Wow we have hit the half way with lots of events coming in the remaining weeks of term. This week will see the final of our Kindergarten transition mornings on Thursday at 9am-11am, our new enrolments for 2016 all appear to be excited about joining our school as much as we are looking forward to them becoming part of Darlo. School Spec rehearsals are in full swing with our choir out on Tuesday and our Koori Dance group rehearsing here at school. A huge thank you to Martine and Georgina for supporting our choir and to Justin and Hayley for supporting our Koori dancers. School Spec wouldn’t happen without your hard work.

Coming up on Wednesday 18th November I will be offering an evening meeting to take parents through what the Department of Education current reforms mean to us. It will be in the school hall at 6pm—7pm. Please come down to see what the changes mean to you and your child.

Don’t forget on Wednesday 4th November at Newtown Public School parents are invited to hear an expert explain CyberSafety at 7pm in the Newtown PS hall.

A student has found what appears to be a wedding band in the playground, if you have lost yours please contact the office

STAR STUDENTS:

This week our “Artist of the Week” is from the Turtle 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 Koala class, please check it out on the link below:


IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NCIE are now taking enrolments for 2016. Please see front office to collect an enrolment form.
Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.
2. Set a technology curfew.
3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to **stop** responding to the abuse and then **block** those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should **tell** a trusted adult.
8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.
9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call **Crime Stoppers** 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.
Koda was picking the broccolini flowers and eating them after the whole group had tried them last week. We decided to harvest some of our broccolini, cook it and share it while out in the sandpit.

While we were washing it, we found a little green caterpillar crawling among the leaves! It was a lucky escape for the caterpillar and a fascinating find for the children. We then tried some raw broccolini and commented on the flavour.

Kalirah: Good.
Clem/ Francis: It tastes like broccoli.
Koda: Tastes nice.

We could tell the water was boiling when we saw steam coming from the pot, so we put the prepared broccolini in for three minutes. Almost everyone wanted to try it and some children even came back for more! It was great to see the children enjoying this healthy snack from our garden.

**EYLF Practices – Responsiveness to children**

**EYLF Outcome 2 – Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment: interdependence of living things, appreciation of plants.**
The School Opal Card

We’re writing to let you know the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Education will announce the launch of the new School Opal card on Thursday 29 October.

The School Opal card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday 2 November.

The application can be found at transportnsw.info/school-students

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don’t need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to your school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

More information will follow in the next few weeks to help both your staff and students with the transition.

Sincerely

The Opal Team
INVITATION

The Bondi Junction Lions Club have generously sponsored complimentary admission to World Festival of Magic — 90 minutes of entertainment guaranteed to amuse and astound the whole family.

The show is suitable for audiences of all ages, big and small. The venue will accommodate wheelchairs.

**We have tickets at the school office for the following sessions:**

**Saturday 14th November** — Hordern Pavillion, Moore Park Precinct
11:00am, 1:30pm, and 4:00pm

Tickets are available from the office on a “first-come” basis.

For more information on the magic show go to: [www.wfom.com.au](http://www.wfom.com.au)

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Halloween Day At Darlo

Halloween day at Darlo was the **scariest** day we had ever seen! Thanks to everyone who dressed up and donated a gold coin for the year 6 end-of-year present. We all had an outstanding day and wish to dress up again. We might even have a Halloween fete next year! There were zombies, witches, black cats and even Maleficent and her daughter!

Communications Committee
FINAL REMINDER

Darlington Public School - Cookie Dough Drive

LAST CHANCE

Thank you to all who have supported the Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser. The response to the fundraiser has been fantastic!

Final cut off Friday morning

6th November

No orders and Monies will not be accepted after this date

Once we place our order with Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough, we are unable to place a second order.

Please hand in orders & monies to the office.

DON’T MISS OUT!

Thanking you in advance for your support.

DARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C COMMITTEE
Power Supply Upgrade Program
Work at North Eveleigh

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES 26 October 2015

Work to upgrade electrical infrastructure at North Eveleigh is being undertaken as part of Transport for NSW’s Power Supply Upgrade Program. The program is designed to ensure Sydney’s rail network is able to meet expected power requirements to support future timetables and the new generation of air conditioned trains.

The project is being delivered by Downer on behalf of Transport for NSW.

Commencement of construction works

Construction works will commence in early November and include construction of new cable routes, access roads, drainage and earthworks for the new electrical infrastructure. Work will be undertaken between 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and between 8am to 1pm Saturdays. Refer to the table below for detailed construction activities.

Weekend work – 14 to 15 November and 21 to 22 November

Subject to approval, work will be undertaken on 14 - 15 November and 21 - 22 November. Works include construction of new cable routes and relocation of existing underground services. Further details of work to be undertaken will be available in an additional notification distributed closer to the date. This work is being undertaken outside standard construction hours to ensure the safety of workers and minimise impacts on rail customers. Refer to the table below for detailed construction activities.

Car parking spaces temporary removal

The temporary removal of approximately six car spaces from the access road adjacent to the Carriageworks building will continue until mid January 2016. This is to allow the safe establishment of the work site.

What you may notice

We will access the site via Carriageworks Way off Wilson Street. Vehicles will also use the access road adjacent to the Carriageworks building. Signage and traffic controllers will be in place to ensure safe movement around the work site. Please follow directions and proceed carefully.

In addition to increased traffic movements and the presence of workers in the area, some of this work may be noisy. We will take every possible step to minimise noise such as switching off equipment when it is not in use.

Thank you for your understanding while we complete these works.

Contact us

• Enquiries: 1800 684 490
• Urgent enquiries or complaints 24 hours: 1800 775 465
• Email: Projects@transport.nsw.gov.au
Selective High School 2017

Application information for entry to Year 7 in selective high schools in 2017 is available at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

The application website link will be available from 13 Oct - 16 Nov 2015.

Applications close on 17 November 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on 10 March 2016.

If you would like more information please collect a booklet from the office

*Have a great week and remember:*

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” *Vincent Van Gogh*

Liz Sinnott
Principal

**PLEASE VISIT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES:**
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Twitter: [@DarloPS](https://twitter.com/DarloPS)
Email: darlington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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**October**

- **5**: School Spec Choir rehearsal
- **6**: Stage 3 Cyber Safety Talk; Parents talk at Newtown PS Band @ NNPS
- **7**: 2016 Kindy Transition #4 Talent Quest Heats Band @ DPS
- **8**: Yr 6 at UTS Talent Quest Heats Sunday Band @ Newtown Festival
- **9**: P&C meeting
- **10**: School Spec Choir rehearsal
- **11**: Blow test for Band @ DPS
- **12**: Talent Quest Final
- **13**: Musica Viva
- **14**: School Spec Rehearsal
- **15**: DoE Reforms meeting for parents 6-7pm
- **16**: Diwali Celebration
- **17**: Yr 5 and 5/6 Surf Education
- **18**: End of Year Band performance @ DPS 6pm
- **19**: School Spec Rehearsal Choir and Dance
- **20**: School Spec Rehearsal Choir and Dance

**December**

- **7**: Yr 6 Mural Painting
- **8**: P&C meeting
- **9**: Band @ Family Fun Fest 4pm NNPS
- **10**: Yr 6 Presentation Day and Farewell Band @ Eveleigh Saturday
- **11**: Yr 6 Zoo Snooze
- **12**: Staff Development Day
- **13**: Staff Development Day