What’s on?

16/6 - Regional Public Speaking at Darlington PS in the hall.

17/6 - Year 6 excursion to Berry Island Koori Dance Group to North Newtown NAIDOC celebration

19/6 - Body science show for 3/4 and Yr 4 Year 1 Frogs to UTS Aboriginal Art

20/6 - K-2 Puppet workshop anti-bullying (free event)
Koori Dance Group Regional Dance Festival Matinee and Evening Performance at Seymour Centre

REPORTS HOME

25/6 - NAIDOC Assembly

26/6 - Mimosa Recorder Festival Stage 1 Picnic from the Past—Hollis Park

Everybody certainly went wild in their onesies! Congratulations to Lucy and Ruby for organizing it for the World Wildlife Fund of Australia. It was one of our most successful days ever.

Congratulations to our bands and performers who put on a great show on Friday to a full house. Watch this space for the next performance from them—coming up in August.

On Monday a note will go home to allow all students K—6 to have their eyes tested at the beginning of next term through a Vision For School Program. There is no obligation to take part. Eye Care Plus at Broadway are providing the service. After the test, if your child has a problem that is detected, you are of course free to go to the eyecare professional of your choice.

Notes must be returned by 27 June.

Abercrombie Precinct Redevelopment
An ASA tower crane will be erected and commissioned this week. It is proposed at this point that it will happen Tuesday/Wednesday this week. It will be either before school hours 7am—8am or mid morning while students are in class.

NAIDOC Week Assembly, Barbecue, Koori Cup June 25
Regional Dance Festival
The Koori Dance Group will premiere their new dance, choreographed by Karlie, at the matinee and evening performance on Friday 20 June at the Seymour Centre. They are going to be amazing.

Student Logins
Teachers will send home student logins for the DET Portal. Many of the older students will be aware of their login already.

Playgroup
Playgroup is on every Friday morning in our school hall. There is a great array of toys and activities, often an entertainer. Come along, bring a friend and meet Aunty Norma.

Reports
Reports will go home on Friday in a sealed envelope. Some classes may have work to accompany the report. Although we have had our formal interview time at the end of Term 1, you may contact your child’s class teacher if you wish to discuss the report.

Have a great week and remember:
“Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.” - Chinese proverb

Lesley Blackett
Relieving Principal

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DarlingtonPublic School P&C Association on
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/253101788067191/
Email: darlo.parents@hotmail.com
Halloween Fete - 25th October
If you can help out with the School Fete or a stall, activity, or sponsors, please contact Marianna Koulias mariannakoulias@gmail.com

Traffic Safety Update
Rebecca Shanahan and many darlo parents have continued efforts to increase safety within the school zone, with some success, as well as some ongoing frustration.

In Term 2 the P&C wrote to Minister for Roads and Ports Duncan Gay (ccing every relevant person we could think of).

Rebecca met with representatives of Sydney City Council and as a result the council is going to provide our school with Road Safety Banners to hang on the school to warn drivers to slow down.

Local politician Penny Sharpe visited the school to meet with a number of parents involved with school traffic safety including Rebecca, Rae Cooper, and Liz Sinnott. Penny then questioned Minister Duncan Gay about the issue in parliamentary question time (https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/Parlment/hansart.nsf/V3Key/LC20140507041?open&refNavID=HA8_1).


Dissatisfied with the RMS’s decision not to provide a Crossing Supervisor (lollypop person) to our school, parents conducted our own pedestrian count to challenge the RMS count. We may need to do some more counts on different days and locations so we can build a compelling case, so please contact Rebecca if you can help one morning or afternoon.

The traffic safety group organised for the installation of an automatic vehicle data collector that counts the number of vehicles driving through the school zone and the vehicle speeds. We have not received the report back from this yet, but will use the data to mount our case for a Crossing Supervisor and better pedestrian safety infrastructure within our school zone.

The traffic working group will liaise with Liz to submit a DA for the further proposed banners depicting the children and their playground. A DA is also required for the proposed mural extending from the Abercrombie St façade to the eastern boundary. These initiatives are intended to make it more clearly recognisable to drivers that the building is a “school.”

