War's on?

May
12-14/5 NAPLAN
13/5 P&C meeting
15/5 close of for application Year 5 entry to an opportunity class 2016
15/5 Assembly—badges presentations
19/5 Year3-6 Sydney Writers Festival
20/5 Zone Cross Country
21/5 Student Leaders “unconference”
22/5 Walk Safely to School Day
25–29/5 Reconciliation Week
27/5 Choir at Sydney Uni “Vivid”
29/5 Indigenous Veterans Service at Hyde Park
31/5–2/6 Leaders Camp

NAPLAN is beginning tomorrow for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. On Tuesday they will complete the writing and the language conventions papers, Wednesday they will complete the reading paper and Thursday they will complete the numeracy paper. Children who are absent on the test days will have Friday 15th May to “catch-up”. Please remember the NAPLAN tests only measure a “snapshot” of your child’s ability and the ongoing assessment by your child’s teacher is a more thorough picture of what your child is able to do. Good luck to the Year 3 and 5 children and their parents as they participate this week.

STAR STUDENTS:

This week our “Artist of the Week” is from the Kindergarten Echidnas, please check our homepage to view the art.

Parents are invited to this week’s assembly (Friday 15th 12:15pm) to watch the sport captains, Leadership group and Committee members receive their badges. This is a huge honour for all the recipients and it would be wonderful to have you there as an audience.

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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

[Signature]
Principal

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

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

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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: ______________

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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.
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The link is below:


Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-yourchilds-learning

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

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
School Uniform—HOODIES ARE BACK IN STOCK !!!!

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:

“It’s easy to judge. It’s more difficult to understand. Understanding requires compassion, patience, and a willingness to believe that good hearts sometimes choose poor methods. Through judging, we separate. Through understanding we grow.” – Doe Zantamata

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
THE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO:

A CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
6:45PM - TUES 19 MAY 2015
SYDNEY TOWN HALL (483 GEORGE ST)

HOSTED BY:
WENDY HARMER
MEDIA PERSONALITY, HUMOURIST & AUTHOR

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
PROF. JAMES ARVANITAKIS
HEAD OF THE ACADEMY
AT UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY

An evening celebrating the achievements of our students, teachers and public school communities.

Everyone with a passion for public education is invited to attend.

Cost: FREE   RSVP: by Friday 15 May
For more information:
events@publiceducationfoundation.org.au
or visit: publiceducationfoundation.org.au

TO BOOK, GO TO: http://bit.ly/l1S4zh

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