

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 4 – Week 8 - TERM 1

Tuesday 24 March, 2020

SCHOOL HOURS

School commences - 8.45 am

Crunch and Sip - 9.45 am

Recess - 10.50 to 11.10 am

Lunch Eating time - 1.10 to 1.20 pm
Play time - 1.20 to 1.50 pm

End of School - 3.00 pm



30 March	P&C Meeting 7pm "ONLINE MEETING"
3 April	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN 8.30 - 9.00am
9th April	Last day of term 1
10 to 27 April	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
28th April	First day TERM 2

Dear Parents and Care Givers

Coronavirus

For your information, below is the up-to-date advice from the Health Department and Education Department.

The Department is working closely with the Department of Health, particularly Dr Andrew Robertson, the WA Chief Health Officer.

On 22 March, State Premiers and Chief Ministers agreed that at this time schools will remain open through to the end of the current school term to support students whose parents choose to send them to school.

Teachers are not expected to provide work packages for students whose parents have chosen to keep them home. The priority for staff is to maintain focus on classroom learning programs.

The school is making preparations for continuity of teaching and learning in the event of a significant disruption to student learning, including the potential for a temporary school closure.

We are working to provide online access to resources for parents, caregivers and students. This will be through the Learning at home website. The website is now available and resources will continue to be added over the coming weeks.

Our teachers will continue to use Connect as their primary tool of communication and advice about home learning.

Three more measures will now be put in place to implement appropriate social distancing.

1. While we value parent help, as of tomorrow, Wednesday 25 March, we will not be having any parent help. Parents of younger students will be encouraged to kiss and drop or walk their child to the classroom door.
2. There will be no more assemblies until further notice. Honour Certificates will still be presented, but read out over the PA at school and presented in class.
3. The planned reward activity for Years 4 – 6 for this Thursday will NOT proceed. A school-based activity will be offered in the next fortnight.

Our school canteen will continue to operate. Parents can still order in the usual way, whether your child is at school or at home. Parents may pick up their ordered take away lunch from the assembly area between 12:30 and 12.45pm.

Another nuance regarding hygiene at school is the use of drink fountains. Class teachers have been asked to continue their regular reminders about hand washing, but to also include reminders about drink fountains. Some younger students place their lips on the bubbler part of the fountain. For this reason the drink fountain at the Early Learning Centre is not in use. The taps have been taped up and signage installed. Students are asked to exclusively use their own drink bottles. For older students, drink fountains are still in use and but will be reviewed in time.

Just in case you missed it, this useful link to Dr Michael Carr-Gregg's excellent presentation on SchoolTV regarding talking to your children about Coronavirus. I recommend the 6 minute watch to you.

https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR1CuS9ILOT0GcJTSDoA9ju_VmldlyLqFtwKRWcWRjRcCdoRs1vZ6Tg6BMA



OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: Monday 30 March 7pm
President: Fiona Gordon **New faces always welcome**
Email: darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB COORDINATOR
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 OFFICE DELIVERY: www.flexischools.com.au

CANTEEN DAYS - Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays
Coordinator: Ros Tooth ph – 0425 807 166 / 9257 4008

LIBRARY DAYS - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays
Library Officer: Mrs Karen Diaz

SCHOOL DENTAL VAN - ph 0407 594 254 at Clayton View PS

STUDENT SERVICES

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN ONSITE - Monday, Thursday & Fridays
Chaplain: Tracey Buckley

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ONSITE - Every Monday
Psychologist: Lucy Poli

You may have heard through the media that NAPLAN 2020 is not proceeding. Our Year 3 students seem disappointed but our Year 5 students are relieved! This will not have any impact on our students as teachers monitor student progress in a number of ways. It will affect the data that the school uses to track progress using NAPLAN. Data for this year's students will just be unavailable.

Social Media

A reminder to parents to be cautious about what you post on social media. It was alleged last week that the school does not provide soap for students in our toilets. I assume our parents would know that this is not true. Soap dispensers have always been mounted near the basins for hand washing. If you hear of such concerns, please direct them to the school for our attention.

