

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 16 – Week 1 - TERM 4

Tuesday 16th October , 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



17th Oct PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE	<p>PP to Yr3—1.50—2.20pm Yr4 to Yr6—2.30—3pm</p>
19th Oct	ASSEMBLY: Student Council SPELLING BEE: In School Yrs 3-6
26th Oct	ASSEMBLY: Rm 4
30th Oct	HECSA Interschool Athletics (Jumps and Throws)
1st Nov	HECSA Interschool Athletics (Track and Team)
24th Nov SATURDAY	END OF YEAR SUNDOWNER Please not the change of date (Please see note below)

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: Tuesday 27th Nov 9.15am - New faces always welcome

President: Fiona Gordon

Email: darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com



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

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 Caregivers

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What a wonderful surprise awaited us when we returned to school for Term 4! The Grounds Committee members had been busy over the holidays and constructed an amazing nature play area behind the Old Lunch Shed. It provides lots of opportunities for log stepping, climbing and cubby building. The design is so clever that it looks as though it has always been part of the landscape. I am sure that the children will revel in the challenges this new environment affords. So much so that we are initially rostering access to minimise 'turf wars'. Years 3 and 4 have exclusive use of the area this week. Years 1 and 2 will have their turn the following week and Years 5 and 6 for a week after that. After this initial period, unrestricted access will be allowed. (Any disputes may be referred to the United Nations for resolution!) Thank you to Harriot D'Emden and her band of helpers for all of their efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

Yet another fabulous surprise was in store for the staff, when members of the parent community provided a sumptuous morning tea for us on Friday, in acknowledgement of World Thank a Teacher Day. There were also cards, signed by students and parents, expressing gratitude for the work of our teachers and education assistants. These gestures were greatly appreciated by the staff and serve to emphasise what a wonderful community we have. Thank you to Fiona Gordon (P & C President) for coordinating this activity and to everyone else who contributed. I must say, there are some marvellous cooks in our midst.

Also, thank you to the P & C for funding the installation of wall cupboards outside Rooms 7 and 8. This has definitely tidied up this area and made for a much safer egress from the classrooms, as the craft trolley has now been removed. Students and teachers in those classrooms will benefit from this for years to come.

The maths trolleys, now stocked with manipulative equipment, have made their appearance in every primary classroom. I have no doubt that they have already been put to good use. A total of almost \$20 000 (\$9480 from P & C and \$10500 from school funds) has now been devoted to this project, which will support maths learning now and into the future.

NAPLAN 2018

Individual student NAPLAN reports were distributed to parents last week. These were somewhat delayed as they were not provided to the school until Thursday of the final week last term.

Last Monday, during the School Development Day, teachers examined details and trends of the school's performance. In general, there has been an upward trend, with the most notable improvements being in Numeracy, where results showed higher achievement and progress than like schools. In Numeracy and Reading, the School Plan target of 25% of students in the top 20% of the state was comfortably exceeded ahead of the 2019 timeline. Grammar and Punctuation and Year 5 Spelling were at, or close to, this target. However, Spelling in Year 3 and Writing across the board are areas of concern and will become priority areas for 2019. Year 3 Writing is significant, as the only area in which results were not within the expected range for this school.

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 Reports will be distributed online via Connect for all students. Hard copies will be available only on request. Further details about access will be communicated to parents later in the term.

Spelling Bee

Next Friday morning, the school will conduct its annual Spelling Bee for Years 3 - 6. Two representatives from each class will be selected to participate in a competition based on the format from the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee. Students have all been provided with access to the word lists and parents may wish to help them practise their words at home. This, of course, is a way to improve spelling in general, with this special focus on the forthcoming competition.

Initiative, Trust, Tolerance

Interschool Athletics

Teams have now been selected for the forthcoming HECSA Interschool Athletics Carnival, which will be held at Mundaring Recreation Centre on the 30th October and 1st November. Darlington is the host school this year, so additional parent help may be required to assist with setting up for and the smooth running of the event.

Further information will be sent home with students who have been selected for the team.

Gifted and Talented Information Session

Governor Stirling Senior High School is hosting a session for parents interested in special gifted and talented Secondary programs.

Please refer to the attachment that accompanies this newsletter.

Even a cursory glance at the calendar for this term would tell you that we are in for a busy time. Take a deep breath and let's get on with it, in the lead up to the end of the year.

Lorna Woodley
Principal



Twilight CHRISTMAS MARKETS

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ENTERTAINMENT

SAT | 24 NOVEMBER 2018 | 4-8PM

Parkerville Primary School | Parker Rd, Parkerville

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DARLINGTON ARTS FESTIVAL 3RD AND 4TH NOVEMBER JUNIOR ART EXHIBITION (JAX)

This years theme is: **FACES**

Faces of any kind at all; Human faces, Animal faces, Happy faces, Sad faces, Cartoon faces, Monster faces, Coloured faces, Rock faces or clock faces, any kind of face you choose.

