

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 6 – Week 1 - TERM 2

Tuesday 5 May, 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



UPCOMING EVENTS



6 - 8 May	Mother's Day Stall - THIS WEEK Wednesday 6 - Kindy 1 Thursday 7 - Kindy 2, P1P to Year 6 Friday 8 - Last chance gifts \$5 GIFTS \$5 please bring correct money
10 May SUNDAY	Happy Mother's Day
11 May	P&C Meeting 7pm ONLINE MEETING - ALL WELCOME
19 May	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7pm ONLINE
25 May	Swan View Senior High School Promotional Visit for Year 5 and 6 students and families. 1.50pm in the Undercover Area.
May	 UNIFORM SHOP - ONLINE ORDERS Online orders are available EVERY week through Flexischools , with the items delivered direct to your child's classroom each Friday morning.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: 7pm May 11 ONLINE
President: Fiona Gordon **New faces always welcome**
Email: darlingtonprimarypnc@gmail.com

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB COORDINATOR
Alison Scott - darlingtonpsbookclub@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP - ONLINE ORDERS ONLY
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 Helena Valley PS

STUDENT SERVICES

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

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ONSITE - Every Monday
Psychologist: Lucy Poli

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Coronavirus

As a nation, a state, a community and a school we all seem to be coping very well with this global phenomenon. We seem to be entering the final weeks of wide-ranging social isolating measures. While the beginning of this term took us by surprise, our staff continue to rise to the occasion. About 60% of our students have returned to school, with that number increasing this week to 75%. The Education Minister will make the next announcement about schools after the Nation Cabinet Meeting which is scheduled for Friday 15 May. I trust that the information from the school and from teachers is just right – not too much and not too little! Teachers held Zoom meetings this week for all students learning at home. I hope these were a helpful connection for your child at home.

Special Report from School TV: Wellbeing - Checklist for Primary

During this time of Coronavirus, many of us have experienced a variety of emotions ranging from fear to anxiety. This is especially true for our young people, making it more important than ever for adult carers to remain vigilant for any signs of distress. Whilst most children are resilient and seem to be demonstrating a remarkable capacity to manage during this challenging time, others are not faring as well. Some are experiencing a variety of emotions ranging from fear to anxiety, all of which are considered normal or natural responses to this current situation.

However despite this, it is still important for adult carers to remain vigilant for any signs of unusual distress or behaviour, even though your child may not have any prior history of a mental health disorder.

In this Special Report, presented by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, adult carers will be provided with a checklist that can be used as a guide in determining if there is any cause for concern. If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the special 5 minute report:

https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-checklist-primary

Assemblies

There are no assemblies planned until the ban is lifted. In the meantime, we will continue with the announcements this Friday of the Golden Broom Award, battery collection and Honour Certificates. These announcements will be made over the PA and delivered to classrooms.

A Zoom meeting will be set up for students Learning from Home so that they can listen in to the assembly. No interaction will occur. The meeting details will be published to parents at 2 pm on Thursday on Connect and Skoolbag, ready for a 9am start.

Parents of students learning at home may send a nomination for their child to be considered for the Golden Broom Award. Evidence would be required!

Easter Parade

What a spectacle! Thanks to all families who participated to enter into the spirit of the occasion. It was great to see some families showcase their car, their children and themselves. (Pictures in newsletter)



Nominations for School Council

Under the *School Education Act 1999*, every government school is required to have a School Council. Both in spirit and in its detail, the legislation relating to Councils reinforces the importance of the partnership between schools, parents and the wider community in ensuring that students achieve the highest standards possible.

The School Council conducts one or two meetings per term, generally on the Tuesday night of Weeks 2 and 7 of the school term.

The role of the Council is that of involvement in the governance of the school. This means taking part in the shaping and monitoring of the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions. In addition, other functions are specified in the legislation. Parent and community members must be confident that their viewpoints and expectations have been taken into consideration in the setting of the educational objectives and priorities of the school. When this occurs, staff can then be assured that they have the support of the school community in implementing the school plan.

The Darlington School Council has six parent/ community representatives, three members elected from within the school staff and the Principal.

The functions of the School Council are to take part in:

- establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions
- evaluating the school's performance in achieving them; and
- formulating codes of conduct for students at the school.

And to approve:

- the voluntary contributions and charges;
- extra cost components of the school's program; and
- items for personal use in the educational program; and
- any arrangements for advertising or sponsorship in relation to the school.

The Council does not have a role in school management.

In order to meet these responsibilities, the School Council will benefit from having members who:

- have broad vision and are able to focus on the big picture;
- are able to access and represent the views of parents and the community;

- work collaboratively as a team;
- take responsibility for the well-being of the school as a whole;
- show solidarity in support of properly debated decisions;
- are prepared to participate and to learn; and
- are available to attend two meetings per term.

School Council elections are conducted annually, with elected members generally serving a two-year term of office, with the option of re-nominating.

