

# DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 18 – Week 6 - TERM 4 Monday 13th of November 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

15th Nov	St John Ambulance Snake Bite First Aid Lesson - Years 1 to 6 Yrs 1-3 9.45 to 10 - Yrs 4-6 10.05 to 10.20
12-16 Nov 16th Nov	SENIORS WEEK ASSEMBLY ROOM 9 - "Seniors Assembly"
20th Nov	2019 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening 7pm - Early Learning Centre
23rd Nov	Uniform Delivers from Flexischool Orders

## END OF YEAR SUNDOWNER

24th November - SATURDAY  
On the School Oval



30th of Nov	ASSEMBLY - ROOM 5
4th Dec	2019 KINDY ORIENTATION DAY
7th Dec	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN 8.30am - 9.00am YEAR 6 GRADUATION

## OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

**NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: Tuesday 3rd December**  
7pm New faces always 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 and Fiona

**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 Caregivers

There is certainly plenty of activity to report in this edition of our newsletter. Our students have been busy on many fronts.

Last Friday, we were treated to an amazing experience when the Early Learning Centre students presented their assembly in the Graeme Devitt Amphitheatre. Wearing stunning costumes and smiles to match, the 89 Kindergarten and Pre-primary students danced their way through an enchanting performance. I think Ariel, from Year 6, summed it up by saying, "They were so cute. I don't think I have a heart any more. They melted it!"

## Interschool Athletics

The Interschool Athletics Carnival was a very successful event, on two counts.

Of course, we are immensely proud of the team of athletes who won both the Overall Trophy for Champion School as well as the Track and Field Trophy. Darlington students also won the Championships for Year 6 Boys Jye S, Year 6 Girls Ella K, Year 5 Boys Kaidyn H, Year 4 Boys Manly H, Year 2 Girls Sofie G, Year 1 Boys Zayde M and Year 1 Girls Mila H as well as Runners Up for Year 6 Boys Alex T and Year 4 Boys Gabe C. This was a remarkable achievement and is testimony to the calibre of our students, both their natural talent and their application, as well as to the excellent training they received from Miss Bloomer, Mr Scott and Mr Moran.

Also, as the host school for 2018, it was extremely gratifying to receive many compliments about the high standard of organisation and smooth running of the event. Once again this was largely due to the efforts of Miss Bloomer and Mr Scott.



## Planning for 2019 (Year 6 excepted)

Please notify the office if your child/ren will not be returning to Darlington Primary in 2019  
Email: [darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au)  
Phone: 9299 6888



Initiative, Trust, Tolerance

## T20 Cricket

Still on the sporting field, the Year 6 girls' T20 Cricket Team competed in the regional finals on Thursday. They went through the day's competition undefeated and will now participate in the State Finals at the WACA this Friday. Best wishes to Ella K, Evie O, Nikki F, Emily S, Paighton M, Luca W, Ruby N and Amalyn M and to their coaches Miss Bloomer and Mr Scott.

*Congratulations*

Also on the cricket scene, congratulations to Evie O (Yr 6) who has been selected to represent Western Australia in the 2018 Cricket 12s team. She will be participating in the School Sport Australia National championships in Bunbury in December.

Another successful athlete is Emily S (Yr 6) who won the State Championship for Calisthenics Solo in her age division over the weekend.

## STEM Project

With Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education currently in the spotlight, it is pleasing that a group of Year 5 and 6 students have had the opportunity to be involved in a significant STEM project. Earlier this year, Mr Smith was successful in an application to Western Power for the donation of a 3D printer. A condition of the grant was that the school undertake a specific STEM project that investigated power distribution networks. Fifteen students were selected to work on the project under the direction of Senor Sabatinni and an engineer from Western Power.

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the students presented the outcomes of their project at Scitech, along with teams from other schools. Our students definitely stood out as knowledgeable and polished in their presentation about power grids now and in the future.

## Laptop Class 2019

A parent information evening was conducted last Monday evening, to introduce, to parents of students entering Years 5 and 6 in 2019, the concept of forming a class in which all students would have access to their own laptop. The information provided is available on the school website.

Interested parents are reminded that Expressions of Interest are due by 3.00 pm this Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. The level of support will determine whether or not the proposal is implemented. To date, 18 families have expressed interest in having their child considered for such a class.

## School Council

The School council held its final meeting for 2018 on Tuesday evening last week. Items that were discussed included:

- Contributions and Charges for 2019
- NAPLAN results 2018 and the implications for 2019
- School Plan 2018 – progress towards set targets

The Council also reviewed the school's financial position and proposed class structures for 2019.