WHILST ALL CLASSES HAVE DONE SOME PIECES OF ART THAT COULD BE ENTERED TO THE COMPETITION IT IS NOT RESTRICTED TO WORK DONE AT SCHOOL.

It is also reminded it is the parents responsibility to enter the competition.

Darlington Arts Festival Parking

We need volunteers to help for 1-2 hour time slots on 3 & 4 November to collect fees and direct cars to parking locations. Parking will be available on the oval, the basketball court and in the Early Learning Centre car park. There will be limited parking at the Darlington Oval over the festival weekend. Adrian Woodley is co-ordinating the Darlington Arts Festival Parking and can be contacted at adrian@woodley.id.au

This is a perfect opportunity for Dads that can't come along to other events to help.

Chaplains Chat

Hope that you enjoyed the school holidays. I attended the YouthCARE Conference in the second week of the holidays for 3 days. All the Chaplains that work for YouthCARE in WA attend, it was great to see everyone and we had some amazing speakers.

There is so much happening this term-



Girl's Group

Girl's Group is on again this term and we are inviting girls from year 3 to year 6 to attend.

We will be starting on Monday the 22nd of October. Please see the permission form attached.



Drumming Club

Drumming Club is on again this term and we are inviting students from year one to Year six to attend. This will start on Thursday the 25th of October.

Please see the permission form attached.



Craft Group

Craft Group is on every Thursday in the second half of lunch. Craft group is for students in year one to year six. We meet in the library. We have been busy making pom poms. Come along and see what you can create.



Boys Drama Group

If you are interested in attending Boys Drama Group for term 4, can you please fill in an expression of interest form. This term we are inviting boys from year one to year six.

We will meet in the undercover area on Monday in the second half of lunch.

We will be focusing on theatre sports and skits.



Lego Friday

Lego Friday is for students in year one to year three, we meet on the green mat in the second half of lunch every Friday.

My quote for the fortnight is-

Stand Strong
Believe in
yourself
Chase those
Dreams

Tracey Buckley
School Chaplain



Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

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Please look out for Scholastic Bookclub Issue 7 coming home this week. Thanks to your generosity, rewards of \$130 were earned which will be used for new books in the school library.

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 no later than **WEDNESDAY 24th OCTOBER**.

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



**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ON THURSDAY THE COLOUR RUN
WILL NOW BE HELD WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER**

THAT'S TOMORROW!

Fundraising

Please ensure your fundraising donations are handed to the front office by

Wednesday the 17th of October. We are accepting BOTH cash and credit card payments.

Safety

We have taken all safety measures necessary to ensure a smooth and successful day for all children. The powder is a completely non-toxic, non-flammable, environmentally friendly and skin safe. It is made out of high quality corn starch and permitted colour dyes. Many schools have been using it and had great results. The colour will be thrown at children's shirts and not aimed at their faces. We have safety processes in place for any instances where children get colour in their mouth or eyes – Mrs Woodley gives a great eye wash! However, as the powder is non-toxic there are no safety issues with harm to eyes or lungs. If you are concerned about your child getting colour in their eyes, you may send them to school with sunglasses to wear for the run. The track will be clearly marked with two lanes, one for children who wish to be covered with colour and one for children who wish to abstain from the colour, but would still like to run.

On the day

The Colour Run will take place between 1.50 – 2.20pm for Pre-Primary to Year 3 and 2.30pm – 3.00pm for Year 4 to Year 6. Children will need to wear a white shirt for the run. **Please ensure you pack a white shirt for your child to wear.** Any old white shirt is fine! After the run, children will receive an icy pole to thank them for their contributions to the day.



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A big **THANKYOU** to the P & C for the beautiful morning tea on 'Say Thanks to Teacher's day'

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

Fresh batch of **HONEY** delivered
today!

next meeting



Your 

Our upcoming P&C Meeting:

27th November 9.15am

Held in the Meeting Room in school office

All Welcome



P&C News

On behalf of the school community, we would like to thank our fabulous volunteers for helping install the new nature play area near the rocky outcrop along Glen Road. Ben Tomkinson, Jed Handmer, Duncan Bell, Jeff Bigalow, Joel Collins, Frank D'Emden and Samantha Craig provided their time, muscle and tools to get the job done. Thank you! The logs, steppers and teepee structures provide a nice extension to the rocks and we hope the kids enjoy it.





'50 IN MY STREET' \$10 EACH

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 WA. Mundaring Shire has approved the use of bin stickers.

STICKER SIZE - 29.5cm x 21.5cm



HATS FOR SCHOOL

Remember to have your children organised for school with their hats and drink bottles. Please make sure these items are clearly labelled. As we are starting to see students regularly turning up with no hat for sport, it is important they be organised and have their hats ready for school each day.