Four of the current School Council representatives have completed their two year tenures.

Sincere thanks are extended to these people who have contributed their time, energy and expertise to the work of the Council over the last two years.

Ian McCallum - Chairperson/General Parent Representative
 Jed Handmer - General Parent Representative
 Adrian Woodley - Early Childhood Parent Representative
 Rachel Relf - P & C Representative

Nominations are now called to fill vacancies for representatives on the Darlington School Council for 2020 – 2022. The vacancies are:

- 2 General Parent Representatives
- 1 Early Childhood Parent Representative

All parents who currently have children enrolled at Darlington Primary School (*except those who are also staff members*) are eligible to nominate for the position of General Parent Representative.

To nominate, please complete the Nomination Form (which is in the Connect Library) and either email it to Andrew.Newhouse@education.wa.edu.au or hand it in at the office in a sealed envelope.

Nominations will close at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 12th May 2020. If there is more than one nominee for the vacancy, an election will be conducted between Wednesday 13 May and Monday 18 May. Details and ballot papers will be provided to each family if required.

Further information about the School Council and/or this election can be obtained by contacting the Principal during school hours or the current Chairperson, Ian McCallum, by emailing him at ian.mccallum@iinet.net.au

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and carers who act as mums. We appreciate the effort that you put into the role of mothering, training, disciplining and caring.

Andrew Newhouse,
Principal





Why she's great

I asked my friends what makes their mum great,
They told me that she was their mate.

They asked me why my mum's the best,
I gave them this list and told them "I'm blessed"

Cooking dinner, cuddles, play,
Singing, dancing, music all day.

Driving, walking riding a bike,
Mum knows exactly what I like,

Homework, reading, computer fun,
Endless weekends watching me run,

Solving puzzles, block towers that sway,
Keeping up with me all day!

Friends come over and she cooks us treats,
We get stuck into all of her sweets,

Tucking me in with a book and a song,
Even though her day was long,

This is why Mum, I have to say,
A very big "Happy Mothers' Day".



UPCOMING EVENTS



**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 25th May at 1:50pm in the covered assembly area 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.



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Protect yourself



COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES
with a tissue or use your inner elbow



WASH HANDS
often with soap or hand sanitiser



STAY HOME
from work or school if you are sick



Easter Parade Pics

Thank you to Lynne Dullard for the great photos!



Mum SPOIL



The P&C Mother's Day Stall

- When:** Wednesday May 6 - Kindy 1
Thursday May 7 - Kindy 2, P/P to Year 6
Friday May 8 - Last chance shopping
- Where:** Undercover area
- Time:** Students are able to come up with their classes from 9.30 am
- Cost:** Gifts are \$5 (Please bring correct money)

happy mother's Day



These beautiful trees have been painted by our Year 3 Students. They have been inspired by the Kadinsky trees.



ARTnews

Check out these gorgeous Chinese Dragons done by our clever Year 4 students





P&C News

NEXT P&C Meeting
7pm May 11 ONLINE
Everyone is welcome



SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue while Students Learn from Home

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Every Child Deserves a Good Book

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

In these unprecedented times we're all being asked to change the way we work and live. Scholastic's tradition of putting books into the hands of kids isn't going to change, but for Term 2, they're doing things a little differently.

Doing things differently does not change our goal, that goal is more important than ever!

For the first time in the history of Scholastic— we will have a **Virtual Book Club for Term 2**

Every child will still have the opportunity to access their Book Club catalogue.

The same carefully selected, best-value books will still be available, so the enjoyment Book Club is known for will not change!

Please click on the link below to access the virtual catalogue:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

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 (preferred for this issue) or cash and order to the School Office no later than WEDNESDAY 13th MAY.

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

P&C News

Our next P&C Meeting is next Monday at 7pm, this will be online. All members will be emailed how to join the meeting. If you want to come to the meeting but aren't a member email me and I'll send you the details.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our canteen through the school holidays. A special mention to Shell Bryant for donating a fridge to the canteen to make sure our Friday night dinners stay cool.

Otherwise, things are kind of quiet at the moment on the P&C front.

Fiona Gordon
president@dpspc.org.au

**ONLINE MEETING
 PLEASE JOIN US**





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DPS UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

*Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions the Uniform shop will be temporarily closed but our **ONLINE SHOP IS OPEN**

***Online orders are available EVERY week through Flexischools, with the items delivered direct to your Child's classroom each Friday Morning.**

*Winter Jumpers, Raincoats and long pants are now available.

*Wheelie bin stickers ("50 in My Street") are now available to order through the Uniform Shop \$7.50 ea. or 2 for \$10.



*Second hand donations welcome- if you've had a clean out during the lockdown and have any good condition uniforms you no longer need we would love them.

Please drop them at the office.

All profits go to the P&C

*If you need anything urgently or have a query please don't hesitate to email me at dpsuniform@gmail.com

Thanks Emma