sunday. The weather was certainly conducive to family activities.

Thank you to our wonderful School Chaplain, Tracey Buckley, for organising the annual Mothers' Day stalls over the last couple of weeks. Almost single handedly, she ensured that all students had the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their mothers. Last Friday, she had an able assistant in Senor Sabattini, who lent a hand as a shop assistant. Business was very brisk and around 350 gifts were carefully chosen and purchased for the lucky mums. I hope you liked them.

From my perspective, I really appreciated being treated to a 'special' manicure, back massage and detox drink at the Early Learning Centre Mothers' Day Spa. I am sure that was a very memorable occasion for many of our kindy and pre-primary mums last Thursday.

NAPLAN

As this newsletter lands in your inbox, our Year 3 and 5 students will have completed the first two of the annual NAPLAN tests – Language Conventions and Writing. Reading and Numeracy are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday respectively. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that our students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers have ensured that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. The tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

NAPLAN results are usually available to schools in September. .

School Council

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the close of the nomination period for parent representatives on the School Council, which ended at 3.00 pm on Friday, four nominations had been received. I thank all of those parents for their interest in this important aspect of the school's operations. There was only one nomination for the position of Early Childhood Representative so, consequently, Adrian Woodley was elected unopposed. He provided the following profile with his nomination.



Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 18 May 2018

Initiative, Trust, Tolerance

Whilst I am a new parent to the school, I have been associated with Darlington Primary School for a number of years. With a son in Kindy this year, I am welcoming the opportunity to become more involved with the school, and the school community. This year I have joined the school P & C and have enjoyed being able to be part of this valuable aspect of our school.

I believe that supporting and being involved with the education of children is one of the most important roles that a parent can fulfil. With this in mind, I am excited to have this opportunity to contribute to the school's efforts in educating our children; one of the most important elements of our children's lives. My day job as a Project Engineer for a global communications company lends me a keen interest in STEM, and my role as Captain of a local fire brigade gives me a close connection to the community.

Profiles for the other 3 candidates for the positions of General Parent Representatives are included as part of the Election Package.

The election will be conducted, by secret ballot, to elect the two General Parent Representatives. **Today, ballot papers and instructions will be sent home with the eldest child from each family.**

Each family is entitled to one vote. Please ensure that completed ballot papers are returned to the school by **4.00 pm on Thursday 24th May 2018.**

SPONSORSHIP

The school is keen to purchase a new set of football jumpers and a set of shirts for student representatives to wear when they compete in interschool competitions. These will amount to quite an expense – approximately \$4000. The purpose of the initiative is to enhance the school's image within the wider community and add to students' sense of pride when chosen for an interschool team.

The Student Councillors have committed to fund raise for half of the cost and the P & C has received a generous offer of sponsorship to cover the other half.

Department of Education policy allows for sponsorship of this type, provided no student is forced to wear clothing with a logo. To accommodate this, it is proposed that the shirts paid for by the Student Council would be logo-free, and the others would display a small sponsor's logo on the front. Students would then have the choice of not wearing a shirt with a sponsor's logo on it. Local real estate agents, Earnshaws Real Estate Darlington, are the prospective sponsors.

The School Council is keen to gauge the community's views on this matter, so invites parents to communicate their thoughts. Please email any comments to darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au by Monday 22nd May 2018.

EXCURSIONS

A number of our classes have either been on, or are planning, excursions for this term.

Last week, the combined Year 1 classes visited Kings Park for the Koora Koora Kaarta program. The students discovered how Perth has changed over time and learned about its first people, the Wadjuk Nyoongar people. They also explored how Nyoongar people used plants and animals for food, medicine, tools, shelter and protection, with a focus on the role of men and women.

In the unusually warm autumn weather, the students all had a great time and, I believe, only one of them fell over in the water!

This week the Kindergarten and Pre-primary classes are also off to Kings Park on Tuesday and Thursday. It would seem that the weather is going to be perfect for them as well.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

This Friday, 18th May, is Walk to School Day. Students are encouraged to walk all or part of the way to school. Student Councillors will be positioned at all of the student entrances from 8.30 until 8.45 am to distribute stickers to all pedestrian students. Children who live further than walking distance from the school could be dropped off at The Pines to walk from there. The route is quite safe. However, parents are reminded that Road Safety Council guidelines recommend that children under 10 be accompanied by an adult when walking on, or near, roads.

There will be a special reward for the class that has the highest number of students who walk to school on the day.

I will be away from school from Tuesday 15th May until Friday 18th May as I need to travel to Melbourne for urgent family business. I expect to be back next Monday, 21st May. During my absence, Mr Scott and Mrs Hill will be in charge of the school.

