Where has the term gone? Week 8 and we are as busy as ever. Parent interviews begin next week, on 25th March we will be feeding back to students, staff and parents where we are in our school planning process. Students will have feedback at 2pm, staff at 3:15pm and parents at 5pm in the library. If you would like to hear where we have progressed to and offer some help to complete the plan 5pm on the 25th March in the library is the place to be, we hope to see as many parents there as possible. If you are unable to make it we will post the feedback in the bulletin next week also.

We have included an explanation of “student voice” on page 3 of the bulletin to inform you of some of our streamlining of our student voice/ wellbeing at Darlington this year. Don’t hesitate to ask for clarification if you need it, we are very excited about the changes we are embarking on this year.

**STAR STUDENTS:**

This week our “Artist of the Week” is from the Platypus class, please check our homepage to view the art. Each week a class updates their page on our website and this week our class is Year 1 Frogs please check it out on the link below:


**REMINDERS:**

**High School EOI—Yr 6 due 18 March**

**Parent and Teachers Interviews**—complete the form and return ASAP

**School uniform**—new order form available now

**Keep our kids safe**

A timely reminder that:
- double parking:
- parking in NO Standing
- parking in NO Stopping
- parking in Disabled zones (unless you display the necessary card)
- over double yellow lines
- U Turns near crossings

**ARE ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS**

Please keep our kids safe by respecting road rules during drop-off and pick-up.
ANIMAL BOX comes to Darlo

"Animal Box is delivering fresh, healthy meals to our school every Thursday and Tuesday.

Jump online at animalbox.com.au and check out the menu for this term. They have a great selection of hot and cold main meals starting at $3.50 per meal. Snacks start at $0.95, while water and nudie juices are also on offer.

Orders are made online and cut off at 8am on the day of delivery. Knowing how busy mornings can be, we recommend going online the night before with your children and placing your orders then. This will avoid potential disappointment through accidentally missing the 8am cut-off time.

Pictures, ingredient lists, allergen considerations and detailed nutritional information panels are provided for the entire menu - So you will know exactly what your children will be eating this term.

Animal Box will deliver the lunches at 12.40pm on canteen days. The lunches will come clearly labelled with your child’s name, year and class in a brown paper bag; with a serviette and biodegradable fork or spoon (if required).

You need only create one online profile per family and please remember to include your child’s class name when you first register. If you have any questions, please give the friendly team at Animal Box a call on 02 8015 5019, or send them an email at welcome@animalbox.com.au."
Student Voice

Positive Behaviour/Student Engagement

Star Card change - Students are tracked for one year only. At the end of the year those students who receive 5 large star cards (25 small cards) receive a badge.

Small bronze – Kindergarten
Small silver – Year 1
Small Gold – Year 2
Large Bronze – Year 3
Large Silver – Year 4
Large Gold – Year 5
Platinum Award Year 6

Medals will be awarded at an assembly, parents will be informed so that they may attend the assembly when the medal is given to their child.

Committees

There will be 4 committees

Environment - Garden, Recycling, Playground Rubbish, Earth Day, Clean Up Australia Day, Tree Day Biodiversity Day
Playground Harmony – Mini Sports Tournaments, Equipment, Chess, Fruit served from Canteen
Communication – Publicity for events, Posters, Bulletin reports, Photography
Events – Select and organise Charity days, Book Week Parade, Talent Quest

2 Teachers are allocated for each committee.
Students 3 – 6 can apply to be on a committee. 8 applicants will join each committee. This year all four committees will have 2 Year 6 leaders who would otherwise have been on the Leadership Council. We will advertise and set up the committees for 2016 in Term 4.
Committees will hold weekly/ fortnightly/ x3 a term meetings. At least one meeting a year should be held in the hall so all students K-6 can attend and learn about the work/plans of the committee.

Leadership Council & SRC

For this year two joint Year 6 leaders from each committee will be on the Leadership Council. Each class will elect or appoint one representative to for the SRC. Next year to be in the Leadership Group students must have been on a committee.

Year 6 — EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST — HIGH SCHOOL
DUE 18 March

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2015—as your child’s primary school education is coming to a close, it is time to think about which school your child will attend next year.

In NSW, students are required to continue education and training, gain full-time paid employment, or a combination of education/training and employment until at least age 17. All students must complete Year 10 of secondary education.

The Parent and Carers guide provides information about the different types of government secondary schools to help you decide which school you would like your child/ren to attend.

Please complete the Expression of Interest form included within the guide and return to the office by: Wednesday 18 March, 2015
Just a reminder about choir, dance and drama at Darlington PS

Currently Koori dance and School Spec dance ensembles are practicing each Thursday (Koori dance) and Wednesday for School Spec dance.

**DANCE:**
Next term ALL dance ensembles will begin - Wednesday for regular dance.
Years 5-6 7:45-8:45am
Kindergarten—Year2 lunchtimes 1-1:30pm
Years 3-4 2:30-3:30pm
If your child auditioned this term and still wants to participate in ensemble please ensure you have returned your child’s note to the office.
*Please also note there is a fee attached to dance ensembles, including Koori ensemble.*
Koori dance will occur Fridays 12-1pm

**DRAMA:**
Drama will offer Senior ensemble ONLY:
Years 5-6 with a limit of 20 students Mondays 8am-9am

**CHOIR:**
Choir will occur on Tuesdays
School spec AND Senior Choir (years 5/6) at 8am-9am
Junior choir (K-2) at 1pm-1:30pm
Big Choir (Years 3-6) 2:30pm-3:30pm
Go Orange,

On Thursday 19th March

We will be taking part in Harmony Day 2015.