It was also agreed that the School Council Chairperson would again contact the Department of Education regarding the need for replacement of the school's roof and the provision of appropriate heating and cooling in classrooms. Once ratified by the Council, the minutes of the meeting will be available on the school's website.



## Toy and Book Appeal

During the forthcoming holiday season, gift giving is often a traditional part of various family celebrations. Sadly, hundreds of Western Australian children will go without receiving a gift simply because their families can't afford it. Once again our school will be supporting The Smith Family's Toy and Book Appeal. With your help, The Smith Family aim to deliver new toys and books to over 2700 families in need around Western Australia.

Darlington Primary school has registered to provide at least 100 new toys and 100 new books for primary school aged children. The Smith Family is particularly in need of new toys and books for children aged 9 – 12 years.

**Information is attached to this newsletter, outlining the types of gifts that are appropriate.** Copies have also been provided to each classroom. Please see the attachments for a list of suggested gifts and also information about items that cannot be accepted. Please note, second hand items cannot be accepted.

All donations will be greatly appreciated. There will be a collection point at the office. All toys and books should be brought to school, **not wrapped**, between the 19th and 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## Snake Bite Treatment

Red Cross will be delivering lessons to teach children about correct treatment of snake bites to all students from Year 1 – 6 on Thursday, this week.

## Seniors Assembly

We are looking forward to seeing many grandparents and important seniors at our assembly this week. It will be hosted in the Graeme Devitt Amphitheatre, commencing at 8.50 am and will be followed by a picnic morning tea at school. Please see the official invitation that accompanies this newsletter.

## Parking

Parking at school is always at a premium, but the situation is further exacerbated when we have special school activities, such as assemblies. On these occasions, parents are reminded to be particularly careful not to obstruct driveways on the southern (non-school) side of Amherst Avenue.

Special thanks to Adrian Woodley and Fiona Gordon, for co-ordinating parking on the school grounds during the Darlington Arts Festival, and to the parents and teachers who assisted. Unfortunately, the response from the public was underwhelming, thus limiting the amount of funds raised. Modification of arrangements will be discussed with the Darlington Arts Festival Committee if the activity is to be continued in 2019. .

Lorna Woodley  
Principal





## SMITH FAMILY TOY & BOOK APPEAL

Sadly many children living in financial disadvantage will not receive a gift this Christmas

### WHO IS THE SMITH FAMILY

The Smith Family is a children's charity helping disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

### NEW GIFTS ONLY

### PLEASE DON'T WRAP ITEMS

# Thank you.

Your support will make a child smile on Christmas morning.  
This year we're most in need of gifts for children between **6** and **12** years of age.

### Remember:

- No gift wrapping
- No bigger than a school back pack
- Do not attach this tag to your gift (it's yours to keep!)

**TOY & BOOK  
APPEAL**  
CHARITY GIFTS 2018



everyone's family

Visit our website [thesmithfamily.com.au/christmas](http://thesmithfamily.com.au/christmas)

## GIVE TOYS OR BOOKS

### What gifts are most needed?

Donations of new toys and books help us ensure that they are of good quality and usable when they are opened on Christmas morning. This year we have a shortage of gifts for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 12 years. Gifts such as board games and activity-based toys are always well-received.

Don't forget that your gift should be ready to play with as soon as it's opened on Christmas morning. When you're deciding what to buy, remember to include batteries if needed, and colouring pencils for colouring-in books

### Should the gifts be wrapped or unwrapped?

While it may seem helpful to wrap your gift, this often creates problems in the sorting and packing process. It also means that parents don't get to see or wrap the gift for their child. Unwrapped gifts only please

### Is there anything I cannot donate?

It's important that we provide families with appropriate gifts for Christmas. We have a number of items we can't accept because they prove difficult to pack, or are not appropriate for a wide range of children. Repurposing the items below can end up costing us money. Money we'd rather use to provide more toys and books.

### THERE ARE SOME GIFTS WE CAN'T ACCEPT...



**NO CLOTHES INCLUDING SHOES, PYJAMAS AND COSTUMES**  
We can't be sure of the size of the child.



**NO FOOD PRODUCTS**  
This includes perishable and non-perishable items. We're unable to guarantee food safety or be aware of children's special dietary needs.



**NO GAME CONTROLLERS OR COMPUTER GAMES**  
We don't know if they'll be able to set up at home.



**NO CALENDARS**  
Where possible, it's great if gifts can last for more than one year.



**NO TOYS THAT LOOK LIKE WEAPONS**  
Or any toys that suggest violence.



**NO BEAUTY PRODUCTS**  
Some children may be allergic to perfumes, makeup or other toiletries.



**NO GIFTS THAT REQUIRE BATTERIES**  
Unless you include the appropriate size and quantity of batteries in your gift donation.