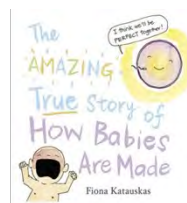
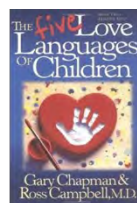
LORNA WOODLEY
Principal

Library news & updates

DID YOU KNOW?

The library has a selection of books **FOR PARENTS**. These can be borrowed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Come and have a look!

Here are just a few of the titles available:



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.



CHAPLAINS CHAT



P&C Mother's Day Stall

Just wanted to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped out and supported the Mother's Day Stall. I hope that you enjoyed your present and were totally spoiled on Mother's Day.

Girls Group



In Girls' Group we have been looking at our group guidelines, we have also been making bracelets for ourselves and for other people. We are also learning and talking about friendships. Just a reminder that **Girls' Group will not be on Monday the 28th of May.**

Boys Group

The Boy's Drama group is on every MONDAY in the second half of lunch in the undercover area.



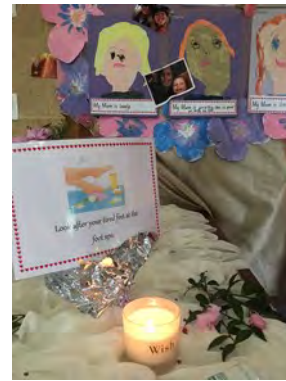
My thought for the fortnight



Tracey Buckley
School Chaplain



On Thursday 10th May, Mothers were invited to participate in a special afternoon of pampering by the Kindy and Pre primary students. The classrooms were beautifully decorated with flowers, candles and artwork, including portraits the children painted for their Mums. Some of the pampering stations included fruit and mint infused water, neck and back massage, finger -nail painting, hand rubs, and of course the foot spa. A huge thankyou to the staff in the ELC for making Mother's Day that much more special.



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**WALK SAFELY
TO SCHOOL DAY**

FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018



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an adult's hand when crossing the road**

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Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

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next meeting



Your 

Our Next P&C Meeting:

12th June 9.15am held in the Admin office

All Welcome

 **SCHOLASTIC**
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Scholastic Bookclub's Issue 3 brochures came home last week. There is still time to place an order through the school. 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

Please have orders completed either electronically via scholastic.com.au/LOOP or manually with order and cash to the School Office tomorrow or early Thursday (by 9am) at the latest. Many thanks for supporting your P & C and School
Alison Scott

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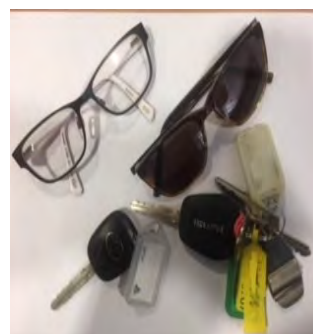
COMMEMORATIVE COINS



Would you like a Darlington Primary School Commemorative Coin? We have a limited number of these available in the office. Bring \$1 to Mrs Walker or Mrs Stanwix and we will trade a commemorative coin with you. These coins were from our school centenary in 2012.

LOST PROPERTY

We have an abundance of LOST PROPERTY in the office! Please come in and check the lost property box if you think you are missing clothing. We have also had some keys and sunglasses handed in. If they belong to you please come and collect them from admin.





Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

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Free Community Event

Child Safety Workshop for Parents, Carers and Educators

TUESDAY 15th MAY 6.30pm - 9.00pm



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Child Safety Workshop for Parents, Carers and Educators

When 6.30pm - 9.00pm Tuesday 15th May 2018

Where Darlington Primary School undercover area

Who WA Child Safety Services – a not-for-profit organisation that specialises in child safety education.

How Places are limited, book your seat by contacting Kendall on kendall@earnshaws.com.au or 0417 981 353.

Please turn over for more information

Presented by



WA Child Safety Services
Creating Safer Communities



Darlington Primary School P&C, in partnership with Earnshaws Real Estate, is holding a FREE community workshop in protective behaviours for children.

This is a two and a half hour information evening, conducted by WA Child Safety Services. We invite you to participate in this workshop to learn valuable personal safety skills and strategies that can help empower children and keep them safe from abuse.

You will leave the workshop with practical activity ideas and discussion starter points.

This workshop is recommended for parents and carers of children aged birth to 12 years old. It is not suitable for children to attend.

This is a free event, but donations to the Darlington Primary School P&C will be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

The Hills Education Community Schools are proud to present the

2018 HEC Art Exhibition

All art will be available for viewing at
Wooroloo Primary School
Friday 8th June 9-3pm
Saturday 9th June 9-10:30am

Please park in the carpark off Bailup Rd. There is overflow parking on Government Rd.
Coffee/tea available on Saturday.

When attending during school hours please sign in at the front office.
We look forward to seeing you there.