Thank you all for such an amazing Education Week, we had a number of events on and the support and assistance we received from our community was overwhelming. As the Principal of a public school I’m never more proud of my staff, students and community when we all showcase why Public Education is great. Thank you all!

**STAR STUDENTS:**
Each week a class will update their page on our website this week the Platypus class have done a wonderful update for you to view: [http://www.darlington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/our-classes/platypus1](http://www.darlington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/our-classes/platypus1)
While you are there, check out the “Artist of the Week” on the homepage

Celebrate National Science Week on Saturday 23rd August at Redfern Community Centre - a free all ages event. Find out more by heading to [www.facebook.com/NISEP.MQ](http://www.facebook.com/NISEP.MQ)

**MindQuest 2014**
NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend at St George Girls HS on Sat 13 & Sun 14 September 9:30am-3:30pm
Years 1 to 6
**Closing date for entries Friday 15 August**
Course details are on the Parent Noticeboard. See Lesley for an application form.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**
If you are enrolling a child in Kindergarten 2015, please come to the office and complete an enrolment form. We are now estimating numbers for next year and this would assist us greatly. If you know of others that are intending to enrol for next year can you ask them to also drop into the office to complete a form.
EDUCATION WEEK NEWS

Last Wednesday I had the honour of watching the Combined Darlington and North Newtown Public Schools Band perform for Education Week at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. What a fabulous group of students, teachers and parents. The children performed a number of items and were wonderful ambassadors for the richness and quality Public Education delivers to our community, WELL DONE!
Last Tuesday was the Athletics Carnival, and from what most people say; we’re pretty sure people had fun, and there was a lot of rivalry going on between the houses, right from the millisecond the carnival began, the children were cheering beyond the moon! At 9.30am, the carnival kicked off with the 12 year old girls 100m race. The whistle blew and it was on. Then 12 Boys 100m and 11 Girls 100m and so on...

House Captains said that they were all confident that there team would win, Yagan house Captains, Easton Churchill and Leilani Robinson commented that it was fun and hard organizing their team and knew they were going well.

After recess the 800m, 200m and 100m finals started off with an outstanding race and reaction from students who were a wild crowd with passion and awe. Then the Year 6 long jumps and relays finished the middle session with a lot of weariness from competitors!

After a sausage sizzle lunch, egg-and-spoon races were held for the juniors and long jump events continued for Year 5 and down to Year 2. Kindergarten children said they had lots of fun doing the egg and spoon race, and that their house would win the Carnival this year!

At the end of the day (before the last Age 12 relays) every Competitor/Student was given a free sausage and ice block, to cool them down after the hot day running!

The furthest long jumps came from Tanya Simon (Year 5 - 3.85m) and Henry Anderson (Year 6 - 3.45m). House Pemulwuy won both age 12 100m relays, among other GREAT scores from all competitors.

The cheering was the loudest and the venue was ‘the best’ said various students. Teacher Brad Harford said that “The participation levels were the highest ever, and the scores were pretty close…”

Check out the photo gallery on the Darlo website for more fantastic photos from the day.

By: Peter Wobcke, Timothy Hegarty and Michael Smith
What will my child learn in the new curriculum?

"What will my child learn this year?" seems like a simple enough question. After all, isn't there a big book of lessons somewhere that all teachers refer to?

As parents we tend to expect that all Australian kids in Year 3, for example, would be learning pretty much the same things each week - wouldn't they?

The short answer is, "Not really".

Although all Australian states and territories have joined with the Australian government to create a new national curriculum with agreed content, teachers can still individually create lesson programs to suit the needs of their students.

HERE IS A LINK TO LEARN MORE:

PLEASE NOTE: The crossing traffic controllers who currently assist our school will now finish monitoring the crossings at 3:30pm rather than 4pm. We found that children were all home by 3:30pm and the controllers were not needed after that time each day.

Have a great week
Liz Sinnott
Principal

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