**NO BREAKABLE ITEMS**  
They could be damaged during the packing and delivery process.



**NO PRODUCTS THAT REQUIRE FLAMMABLE LIQUID OR GAS**  
This includes candles and lamps.



**NO SECONDHAND ITEMS OR DAMAGED GOODS**  
Something new will be greatly appreciated on Christmas morning.



**NO ITEMS OF A RELIGIOUS NATURE**  
We are not aware of the religion or beliefs of each family.



**NO BRANDED ITEMS**  
We are unable to officially endorse another company or brand.

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CHARITY GIFTS 2018



everyone's family

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Here are some of the great rewards we received from the COLES Sports for Schools Vouchers

## Senior's Assembly & MORNING TEA

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Come and join us as we celebrate Senior's Week.

Assembly will be held at the normal time in the Graham Devitt Amphitheatre followed by a picnic morning tea on the oval.

Please bring:

- ❖ Picnic rug
- ❖ A book to read with your grandchild/ren
- ❖ A folding chair
- ❖ Something for morning tea
- ❖ A Hat



## Building Self-Esteem and Resiliency

A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND DISABILITIES.

- ★ Research indicates that for a child with a learning difficulty or disability their self-esteem and ability to "bounce back" from challenges is just as important (if not more important) to their future success as the remediation they receive.
- ★ This workshop focuses on giving parents strategies to develop their child's resilience.

**Presenter: Katrina Farrant**

Katrina is a psychologist at DSF Literacy and Clinical Services. She assesses children, teenagers and adults struggling with the acquisition of effective literacy skills and recommends appropriate classroom-based and individual strategies. Katrina also provides counselling for children and adults struggling with the impact of having a learning difficulty. Katrina is passionate about empowering young people with learning difficulties to find their own solutions and develop positive coping strategies.



**When:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Time:** 9.30am – 12.00pm

**Where:** DSF Literacy and Clinical Services  
10 Broome Street, South Perth

*For bookings, please use the link below:*

<https://dsf.net.au/Professional-Learning/building-self-esteem-and-resilience-parent-workshop-218ad/>

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**SMITH FAMILY  
BOOK & TOY  
APPEAL**

**COLLECTING  
DONATIONS  
between the 19th  
- 30th November**



**Library news & updates**

# withdrawn books

Library Book Sale

The library is having a book sale of **withdrawn** library books on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (8.30am to 3.30pm)

**10c or 20c a book**



**REMEMBER  
TO **PACK**  
**YOUR HAT**  
EACH DAY  
IN YOUR  
BAG!**



# Interschool Athletics Carnival

A humungous congratulations to our triumphant Darlington Athletics Team! All students are to be commended on their commitment to their training, it certainly paid off - with the team taking out the Overall Championship and Track & Field Trophy.

A massive thank you to Mr Scott and Mr Moran for their end-less help in training the team, and preparations leading up to the carnival. Thank you to Mrs Woodley, Mrs Walker and Tracey for their help and support on the carnival days!

To all parent helpers, on both days – a gigantic thank you for all your help and support!

**Congratulations once again to the Interschool Team and to the below students on taking out champion and runner up awards!**

Jye S – Year 6 Boys Champion  
Alex T – Year 6 Boys Runner Up  
Ella K – Year 6 Girls Champion

Kaidyn H – Year 5 Boys Champion

Manly H – Year 4 Boys Champion  
Gabe C – Year 4 Boys Runner Up

Sofie G – Year 2 Girls Champion

Zayde Mc G – Year 1 Boys Champion  
Mila H – Year 1 Girls Champion

Thank you – Miss Bloomer.



## Colour Run

A huge thank you to all students for their Colour Run fundraising efforts! **We have managed to raise \$5473.65.** What a fabulous result!!

Our aim for this money is to go towards new interschool team shirts, football jumpers and other sporting equipment.

Everyone looked super bright and happy covered in colour on the day! We hope you had a fantastic time participating in the Colour Run!

*Thanks for your support*

A graphic titled 'PACKED WITH GOODNESS' with a green background and white text. It features images of a lunchbox with a sandwich, fruit, and a glass of milk, and a photo of two children eating. The text reads: 'Food & nutrition guidelines for school kids'. Below the graphic, it says 'Lunchbox ideas for busy parents and carers'. At the bottom, there are logos for the Department of Education, Heart Foundation, Cancer Council, and St. John's Anglican School.

