This week we will be extremely busy, it is Education Week and Gonski Week, we have planned a number of events:

**Tuesday:** Athletics Carnival at Erskineville Oval, children need to be delivered to the oval from 8:30am, the carnival will conclude at 2:30pm (if you are taking your child home from the oval you need to let his/her CLASS TEACHER know so that we can account for all children). Children who go to aftercare, community centre, NCIE and dramasence will be walked back to school by staff.

**Wednesday:** Combined band performance at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

**Thursday:** Going Green for Gonski, we hope that everyone will dress in green for this day to show our support for the Gonski campaign.

**Friday:** Open classrooms at 11:30am followed by Education Week assembly at 12noon. Parents and grandparents are very welcome!

**STAR STUDENTS:**
Each week a class will update their page on our website and for our first week John Askew and The Dingoes class have done a wonderful update for you to view: [http://www.darlington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/our-classes/dingoes](http://www.darlington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/our-classes/dingoes)

While you are there, check out the “Artist of the Week” on the homepage

On Wednesday, 30 July 2014, 10am, the combined music ensembles of Darlington and North Newtown public schools will perform at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Education Week in NSW. The ensembles are the Training Band, Concert Band, Stage Band, Combined Recorders and Combined Strings. If you are free Wednesday morning and can help transport equipment or set up anytime between 8.30-10am, please contact Graeme Sandstrom 0425 208 646. Otherwise, please come at 10am and show your support for our local public schools and their musical achievements!

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**
Students MUST wear their school uniform when representing the school at League-tag and on excursions. This is to ensure their safety - the uniform enables staff to easily identify our students. I have spoken to the children and thank you in advance for your support.
Parking Policy

The safety of students, staff and community must be maintained at all times.

At Darlington Public School there is limited parking.

There are spaces for approximately two cars along the path in front of the sports shed (out of bounds area) for school staff. The spaces are accessed through the gate on Golden Grove St.

Drivers who wish to access these spaces must do so before 8:20 am.

Cars cannot leave or be moved until 3:30pm.

There is parking for three cars in Shepherd St carpark. The office will advise the exact location.

For 2014 there are three car spaces for full time staff in Darlington House. These spaces are allocated to the same cars for the period because licence plate numbers must be displayed in the space.

Emergency Access

If emergency access is required for ambulance, fire engine, police or utilities and the students are in the playground, the duty teacher will

- blow the whistle
- sit students on steps
- wait until it is safe to move.

There will be no movement between playgrounds.
WE STILL HAVE TICKETS FOR EACH OF 2 PERFORMANCES OF CIRCUS QUIRKUS
Mon 1 September at Wesly Conference Centre in Pitt St Sydney CBD
Tues 2 September Hordern Pavilion Moore Park Precinct
Tickets provided by Rotary Bondi Junction
FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED

BULLYING:
• Bullying is any form of repeated behaviour that is intended to cause harm and involves a misuse of power.
• Cyberbullying has the potential to cause severe psychological, social and mental health problems.
• As with all forms of bullying, cyberbullying is about relationships.
• Children who bully need to be shown positive ways to be popular.
• If your child is bullied, encourage them to tell a trusted adult at school.

For more information please visit:

Have a great week and remember:
“You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.” — Maya Angelou, Letter to My Daughter

Liz Sinnott
Principal

PLEASE VISIT OUR P&C:
Darlington Public School P&C Association on
Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/groups/253101788067191/
Email:    darlo.parents@hotmail.com
GO SLOW AT DARLO

We interviewed Anthony Wyld and Heather Clement, to get their perspective of the Road Safety banners outside the school. The banners points out that ‘Double Parking puts kids at risk’, and to ‘Stay below 40 in school zones’. The banners were up on the 19/6/2014 to encourage drivers to slow down in the school zone.

Parents felt compelled because they saw that other schools had the signs and ours did not, and they wanted something highlight to the public that this is a school. “These signs make it look like a school” said Anthony.

Heather also commented that in the past, “We’ve had too many near misses or near hits, and was time that we did something to make it much more visible to cars that kids are around and that they need to slow the down.”

The signs have been provided by the City of Sydney Council. They sent out an email, asking which schools wanted them, and somehow, we didn’t get the email. When we saw that other schools have them we got in contact with the Council and made arrangements for our school to get the signs too.

Parents and staff have been concerned about safety for a long time. Heather commented “It’s been an issue at the school for years”. She is hoping that the installation of the Flashing Lights and signs at our school is not delayed. The government has indicated that this will be done by September, but Heather is not holding her breath.

Anthony commented on John Holland is also concerned about safety they have provided traffic controllers. Heather and Anthony are still concerned in the rise of traffic around the school – especially trucks.

Anthony would also like some more visual signs such as new fence, flashing lights, or even a mural to make the public identify that this is a school.

Heather and Anthony hope that the ideas they have thought of will go toward helping the safety of children and parents, and both agree that the signs are the first step to helping making drivers more aware about children and our school.

Timothy Hegarty and Peter Wobcke
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