

# DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Newsletter No 13 – Week 6 - TERM 3

Tuesday 21st August, 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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

17th - 24th August	Children's Book week "Find your Treasure"
23rd August	Year 7 Kalamunda SHS Transition Day (Year 6 ) students attend)
24th August FRIDAY Come dressed as your favourite character from a book	P&C Book Week Parade
24th and 31st August	FATHERS DAY STALL ♦ GIFTS \$5 EACH
24th August 28th & 29th August	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN "POP UP UNIFORM STALL" at ELC See newsletter for more information
27th - 31st August	Literacy and Numeracy Week Australian Regional Championships for Language Perfect in WA
27th - 28th August LIBRARY	BOOK FAIR SALE DAY MONDAY & TUESDAY EFTPOS available
28th - 29th August	Whole School Photos - Tuesday K1 to Yr 5 Wed K2, Rm 1 & Rm 2 + catch-ups

## OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

**NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: AGM - Monday 3rd September 7.00pm in the staffroom - All Welcome**

President: Fiona Gordon

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

**SCHOOL BANKING: Wednesdays** In Library - 8.15 to 8.45  
Co-Ordinators: Anke, Fiona and Dannel

**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

We have certainly experienced an action packed last fortnight, since the last newsletter, and the action continues.

### Science Week

Last week, we celebrated National Science Week, which has become a very significant event on the school's program each year.

Huge inflatable dinosaurs, rockets, exploding Mentos, elephant's toothpaste, secret potions, dancing Gummy Bears and foil boats were among the scientific phenomena that kept the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 spellbound on Friday. The annual Science Day lived up to expectations, as students explored a wide range of awe-inspiring science experiments and activities. In particular, thanks go to Mr Smith and Senor Sabattini for planning and co-ordinating the day. We were particularly privileged to have guest presenters Heath Dullard, from Ellenbrook Secondary College, and Paul Stanwix, from the University of WA, who both captivated the students with their amazing demonstrations about energy and physics.

It was a loud, but memorable, event.

On Wednesday, the Year 6 Science Team of Jaxon D, Ella K, Mika P and Emily S, competed in the HEC Interschool Science Challenge at Sawyers Valley Primary school. Students from 11 local primary schools worked with their teams to solve a number of scientific challenges. The Darlington team finished a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition.

### Cross Country

Congratulations to the Interschool Cross Country Team and their coach, Ms Bloomer, on their outstanding effort in winning the HEC Cross Country Carnival last Thursday. It was a wonderful team effort that saw Darlington placed first in 4 out of the 8 events and in the first 4 places in all but one of the remaining races. This was just reward for all of their training and endeavour in the lead up to the event.

### Year 6 Camp

This time two weeks ago, the Year 6 students were enjoying camp at Point Peron Camp School. They were confronted with numerous challenges and team building situations, including: Rock Wall climbing; Prusiking (vertical rope climbing); low ropes course; Laser Tag (at which a team of students beat the teachers!); ferrying one another across an expanse of concrete floor on small skate boards with only a rope for assistance; the now infamous Woodley's Wild Beach Walk; and, of course, the customary table etiquette lesson.

The students acquitted themselves amazingly well and returned home on the Friday afternoon tired, but well fed, and with many special memories.

Thank you to Mr Scott, Mr Smith, Miss Beeson and Tracey (School Chaplain) for giving up their time to enable our valedictory class to enjoy this very special activity.

### Year 7 Transition

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, all of the Year 6 students, accompanied by their teachers, will have their first taste of secondary school, when they go across to Kalamunda Senior High School for a Transition Day. This event is presented and sponsored by Kalamunda Senior High School. Other local secondary schools will host their incoming students at transition activities later in the year.

*Initiative, Trust, Tolerance*

### Book Week

Another highlight on the school's calendar is the annual Book Character Parade which will be conducted this Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August. No doubt many families have already been engaged in planning and constructing their incredible costumes. The Admin Team have been plotting and stitching for several weeks and some of the outcomes promise to be remarkable.

The parade will be held in the Covered Assembly Area, commencing at 9.00 am.

Following on immediately after Book Week will be the Book Fair which will be held in the Library. See details later in this newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Diaz for arranging the event.

### NAPLAN Online

From 2019, all Western Australian government schools will complete NAPLAN On-line testing. This will involve Year 3 and 5 students next year.

In preparation for the change-over to online testing, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority has arranged School Readiness Testing to be conducted during the period 20<sup>th</sup> August to the 7<sup>th</sup> September. To comply with this requirement, our current Year 3 and 5 students will participate in simulated tests on Monday and Tuesday next week. The tests will be completed in class, on laptops, under the supervision of class teachers. As the purpose of the exercise is to test the school's and the wider system's capacity to cope with the demands of large scale testing, the tests will not be marked and so no results will be available.