Public Speaking at Darlington Primary School

Well done to all our students who participated as speakers in the recently held Public Speaking competition. Luella P was the winner in the Years 1 to 3 category, with Jonathon W being selected as runner-up. Both students recited the poem, *I Took My Doggy for a Walk*. In the Years 4 to 6 section, Emily A was the winner with Cooper M being awarded runner-up. Emily created a clever script about *Idioms* and Cooper spoke convincingly about *Sportsmanship*. Unfortunately, the Interschool completion was cancelled.

Connect

Connect is an Education Department communication tool which is being used by all teachers to send messages and post materials. This is particularly important in these times of parents being able to access advice about home learning for students who are self-isolating. If you need support with using Connect, please call the school.

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival was first postponed due to unfriendly weather, then it was pruned to fit into half a day. However, the Year 4 to 6 students were able to compete, and have a good morning.

The results of the Year 4 – 6 carnival are as follows:

Green – 499
Blue – 390
Red – 323
Gold – 278



Championship Results

Year 4 Boys

Champion – Oliver R
Runner-Up – Bailey V

Year 5 Boys

Champion – Harry B
Runner-Up – George D

Year 6 Boys

Champion – Manly H
Runner-Up – Gave C

Year 4 Girls

Champion – Maddie K
Champion – Elena B
Runner-Up – Sofie G

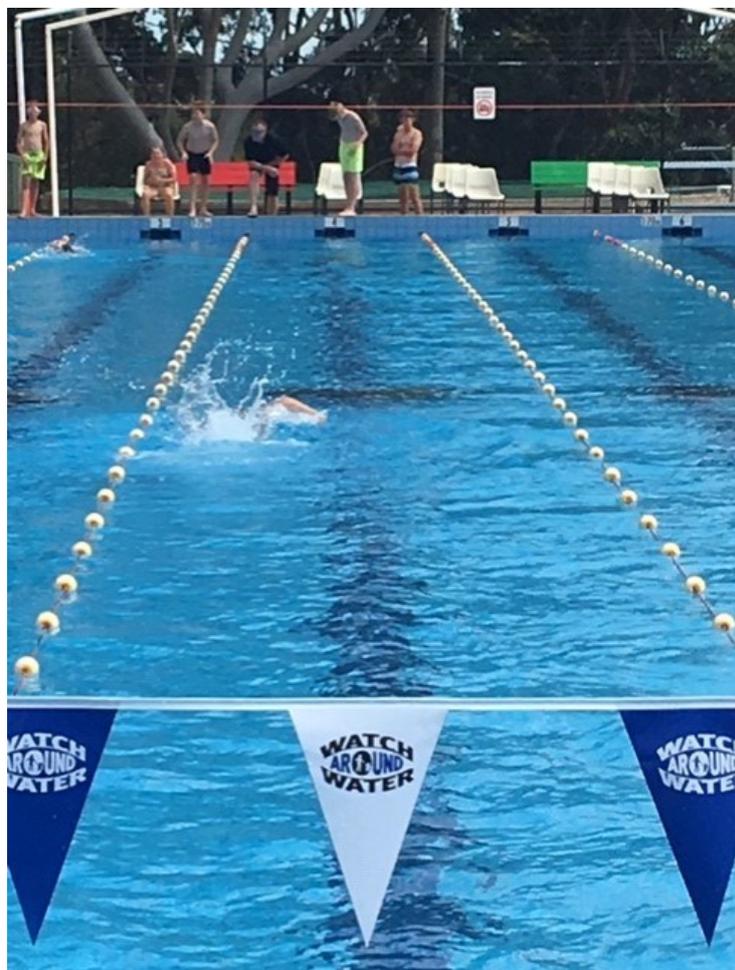
Year 5 Girls

Champion – Kiera L
Runner-Up – Charlotte W

Year 6 Girls

Champion – Indeea G
Runner-Up – Willow Mc

**Thank you to everyone
that helped make this a
great morning!**





A few carnival highlights!



