Week 10 and from all accounts the Pizza and Pyjama night was enjoyed by all! Thank you to the staff and parents who worked so hard to ensure the night was a success.

Term 4 is just around the corner and our calendar is filled with many exciting events leading up to the big break. If you know of anyone within our drawing area who has not visited the school office but are wishing to enrol their child at Darlington PS please let them know that the time to enrol is now, to ensure we have the correct numbers to make our classes for 2016.

Next term we will begin to send out the options forms for 2016 and if you have changed circumstances or address please let us know.

Have a safe and relaxing break and see you all in Term 4.

STAR STUDENTS:

This week our “Artist of the Week” is from the Goannas class. Please check our school homepage to view the art. Each week a class updates their page on our website and this weeks class is the Owls class, please check it out on the link below:


Parent Survey

Below is a link for a parent survey, to date we have had 4 people complete the survey, could you please take 10 minutes to complete the survey as it will help us for future planning and we promise this will be the only one we ask you to complete this year!

Username – parent17881
Password – Dar1735
https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm
You’re invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

**Why should I participate?**
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

**What does it involve?**
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

**How can I participate?**
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Visit the address below and log in using these details:

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Attendance

Darlington Public School has been reviewing our attendance policy. This policy aims to improve the educational outcomes for students and has been developed in accordance with Department of Education guidelines.

Whole day absences

A small number of whole day absences are acceptable if for example your child:

- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious disease
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- has to go to a special religious ceremony

Partial Absences

A small number of partial (or part day) absences are acceptable if for example your child:

- is representing the school on school business e.g competing at a zone level for athletics
- is attending a funeral
- has been sent home because they are sick
- has an appointment with a medical professional

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be away from school, parent or guardian must contact the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence within 7 days. To explain the absence parents and carers can:

- send a note to the school or contact the school via the school’s email address, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school
- log into the Darlington Public school’s APP

Non-Attendance which remains unexplained after 7 days will be followed up by classroom teachers and office staff who will contact parents via phone and or letters. This process is overseen by the Darlington Public School Learning and support Team.
Encouraging your kids to pick up a few good books during the holidays is a great way to keep their hard-earned reading skills from slipping.

Choosing good holiday reading books for your child
It may be stating the obvious, but the best books you can buy or borrow for your kids during the holidays are the ones that your child will actually read.

Find out how many words they like to see on the page for it still to be fun to read, check out the last book they enjoyed, ask them what topics interest them – and don’t be afraid to expand their horizons.

A visit to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website lists great books that are available in bookshops. The books are listed in age-challenge levels with lots of detail to check out. Remember they are just a guide so if you have a child in Year 3 who is a good reader, you may like to look at the challenge level 5-6 booklist and use the extra information about the book to make sure the content is suitable.

PLAY MORE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT SEYMOUR
22 – 26 SEPTEMBER, 2015

CRANKY BEAR
A rollicking cabaret-style show packed with music, laughter and mayhem

FREE STUFF
• PARKOUR PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOPS
• REVOLTING RHYMES WORKSHOPS**
• COURTYARD BANDS
• BIKE AND BLEND
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A spectacular new live show, taking the world’s best-loved fairy tales and re-arranging them with some unexpected and hilarious twists

SPECIAL SCHOOL TICKET PRICE $20 – QUOTE “CRANKY”
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* A TRANSACTION FEE MAY APPLY ** REGISTRATION REQUIRED
School Holiday Children Party
* Moon Festival *

Parents & children (3-12 years old)
Date: 3 October 2015 (Saturday)
Time: 2:00PM - 5:00PM
Address: Level 4, 586 Parramatta Road,
Petersham
Admission: FREE

2:00PM - 5:00PM Children activities
Children activities include: lantern making,
face painting, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese
paper cutting, Chinese language playgroup,
costume dress up, chopstick game, Chinese
painting and more ...

Education seminars and discussion
starts at 2:30PM
With leading childhood bilingualism expert
Dr Ruying Qi and creativity educationist Dr
Bronwen Wade-leeuwien on parenting,
bilingualism and creative education.
Also Q&A with experienced education
professionals

For more information & RSVP
Phone: 9114 6565
www.clc.education
Chinese Learning (& research) Centre

Sponsored by
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Have a great week and remember:

“Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained and delighted.” - Dr Seuss

Liz Sinnott
Principal

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Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/darlington.ps.3
Twitter:   @DarloPS
Email:     darlington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website:   http://www.darlington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home

Cake Stall— Friday 18th
Help raise money for Year 6 gift to the school

When: Recess
Cost: 50c to $2

Holiday Activities
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