### School Council

Outcomes of the School Council meeting held last Tuesday evening were:

- The teaching of Italian for classes from Years 3 – 6 will be phased in, in place of French, over the next 3 years. By 2019, Italian will be the only language delivered. In the interim, those students who have already begun learning French will continue to do so for the remainder of their time at this school.
- The Council will tender a submission in opposition to the proposed new runway at Perth airport.
- In lieu of a whole school parent survey this year, only parents of departing students will be asked to complete the National Schools Opinion Survey. Next year, invitations to complete the anonymous survey online will be incorporated into 3 Way Conferences in Term 3.
- A proposal to offer a dedicated Digital Literacy Class, where parents choose to fund the lease of a laptop for their child, is being explored. Further information will be available early in Term 4.
- This year's Semester 2 reports will be made available to parents electronically. Further details will be provided in Term 4.

And so the busy times roll on.

Lorna Woodley  
Principal

## INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The interschool cross country carnival was held on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, with Year 3 to Year 6 students attending to participate. We luckily had amazing weather for the day and all students approached the day with enthusiasm and excitement. We were extremely excited with the outcome of the day, with Darlington taking out first place!

I would like to thank all students who attended our training sessions for their dedication and hard work, it certainly paid off! A huge congratulations to all students who participated, with a special mention to the following students who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their race – Kaidyn H in Year 5, Amalyn M in Year 5 and Alex T in Year 6!

The team placing's are as follows:

Year 6 boys – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Year 6 girls – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Year 5 boys – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Year 5 girls – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Year 4 boys – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Year 4 girls – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Year 3 boys – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Year 3 girls – 1<sup>st</sup>



I will like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and helpers who did a fabulous job on the day, we could not have done it without you! A huge well done to all the students who participated!

Miss Bloomer  
Physical Education





# DINO WORLD INCURSION

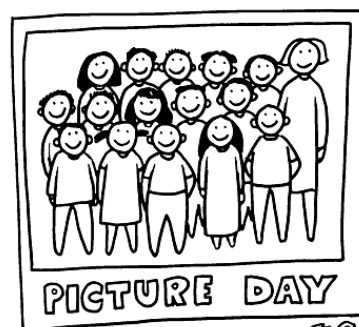
James T-Rex enthralled all the students in the ELC when he stomped his way through the undercover area and the garden of the ELC!

The student's knowledge of dinosaurs was extended and enriched by this valuable incursion as they explored the fossils and artefacts on show.



# SCHOOL PHOTOS - WEEK 7

Tuesday the 28th August - Kindy 1 to Year 5  
Wednesday 29th August - Kindy 2, Rm 1 & 2 and catch-ups



## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Reminder with School Photos being taken on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> & 29th of August** and the Faction Sports Carnival coming up on the **5th, 6th and 7th of September**. You may like to update some uniforms!! **Our Uniform Shop will be OPEN THIS FRIDAY to assist with new purchases before these events - 8.30 to 9.00am**

There will also be a "POP UP STALL at the Early Learning Centre"

- 28th & 29th of August
- 8.30 - 9.00am
- Cash only sales
- EFTPOS available at the office



For your general uniform requirements, please visit Flexischools to order. **Delivery of items will be issued to the school office/ child's classroom on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**PLEASE BE AWARE;** in order to receive your delivery you **MUST PLACE YOUR ORDER** on Flexischools by **Thursday by 4.00pm** of that week. Uniform Shop open 8.30am – 9.00am only 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> last Friday of each Term.

Many thanks - Uniform Shop Coordinators  
Steph Scott & Vanessa Busby



**DO YOU NEED A NEW  
FACTION SHIRT?**





## EARLY LEARNING CENTRE STUDENTS

### BOOKS FOR ALL TO SHARE!

What excitement there was last week when the children chose their first literacy bag!

All Kindy students now take home a Literacy bag every week. In the bag there is a book and an enrichment activity to share at home with family.

The Pre Primary students also now receive a quality storybook each week to be read to them by an adult. The adult then has a bookmark of ideas to help them guide a discussion about the book, promoting oral language and comprehension skills.

We would like to thank the P&C for their funding which enabled these programmes to be set up. A big thank you goes to everyone who contributed and worked tirelessly to create each literacy bag!

Happy reading and enjoy the adventure a book can take you on!

Mrs Horne







# national science week 2018



It's fun,  
it's cool,  
it's awesome.  
It's science!





## CHAPLAINS CHAT

### ZUMBA KIDS®



Zumba Kids® is on every Monday this term. It is not too late to attend. Please see the Zumba Kids® form to enrol your child. We will only be having one class from 3.00pm to 4.00pm for all ages.

### DRUMMING CLUB



Drumming Club is on every Thursday afternoon for students in year's 4 and 5. We are working towards a very special performance.

### LEGO FRIDAY



Lego Friday is for years 1 to 3 we meet on the green mat in the junior area. This is every Friday during the second half of lunch.

Come along and meet new friends and create.

My thought for the fortnight-

## Maya Angelou

I've learned that  
people will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget  
how you made them feel.