We are investigating the possibility of recording the crossings so that we will have clearly identifiable evidence of drivers who break the law in our school zone.

How you can help:

As Roads Minister Duncan Gay has not responded to the P&C President’s urgent letter sent in Term 2, the working group recommends escalating the campaign for safer roads for our kids by bringing it to the attention of the media. If any parent has contacts with any media organisation that could help us in this, please contact Rebecca.

We need to do some more pedestrian counts on different days and locations where children cross (such as Codrington St), so please contact Rebecca if you can help one morning or afternoon.

We are planning an online petition. Please look out for this next term and share with friends, family and colleagues to help us get as many signatures as possible.

Rebecca Shanahan, P&C traffic safety working group: rks@wideopen.net.au
PLAYGROUND DESIGN PROJECT

Design the school playground!

KIDS!
What kind of playground would you like at Darlington? Show us with your words, drawings, photos, or craft. Entries will form part of a display and influence playground improvements planned by the P&C.

ADULTS!
Take photos of the playgrounds your kids like most, and share your ideas. We're looking for short term, medium term, and long term ideas that we can roll out over time. If you are an architect or designer who can help turn these ideas into a solid plan please contact us.

Pin up your work in the exhibition space in front office or email to darlo.parents@hotmail.com.

The Playground Project

An exhibition space has been cleared in the front office foyer for people to contribute their own ideas towards Darlo’s playground upgrade and gain inspiration from others. Please add your ideas to the wall or submit by email to darlingtonsandc@gmail.com

The dirt section along the boundary of the Top Playground will be covered by soft fall or similar to make this area safe for children to play in. [Marked green on the diagram]. This space is roughly 4-5 metres wide, and 65 meters in length.

We are seeking additional ideas from the school community. Ideas can be for any section of the playground. We’ll identify recurring themes and ideas to understand what types of things are most popular among students. These ideas will inspire the playground upgrades.

N.B. Some of the totem poles have been damaged by termites and rot. We will preserve as many as we can. To-tems will most likely be relocated to another area of the school so that the upper playground can be wheelchair accessible.

The P&C has agreed to put $15,000 towards the playground, the school is contributing $15,000, and we are seeking grants and DEC matched funds to hopefully bring the total playground budget to around $60,000-$80,000 over the next year.

How you can help:
We invite people to join the Playground Working Group or submit ideas. We are keen to get more people involved. Of particular value would be someone with strong project management skills who would look good on a grant application, or someone with experience in design, construction, architecture or engineering - however enthusiasm is the only prerequisite so please don’t hesitate regardless of experience.

Please contact Viv Smith mv_smith@bigpond.com if you have any questions or would like to be involved.
Reconciliation Activities

The P&C would like to thank all the parents who helped supply salads for the Reconciliation Day BBQ and who attended the Assembly or Film Screening.

Bring a Salad - 25th June NAIDOC/Koori Cup BBQ

The P&C is organising salads for the NAIDOC BBQ on the 25th June and would like parents who can to “Bring a Salad” to share - just drop it off in the morning with the kids or bring it when you come to the Assembly. This is the same day as the Koori Cup. We’d also appreciate help from anyone who can help with the BBQ or serve salads on the day.

New email address

Please note that the P&C is consolidating email accounts and will in future be using the Gmail account darlingtonsandc@gmail.com. Be cautious if you receive an unsolicited email that appears to be related to the P&C but comes from another address.

(It has come to our attention that a P&C Member emailed some of the school community using addresses they appear to have either taken from the P&C or scraped from a non blind copied email list sent by either the school or a previous P&C executive. The current P&C executive neither provided access to this person nor authorised them to use the list. If you receive unsolicited email we suggest you reply with a request to “unsubscribe”, and they must comply or else will be in breach of anti-spam laws. You can report spam by forwarding email messages unaltered to report@submit.spam.acma.gov.au)

P&C Meeting - July 16th 6pm

The next P&C meeting will be first Wednesday back of Term 3, in the staff room at 6pm, July 16th. All are welcome to attend. Please contact us if you wish to have something added to the agenda.

If you can help out or if you have any questions please contact us via darlington-sandc@gmail.com
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