

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 19 – Week 8 - TERM 4 Tuesday 19th 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

29th Nov	GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING AFTERNOON 3-4pm
30th of Nov	ASSEMBLY - ROOM 5
3rd Dec	GIRLS GROUP AFTERNOON TEA 3 - 4pm
4th Dec	2019 KINDY ORIENTATION DAY
7th Dec	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN 8.30am - 9.00am YEAR 6 GRADUATION
10th Dec	REPORT DISTRIBUTION
12th Dec	SENIOR DISCO
13th Dec	FAREWELL ASSEMBLY - Last day of Term 4 WATER FUN DAY

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: Tuesday 3rd December
7pm 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 Care Givers

The busy year is rapidly drawing to a close and this will be the penultimate newsletter for the term. However, there are still quite a few activities to occupy our students and their families before the final day of school on the 13th December.

Class programs continue as normal and there is still vital new learning, as well as revision of concepts covered earlier in the year, going on in classrooms every day. Teachers are still conducting assessments of students' outcomes and preparing end of year reports.

T20 Cricket Success

Congratulations to our Girls t20 Cricket Team who were placed third in the State Finals held at the WACA on Friday 16th November.

Kindergarten 2019

Next Tuesday, 4th December, we will welcome our newest group of students to our school when next year's kindergarten students will be visiting the school for their orientation morning. We look forward to meeting them, having met most of their parents at the Kindergarten Parent Information Night last Tuesday.

Staffing 2019

However, preparations for 2019 are already occupying the thoughts and time of the administration team. Staffing processes are proceeding and there are likely to be several changes for the new year.

After 12 ½ years of outstanding service to the school, Mrs Kath Tester will be taking a break next year. Her skilful tuition and nurturing guidance have provided a wonderful start to the formal education for countless Pre-primary and Year 1 students, over the years. Her contributions to the school have been fantastic and I know we will all miss her next year. We wish her and her husband, Nick, a happy and enjoyable year spent travelling the country.

Ms Kaili Beeson will also be leaving us after just one year in our midst. In the first year of her career as a teacher, she has done a sterling job as the teacher in Year 6 Room 2 for half of every week. We will miss her 'style' and enthusiasm in the senior part of the school. Ms Beeson has secured a permanent position as a teacher at Aspiri Primary School. We wish her well as she embarks on the next phase of her journey in education.

Further information about replacements for these staff members, as well as any other departures and appointments, will be communicated as they come to hand.

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
Phone: 9299 6888



Initiative, Trust, Tolerance

P & C Sundowner

The relatively small crowd that attended the final P & C function for the year, the Sundowner on Saturday, enjoyed a very pleasant evening in the Graeme Devitt Amphitheatre. They were entertained by the Drumbeat group, expertly led by our School Chaplain, Tracey Buckley. It was great to see Year 1s in the group so confidently participating and obviously enjoying themselves. Sharing a chat and a picnic or sausage sizzle in such beautiful surroundings was a lovely way to spend the evening.

Both the Sundowner and the Drumbeat program are fine examples of how the P & C supports the school and enriches its program. Thank you to Fiona, Rachel, Rosie and the team for co-ordinating Saturday's event.

Laptop Class 2019

I am excited to announce that we will be proceeding with the laptop program for one Year 5/6 class in 2019. Twenty eight Expressions of Interest were received, enabling us to form a class with a full complement of students. Parents who submitted Expressions of Interest will receive a letter today, confirming their child's place in the class and providing information about further arrangements.

Gifts for Teachers

It is common, at this time of the year, for teachers to be given gifts of appreciation by their students and their families. Whilst not expected, this is wonderful acknowledgement of the fabulous work of our staff and is warmly appreciated by them. However, Darlington parents are sometimes very generous and I need to advise that there are guidelines relating to the acceptance of such gifts. In essence, as public servants, staff members are able to retain, for their personal use, any gift that has a value up to \$100. Gifts over that value can be retained for personal use, but must be recorded and approved by the Principal. Gift vouchers can be accepted, providing they cannot be exchanged for money. This means that items such as LotteryWest Scratch and Win or Lotto tickets cannot be accepted.

Rest assured, your thoughtfulness is always appreciated, regardless of the value. This was an awkward topic to raise, but we have been alerted to the requirements of Public Sector Standards by the Department of Education, in the wake of recently publicised incidents of corruption in other agencies.

The Smith Family

Families are reminded that the school is currently accepting donations of new toys and books for The Smith Family's Toy and Book Appeal. We are aiming to collect at least 100 books and 100 toys this year. To date, the collection is rather small – probably around 20.

Please deliver your donations of toys or books to the reception area by Friday next week.

Lorna Woodley
Principal

**THE SMITH FAMILY DONATIONS
can be made until this Friday
30th November!**

Library news & updates

Library stocktake

It's stocktake time and library is closed for the remainder of the year.

Please encourage your student/s to return their library books to the library.

Now is also a great time to look for and return any Darlington Primary School library books or reading books you may find at home (no questions asked!).

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Karen Diaz
Library Officer



“BOOKS: Your
Guide To Answers.”



**Time to return
the Library
Books.**





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

DONATIONS can be made until
this Friday 30th November!

