Week 3 already, our Preschool have moved into their new room and are now known as the “Scarlet Robins” they have shared some of the things they have done this week, check it out on page 3. NAPLAN for years 3 and 5 will occur next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We have tried to make the time before the tests as calm as possible and have explained to the children it is “just another day” rather than have them worried about the exams. Please don’t forget our Cross Country will happen on Thursday for Years 2-6 in Victoria Park from 11am to 1pm.

You may have received an email from Animal Box this last Sunday explaining that they are not continuing in their delivery of lunches. We are on the look out for an alternative but cannot return to sushi whilst the administration is cumbersome. We shall raise it at the P&C or if you have a great idea for an alternative we would love to here it on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/darlington.ps.3

**STAR STUDENTS:**

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


**REFLECTION ROOM**

Your child/ren may have come home and spoken to you about a “Reflection Room” at school. As part of our student voice and student wellbeing strategic direction we are introducing a Reflection Room at Darlington PS. This room is a place for children who have had difficulties on the playground to “reflect” and participate in restorative justice to help them resolve conflict. It certainly is not meant as a punishment but purely a space for children to resolve their playground issues. The school executive staff will help children resolve and reflect and then the children will be asked to play a co-operative game with the other children they had a disagreement with. We do also envisage children who feel the need to “chill” will also visit the room as it will be a calm and cooperative space for the students at Darlington. The children are viewing the room as a positive place and we want them to view it as such.
Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Student's name: __________________________________________ Class: ________________

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2016 Yes [ ] No [ ]

I have internet access and will be applying online [ ]

OR

I do not have internet access [ ]

Signature of parent/carer: __________________________________________ Date: ________________

Note: This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application.

To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website shown above.
Preschool News

The first few weeks of term have been a whirlwind as we are getting settled in our new room. The move to the new room means the preschool class now has a new totem; we changed from being the Rainbow Lorikeets to the Scarlet Robins.

We learned that Scarlet Robins are a gentle, small, Australian native bird who live in dry, eucalypt forests amongst logs and fallen timber, close to the ground where they can spot insects to eat. In contrast, they lay their bluish, greenish or brownish eggs in a nest two meters off the ground so they are safe from predators. Annabelle, Mila, Amelia and Jake drew pictures of Scarlet Robins through the week and some of these now live in our literacy tree.

We read the book ‘ANZAC Biscuits’ by Phil Cummings and discussed ANZAC day, reflecting on the children’s experiences of the dawn service. We then made ANZAC biscuits by reading the recipe, measuring out all the ingredients and combining them. The children then rolled and flattened the mixture into biscuits before cooking and enjoying these for afternoon tea!

The new room has enabled the children to make more choices about their learning by having an array of resources at their fingertips to draw on at any given time. Due to all the new things we have to learn with, we have also been practicing how to pack it all away!
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:

“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass, it’s about learning to dance in the rain.”

– Vivian Greene

Liz Sinnott
Principal

PLEASE VISIT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES:
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
Below are 3 mobile phones that have been left in the office for a very long time, if your child owns one of these please contact the school on 9516 2300 so that they may be returned to their owners.
Be Creative After-School at Reverse Garbage

Reuse | Create | Inspire

This after-school program is a chance for kids to get involved in creative reuse and sustainability and to create things out of paper.

Each week during term 2, our sustainability educators will gather a selection of reuse items and lead the group in a creative paper-craft activity such as origami, collage, and book making.

When: Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 pm - starting 6 May
Where: Reverse Garbage – Re-Creation Room
Hut 5B Addison Road Community Centre 142 Addison Rd Marrickville.

Ages: K to year 6.

What to bring: Bring your own water, art-smocks are an optional item and may be useful for younger children (we endeavour to make the activities as mess-free as possible, but sometimes there will be glue and/or crayons involved).
All materials required for the workshop will be reused, saved from landfill and provided by Reverse Garbage!

How to book:
Book on Eventbrite.com or over the phone, - $16 for a single session, or $120 for 8 sessions

For information:
For more information or to book over the phone, please call Meg or Dare on 9569 3132
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

• Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
• Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
• Be a NSW resident; and
• Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
• Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

• Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
• Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY
• ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS
2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

APPLY ONLINE NOW!
THE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO:

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6:45PM - TUES 19 MAY 2015
SYDNEY TOWN HALL (483 GEORGE ST)

HOSTED BY:
WENDY HARMER
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An evening celebrating the achievements of our students, teachers and public school communities.

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