ARTnews

Art Monitors 2020

Well done and thanks to the following students who have been endorsed as our Art Monitors for this year:

Anna L
Amber J
Zariah H
Phoenix H
Del Rey H
Jemima L
Micah B



SWAN VIEW SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Promotional Visit to Darlington Primary School 2020

Swan View Senior High School staff and students will be visiting our school on Monday 30 March at 11:10am to address our year 5-6 students.

This invitation is extended to our parents and caregivers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the staff and students from the High School and hear about the innovative programs they have to offer.

There will be time to ask questions and you will be presented with a promotional folder with important information regarding your child's enrolment and transition to high school.

STUDENT

INFO

UPDATE

Student Update Forms

Students update forms will be coming home in the mail this week.

Please check that the information is correct, sign the form and amend where necessary. Please then return forms to the office.

If all of your details are correct please sign and return your forms to the office in acknowledgement.

Chaplain's Chat

Just wanted to let you know that I am here if you need anything, please contact the school. I am here on Monday, Thursday and Fridays.

Some ideas to spend time with your child/children-

- Make a cake
- Cook a meal together
- Play Uno
- Card games
- Discover a board game
- Loom Bands, learn how to make a bracelet or a necklace
- Send some encouraging messages
- Discover a new hobby
- Colouring In - you can find some great mindfulness pictures on the internet
- Watch a funny movie together, make popcorn to enjoy
- Art and craft- draw, create
- Listen to some music and just dance
- Read
- Have an Indoor scavenger hunt

Girl's Group, Craft Group and Drumming Club will still be continuing. Drumming Club will have one session for the rest of the term. Drumming club will run on Thursday's from 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm **there will not be a 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm session for the rest of the term.**

Thank you looking forward to seeing you on Thursday.



Tracey Buckley
School Chaplain





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P&C News

NEXT P&C meeting
Monday 30 March at 7pm ONLINE
Everyone is welcome



SUNDOWNER

Despite the threat of rain, we all had a lovely evening at the Sundowner, the downpour didn't happen until just before 8pm, perfect timing. We had fabulous food from Little Brassica, Pete's Broome Noodles and Bobby J's Ice-cream. Thank you, Tracey for the Drumming entertainment, I know lots of parents got into it as well as the kids. Thank you again to all the parents who came along and helped setup and take down the gazebos and set up games.

Remember our school P&C Canteen is still open. Please continue to support our school community where you can.

The P&C employs the wonderful Ros Tooth and by continuing to buy lunches from our fully approved food handling premises you will be supporting our wider community too. We keep supporting farmers (that produce fruit and veggies), we support local butchers, Empire Pastry, and of course our gorgeous Ros.

Don't forget our next P&C Meeting on Monday 30 March at 7pm. We will keep you updated on how to join us online.

Fiona Gordon

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CANTEEN news

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For those of you choosing to have your children at home canteen is still available through flexischools ordering. Please ring canteen on 9257 4008 to confirm pick up orders on the day.

Pick up from canteen 12.30 -12.45. Parking available at the railway reserve, or if you are careful, parking in the staff carpark. Please pick up from the canteen door in the assembly area.

ALSO

Canteen is trying to avoid handling cash where possible. You can still order lunches and snacks in the morning with cash but no more cash sales at recess and lunch. Flexischools are available for small orders as well as big so if you want to order anything, please use the app if you can.

Thanks for your ongoing support during these strange times and keep an eye out on the P&C Facebook page for exciting new ideas coming to canteen in the next week or two!!!

LOCAL HONEY

\$10 a tub CASH ONLY
AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE
(All proceeds support the P&C)



LOST PROPERTY

We have quite a lot of lost property in the office. Some from last years water fun day and the other from our recent swimming lessons.

Could any of this be yours?