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

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.

TOY & BOOK APPEAL

CHARITY GIFTS 2018



everyone's family

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Parent Information meeting for 2019 Beginning Instrumental Music students

Parents of Yr 4 students who have been offered a place in the Instrumental Music Program (formerly SIM) for 2019 are strongly encouraged to attend a 1 hour information meeting about the program.

The meeting for families in this district will be held Eastern Hills SHS Music Centre 7:30pm Thursday November 29. At the meeting you will have a chance to meet with your Instrumental Teacher and find out what instrument and equipment to purchase before lessons start early next year.

If you cannot attend the meeting on this day then please attend a meeting on another day at another venue as advertised on the Instrumental Music School Services website.

Kind regards,

Justin Lynam

Teacher in Charge of Music



Eastern Hills Senior High School

Tel: 9573 0200

Fax: 9572 1818



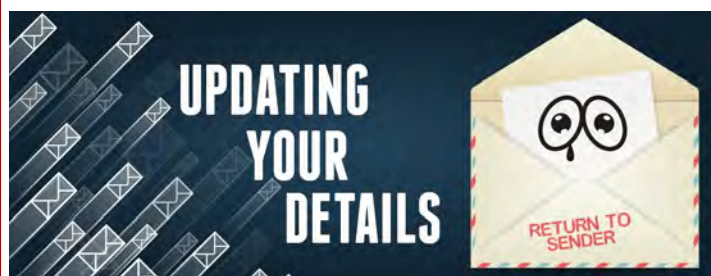
UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

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



French News

Reminder there is 1 week left of school competition points for Language Perfect. A winner for the year will be announced on Tuesday, December 11th December.



DENTAL VAN NEWS

We close our doors over the Christmas period starting 3pm Friday 21st December 2018, reopening on Wednesday 30th January 2019.

If you experience a dental emergency after the 22nd December or during the Christmas period please contact 1800 098 818 for information on dental emergencies.

Our contact details are as always 0407 594 254 (not text/SMS enabled).

Just to let all the Year 6 students know they remain eligible for free dental care in the School Dental Service along with all other high school students up until the end of year 11 or the age of 17. If you have sought private dental care please contact us to withdraw consent (so no further appointments are sent to you unless requested).

Please ensure that if your contact details change that you inform us as we rely heavily on being able to contact you. We do not have access to the schools information so parents need to inform us if addresses or numbers change.

The Dental Van will remain at Parkerville Primary School until approximately the end of Term 1 2019. Following this we will move onto Darlington Primary School (then Glen Forrest Primary School).

Thank you and Merry Christmas



Chaplains Chat

This week I will be at Darlington on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. I will be at my other school on Friday for their year 6 graduation.

Thank you so much to the Drumming Group students that attended the P&C Sundowner on Saturday. You were amazing.



Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon

**FULLY
BOOKED**

Just a reminder that for **those that have booked and paid** for the Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon that it is on this Thursday the 29th of November. We will meet in the art room at 3.00pm. **NO FURTHER PLACES AVAILABLE**

Please remember that students need to have an adult with them.



Girl's Group

The last Girl's Group is on Monday the 3rd of December we are going to have an afternoon tea to celebrate the year.

Please see the invitation attached

Girl's Group will return next year.

Drumming Group

Drumming Group has finished for this year. We have had such an amazing time in drumming group. Thank you to everyone that attended and performed, I am so proud of you and what you have achieved.

Drumming Group will return next year.

The new drums will be delivered next week, I cannot wait.



My quote for the fortnight-



Tracey Buckley
School Chaplain

Girls Group Afternoon Tea

If you have attended Girl's Group this year then you are invited to our afternoon tea afternoon.

When: Monday 3rd of December

Where: Undercover Area

Time: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Please bring a plate of food to share.

(Just a reminder no nuts please.)

If you have any queries please see me.
Thank you

Tracey Buckley
School Chaplain



Invitation attached to email



CANTEEN news



*Our wonderful Canteen Manager, Ros, has created a School Holiday Survival Kit.
These goodies available **NOW** on Flexischools.*

BE SURE TO GET IN QUICK THEY ARE SELLING FAST!

- Cinnamon Twigs – Croissant Dough cut into strips and sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar
- Apple Pies – Canteen made filled with cooked apple and cinnamon – **SOLD OUT**
- Pork Sausage Roll – Filled with minced pork, zucchini, carrot, onion, breadcrumbs, sage, salt and pepper
- Vegetarian Sausage Roll

A SCHOOL HOLIDAY SURVIVAL STRATEGY





Darlington Primary's - Parents & Citizens Association

Email: 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



P&C News

Next P&C Meeting

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 of six pack for the first Dad to come along to our next meeting!**

New faces are always welcome

Sundowner

What a lovely evening to listen to our fantastic Drumming Club and C&J Rockin'. Hope everyone enjoyed the sausage sizzle and watermelon. Thank you to everyone who helped me get the evening together.

Our next Sundowner will be March 23, 2019 and we are considering inviting a few local organisations along so new families can get an idea of what our community offers for our kids socially and sporting wise. If you know of anyone who would be interested in coming along get in contact with me.

Fiona Gordon
president@dpspc.org.au

Your