[InspirationBoost.com](http://InspirationBoost.com)

Tracey Buckley  
School Chaplain



The P&C Father's Day Stall

**When:** Friday 24 August for all classes  
and Friday 31 August for Kindy 1  
and last chance presents for Dad

**Where:** The Undercover Area

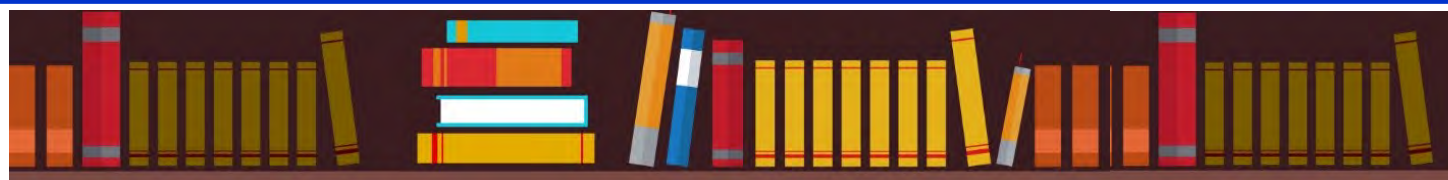
**Time:** Students will come up with their  
classes from 10.00am

**Cost:** Gifts are \$5.00



**GIFTS**  
**\$5**





# Children's Book Week

18<sup>th</sup> August – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Children's Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia. Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating Australian authors and illustrators and books for young readers.

Each year books are nominated in the categories of Older Readers, Younger Readers, Early Childhood, Picture Book of the Year, Eve Pownall Award for Information Books and Crichton Award for New Illustrators.

This year's theme is 'find your

TREASURE



'Winners' for each category were announced on 18<sup>th</sup> August. They are:-



At Darlington Primary School, we are celebrating Children's Book Week.

- A book week display with the nominated books of the year from categories Younger Readers, Early Childhood, Picture Book, New Illustrators and Information Books.
- A 'Find your treasure' booklet full of activities.
- Book Fair - and colouring-in competition.
- A book week character parade - dress up as a 'book' character.







# BOOK FAIR IS HERE

*Thanks*  
— for your —  
**SUPPORT!**

**WHERE :** Darlington Primary School Library

**WHEN:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**FROM** 8.30am until 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.

Yes, we accept payment by  
EFTPOS, Visa & Mastercard



**Book Fair will be open before,  
during and after school.**

Thank you for your support.

**Parent Helpers Needed**  
In the Library  
8.30 - 9.00am,  
Monday and Tuesday  
Please leave your name  
at the Library or office if  
you are able to help





Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

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



## P&C NEWS

The next P&C Meeting is our AGM on Monday 3 September at 7pm followed by a general meeting at 7.30 in the staff room, (please note date correction to 3 September)

All positions in the P&C come up for election at the AGM, if you are interested in any of these rewarding positions please contact Fiona Gordon for details.

It's also time to renew your Annual P&C Membership, this can be done at the meeting or with the forms at school reception.

# AGM 2018

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



*New faces are always welcome*

The P&C is selling '50 In My Street' wheelie bin stickers, these are available from school reception for \$10 each (cash only please).

\$2 of each sale will be donated to Road Trauma Support W.A.

Mundaring Shire has approved the use of bin stickers.



**Find your Treasure! Book Week Parade 24 August** – Prizes have been ordered and we're looking forward to seeing some fabulous costumes!

**Father's Day Stall 24 & 31 August** – Come along and get Dad a gift. Chaplain Tracey has organised some fabulous gifts to purchase for \$5 each. Don't forget your \$5 on Friday!

**Parking at the school during the Darlington Arts Festival 2-4 November** – If you can help as a marshal on the weekend or working out details beforehand let us know through the email below.

Also, if you are able to help our **Darlington Review scribe** write articles for the Review let me know.

WE *really*  
APPRECIATE  
YOUR  
SUPPORT !!!







Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

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**HONEY \$10**  
AVAILABLE FROM THE  
OFFICE  
(CASH PAYMENTS ONLY)

next meeting



Your 

Our upcoming P&C Meeting:

Annual General Meeting - 3rd September  
7.00pm. Held in the Staff Room

## Darlington Basketball Club 2018-19 Summer Season

**Player Registrations Open This Week**

Mixed U8s, Boys & Girls U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s, U18s

Visit our website for details

[www.darlingtonbasketballclub.sportingpulse.net](http://www.darlingtonbasketballclub.sportingpulse.net)  
or find us on facebook - 'Darlington Basketball Club'

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE**  
**Sunday 2nd September**

Enquiries - Alison Scott, Club Registrar  
[alisooooon66@bigpond.com](mailto:alisooooon66@bigpond.com) 0439 910 830



### Scholastic Book Club

Thanks for the amazing response to Issue 5 of Scholastic Bookclub earlier this term. The orders placed have earned Rewards of \$265, 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](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 5th SEPTEMBER.

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



Yes, we accept payment by  
EFTPOS, Visa & Mastercard



Thanks  
for your  
SUPPORT!

**SALE DAYS MONDAY & TUESDAY  
IN THE LIBRARY - SEE YOU THERE!**