What’s on?

11/11 - Remembrance Day
11/11 - School Spec Choir rehearsals
12/11 - Kindergarten Transition 9-10am
12/11 - P&C 6pm
13/11 - Preschool Orientation 9-10am
19/11 - Kindergarten Transition 9-10am
25/11 - Year 2 excursion to Ken Done gallery
26/11 - 1Turtles excursion
26/11 - Music Expo #1
26/11 - 28/11 School Spec
28/11 - School Spec Excursion

Well we are almost half way through November and before we know it the school year will be at an end. We enjoyed the first Kindergarten transition morning last week and we will be joined by our 2015 Kindergarten children AND preschool children this week. With this bulletin I am including the draft vision feedback from our focus groups held last term and this term. Please give feedback in an email or handwritten note so that we can ensure we have an accurate representation of your ideas, you may not see your exact phrasing in the draft but this is a summary of the vision and directions you, the students and staff want to see for Darlington Public School.

STAR STUDENTS:

Each week a class will update their page on our website this week the Year 4 Koalas have done a wonderful update for you to view: http://www.darlington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/our-classes/koalas1 While you are there, check out the “Artist of the Week” on the homepage.

For community events in and around Redfern, please visit the Redfern Community Centre’s Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/pages/Redfern-Community-Centre

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ETHICS AT DARLO IN 2015

Thanks to our amazing volunteer ethics teachers, the ethics program will continue in 2015. Two forms will be sent out in the next few weeks to all parents of Year 1-6 children. Fill these out and return to the school by the due date if you want your child to have the opportunity to attend ethics next year. A policy explaining how ethics runs at DPS will be posted on the school website soon. If you have any questions in the meantime or would like to learn more about becoming part of the volunteer ethics team, email coordinator Rebecca Shanahan on rks@wideopen.net.au.

The Southern Cross Summer Reading Competition

Scholastic are running a competition for students to encourage reading in the school holidays. The winner of the competition gets $100 in books of their choosing and also wins $1000 in books for the school. Spare catalogues can be found in the library. Check out this link for more information http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/competitions/summer.asp
**FINN’S FUNNIES:**

1. Where do you find giant snails?
   At the end of their fingers and toes!

2. Three men were in a boat, it capsized but only two got their hair wet, why?
   One man was bald!

**Selective high schools**


**Understanding climate change**

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO’s scientists are learning how the earth’s climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.

**Little Aussie Songsters competition**

The competition is now open and will close on **Saturday 14 February 2015**.

Have a great week and remember:

“It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it.” ~Jacob Bronowski

**Liz Sinnott**
Principal

PLEASE VISIT OUR P&C:

**Darlington Public School P&C Association on**

**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/groups/253101788067191/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/253101788067191/)

**Email:** darlo.parents@hotmail.com

Parent Questionnaire for the PAVe Project
(Preventing Anxiety and Victimisation through education)

Students with parental consent have now completed the PAVe survey at school. We would like to invite parents of these children to complete the PAVe parent survey.

This online survey will take about 12 minutes to fill out. Please go to http://bit.do/pave4parents to complete the survey. Alternatively, you can collect a paper version of the questionnaire from your school.

The information you provide will assist us evaluate programs that reduce peer victimization and anxiety in schools and also evaluate the health impact and costs to run these programs. The information will assist us plan future support for families to prevent victimization and anxiety in children.

The PAVe team and Darlington PS thank you for participating in the PAVe Project.
If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sally Fitzpatrick (9850 8097) or paveadmin@mq.edu.au
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