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

We are going to raise awareness and money for The Fred Hollows Foundation. This is a non-profit aid organisation based in Australia founded in 1992 by eye surgeon Fred Hollows. The foundation focuses on treating and preventing blindness and other vision problems. It operates in Australia, The Pacific, South and South East Asia and Africa.

We are asking all students to wear orange and mad hair next Thursday and bring a gold coin donation.

Students may also bring some food which is special to their own culture, to share with their class.

There will be an assembly at 12.15 and parents are welcome to attend.

Harry Hobbs
Leadership Council
Freedom Ride
50th anniversary celebration

Featuring Paul Kelly, Troy Cassar-Daley, and special guests

20 March 2015, 7pm

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Freedom Ride, and our recent re-enactment of this turning point in Australian civil rights, when Charles Perkins led a group of University of Sydney students on a bus trip around NSW towns, protesting racial discrimination against Aboriginal people.

Free event

Bring your family and picnic blanket and enjoy the show. Hear stories from original Freedom Riders and Aboriginal people, and dance to the music of our fellow 2015 Freedom Riders, Troy Cassar-Daley and Paul Kelly.

Where
Front lawns, University Place, the University of Sydney.

This is a dry event – no glass or alcohol permitted.

For more information visit
www.facebook.com/freedomride50th or sydney.edu.au/freedomride
Harmony in Redfern

Saturday 21 March, 12pm-3pm
Redfern Community Centre

Featuring live music from:
The Green Hand Band
Pirra
Elaine Crombie

Plus:
Cultural workshop
FREE Community BBQ

29-53 Hugo street
Redfern
FREE

For more information contact
02 9288 5713

#livinginharmoney

LIVING IN HARMONY FESTIVAL 2015
Darlington Parents and Citizens (P and C)

Darlington has an active Parents and Citizens Association. The P and C provides assistance to the school primarily through fundraising activities. Various fundraising activities are held throughout the year. Find us on Facebook

The P and C objectives are:
1. to promote the interests of the school and strengthen community spirit by bringing parents/carers, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation
2. to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school that enhance the education, recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at the school from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. All parents and carers are invited to attend. The executive members can be contacted via email with suggestions, queries and agenda items for meetings. There is also a blogspot.

Email: darlo.parents@hotmail.com
Blogspot: www.darlingtonpandc.blogspot.com

Please come join us at a meeting or if you would like to be on the P&C emailing list please email darlingtonpandc@gmail.com

For more information on Darlington P&C please visit our website and join our Facebook group:
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/253101788067191/?fref=ts

EASTER HAT PARADE—Thursday 2 April

Come on everyone—let’s get started on our wonderful Easter creations.

Hats will be made at school so send along all the "bits and bobs" your child wants on their hat.

A note will come home shortly with more details.

Watch this space ….

Garden Club News:

Our worms in the worm farms are hungry and looking to chow down on some food,

* bring your veggie and fruit scraps to school to feed our worms in turn, they will turn the scraps into beautiful worm wee and castings (poo), which will help to fertilise our school garden. It’s a win-win!

* Worms love: all kinds of fruit and veggie peelings, such as banana, apple, mango, carrot and cucumber peels, to name a few. Cut them into small pieces so they can be converted quicker. They also love crushed egg shells, tea bags and coffee grounds.

* Worms don’t like onions, garlic or citrus so keep those at home. No meats or dairy (except...
Inspiring ways to build your child's imagination

At a glance

- Developing your child's imagination gives them an appetite for learning.
- Making up stories with your kids helps to build their imagination.
- Talk to your child instead of letting the TV do the entertaining.
- Give your kids regular downtime with the computer and TV off.
- Let your young child paint the sky green if they want to.


Keeping your kids healthy

At a glance

- Get your child to help pack their lunch box so they are more likely to eat what's in it.
- Try to include protein in your child's lunch box to keep them full and energetic.
- Exercise is vital in helping manage weight, keeping muscles strong, helping their hearts and lungs develop, and improving their hand-eye coordination.
- Wash your hands regularly to avoid germs.
- Cough into your elbow, not your hands.
- The healthiest drink options for kids are water and milk.
- Look after your child's emotional health too – try not to over-schedule them, having some 'down time' is important too.

Parent tips for helping kids

Primary school
Sounding out aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.


Facts about fractions

If you've forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what's left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.


Parent tips for helping kids

Amazing art
Autumn's the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.

Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/
School Uniform

Our Uniform

Our school uniform has been designed with the student's comfort as our main concern. The fabrics chosen are easily laundered and the main garments may be purchased from a range of stores as well as our front office. Watch out for our new order form in next week’s bulletin.

Hat Policy

It is compulsory for students to wear hats when playing in the playground. They may only wear a red Darlington school hat. These are available from the front office in 3 styles. Baseball caps are not allowed.

Merchandise

While parents are free to purchase their child's uniform from any source, merchandise showing the Darlington Logo may only be purchased from the front office.

Pricing

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Have a great week and remember:

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter.” - Martin Luther King Jnr

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
DARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL - Uniform Order Form

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**PAYMENT:**
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Cheque (payable to Darlington Public School)
Eftpos
Parent Online Payment (POP)

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