What’s on?

November

10/11
School Spec
Rehearsal

11/11
P&C meeting 6:30pm

11/11
Blow test for band

12/11
Talent Quest final

13/11
Musica Viva

13/11
Diwali celebration

17/11
School Spec
Rehearsal

18/11
DoE reforms talk in the
hall 6pm-7pm

19/11
Year 5 and 6 Surf
Education

20/11
Years 3-6 Cybersafety
talk

Week 6 is upon us and we find our School Spec performers busily rehearsing and our teachers writing reports. This week we also have our monthly P&C meeting on Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the library. We have the “blow-test” for new recruits to our bands on Wednesday, our talent quest final at 1:30pm in the hall on Thursday and to round the week off we have a visit from Musica Viva on Friday.

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.

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 Frogs class. Please check our school homepage to view the art. Each week a class updates their page on our website and this week’s class is the Gecko class, please check it out on the link below:


IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Yesterday, Monday 9th November 2015 a child had a severe allergic reaction to food that was brought in to celebrate a birthday. As a result we request that any celebration foods sent to school include a list of ALL ingredients so that we can avoid the situation arising again. We cannot serve food without thorough knowledge of what is inside the food, this will ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students at Darlington PS.

Thank you for understanding
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.
Power Supply Upgrade Program
North Eveleigh

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES  NOVEMBER 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 new generations of air conditioned fleet. The project is being delivered by Downer on behalf of Transport for NSW.

Rail shutdown weekend work – 14 to 16 November

Relocation of services and construction of new cable routes will be undertaken from 6am Saturday 14 to midnight Sunday 16 November. 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. Train services may be affected whilst these works occur.

Please contact Transport Info on 131 500 or visit transportnsw.info for more information about bus replacement services.

Construction activities and equipment

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| North Eveleigh | 14 to 16 November | Saturday 6am to midnight Sunday | • identifying service locations  
• relocation of services  
• construction of new cable routes  
• earthworks  
• vegetation clearing | • hand tools  
• excavators  
• trucks |

What you may notice

The project team will be accessing the rail corridor via established worksite. Nearby residents may notice workers on site and may hear some noise during these works. To minimise impacts on the community, noisier work will be planned during the day where possible.

Thank you for your understanding while we complete these works.

This document contains important information about public transport projects in your area. If you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call Transport Projects on (02) 9200 0200. The interpreter will then assist you with translation.

Contact us
- Enquiries: 1800 684 490
- Urgent enquiries or complaints 24 hours: 1800 775 465
- Email: Projects@transport.nsw.gov.au
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
Have a great week and remember:

“If someone offers you an amazing opportunity and you’re not sure you can do it, say yes - then learn how to do it later.” Richard Branson

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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 Pavilion, 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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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

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**Have a great week and remember:**

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Liz Sinnott

Principal

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**PLEASE VISIT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES:**

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/darlington.ps.3](https://www.facebook.com/darlington.ps.3)

Twitter: @DarloPS

Email: darlington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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