**PACKED WITH GOODNESS**

Food & nutrition guidelines for school kids

Lunchbox ideas for busy parents and carers

## Darlington Arts Festival Performance

On Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> our band students performed at the Darlington Arts Festival to an excited and enthusiastic audience of family, friends, peers and community members.

Budding guitarists, drummers, singers and keyboard players covered a variety of songs from Imagine Dragons, Ed Sheeran, the soundtrack to the Greatest Showman, Shaun Mendes and The Girl and the Dreamcatcher.

Students from Year 4 to 6 have an opportunity to perform to the wider community and each year presents new discoveries musically and hones the performing arts skills of our talented music students.

Well done to all our performers and good luck to our departing Year 6 students as they take their music to the next level.

Mr Melrose  
Music teacher



## Chaplains Chat

Hi look at what is happening-

### Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon



JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Thursday 29th FROM 3.00 - 4.00pm

HELD IN THE ART ROOM

\$20 EACH

PERMISSION FORMS & PAYMENT MUST BE  
MADE BY THURSDAY 22nd of NOVEMBER

Yes it is happening again this year on Thursday 29 of November.  
Please see the attached form for more information.

### Girl's Group

**Girl's Group** is on every Monday this term; we are working through the new journals.

We are inviting girls in year 3 to 6 to attend this term.

Enrolment forms are available from the office



### Boy's Drama Group



It is not too late to attend the Boy's Drama Group we meet during the second half of lunch on Mondays in the undercover area.

Enrolment forms are available from the office.

### Drumming Group



The Drumming Group is working toward a performance on the 24 of November for the P&C Sundowner.

A note will go out this Thursday with more information.

My quote for the fortnight-



I am here on Monday, Thursdays and Fridays.

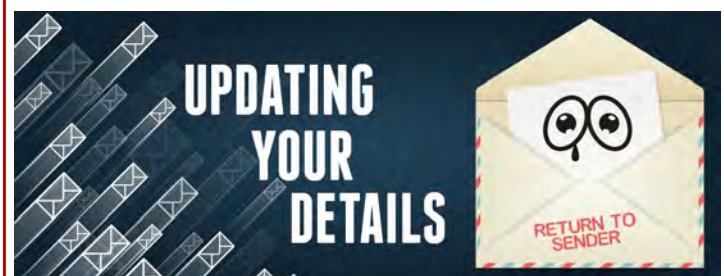
Tracey Buckley  
School Chaplain

## UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

**REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE!**

It is important your details are up to date on our system. If your address, phone numbers, emails etc.. Change; please remember to notify the office. You can do this via our skoolbag app or by visiting or emailing the school office on:

Darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au  
Ph 9299 6888







## UPCOMING Events

### P&C News

#### Sundowner Saturday 24 November

The P&C will be hosting an end of year Sundowner next Saturday evening from about 5pm until 8ish.

We've some great music arranged including the School Choir and Chaplain Tracey's Drumming Club.

BYO Picnic and the P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle (sausages will be the delicious DPS Canteen Recipe from JB Butcher Glen Forrest – gluten and additive free).

***Note that we have changed the date from the calendar and the term planner to the Saturday evening so more people can come along.***

#### Thanks to all our Helpers

Thank you to everyone who gave up a couple of hours last weekend to help out with the Darlington Arts Festival Parking. A huge thank you to Adrian Woodley for organising the day.

#### Next P&C Meeting Date Change

We have had to change the date of the next **P&C meeting to Monday 3 December at 7pm in the staff room.**

**Everyone welcome.** We're looking for more Dads to get involved in the P&C so there is a prize for the first Dad to come along to our next meeting!

Fiona Gordon  
[president@dpspc.org.au](mailto:president@dpspc.org.au)

# END OF YEAR SUNDOWNER

## 24th November - SATURDAY

## On the school oval





Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

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



## '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



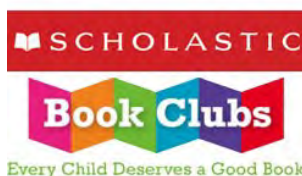
## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A big thanks to all those that ordered from Scholastic Bookclub Issue 7. Your purchases have resulted in school rewards of \$230 which will be redeemed in the Library. Issue 8, the final catalogue for the year, was sent home last week.

**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 THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER.**

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



**DON'T FORGET!**

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:  
**BY 15TH OF NOVEMBER**

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

**next meeting**

*Your*

Our upcoming P&C Meeting:  
3rd December 7pm  
Held in the Staff room

All Welcome