We are almost half way through the term already! NAPLAN has concluded and some form of normality has returned. This week is yet another very busy one: Years 3-6 will be attending the Sydney Writers Festival on Tuesday, Zone Cross Country is on Wednesday, Thursday we have the school leaders attending an “unconference” and Friday is “Walk To School Safely” day. So buckle up for a big week!

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all the staff, students and parents for our fundraising for Nepal, with our gold coin donations and our #BuskingForNepal we have managed to raise $734.05 to aid the Nepalese earthquake survivors. Our donation will be forwarded to the charity set up by Nola Ainsworth who spoke to the children on Friday, a link to the charity is here:
http://www.reachoutnepal.org/

STAR STUDENTS:

This week our “Artist of the Week” is from the Owls 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 5/6 Goannas please check it out on the link below:

The Double Demerit Point period for the Queen’s Birthday (June) long weekend will be effective from Friday 5th to Monday 8th June inclusive.

Please note that Friday 5th June is a gazetted school day therefore DDPs will apply to all relevant school zone offences committed on that day.

See here for more double demerit details.
Preschool News

“Recycling is when you take something old and make it into something new” (Francis)

This week the Scarlet Robins have been looking into the importance of recycling paper.

We learned that paper is made from trees which are cut down and taken to a factory. In the factory their bark is taken off and the tree trunk is cut into wood chips, which are placed in a hot pot to ‘cook’. Chemicals are added to the mixture to make the paper strong and colour it white. The paste is then poured onto a conveyer belt and run under rollers which squeeze all the water out, leaving a super thin layer of paste. Once dry, the thin layer of paste becomes paper which is cut into various sizes and sent off to the shops for people to buy.

When considering some of the ways we could help save trees at preschool, the children suggested we plant a tree (Isla), use just one piece of paper instead of many (Eva), use both sides of the paper (Jake & Mila) and recycle (Arin) when we are finished with paper to stop more trees being cut down.

On another ‘tree’ note, we finally completed our literacy tree trunk! The children went through the process of measuring out a trunk of an appropriate size, painting the trunk brown and examining tree trunks close up to find ways we could make ours look more realistic. Upon inspection we noticed that some trees had thick bark which was dark and rough, while others were lighter in colour with smooth trunks (Finnley). The children noticed ants and stink bugs (Serena) living amongst our trees and with this in mind, we decided to texture our tree trunk with black paint and added holes (Benji) for the insects to live in.

These kinds of experiences encourage children to reflect upon the impact of human activity on the environment while developing their appreciation for nature, in an effort to have children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment (Early Years Learning Framework, Outcome 2, p. 29).
This week is national volunteer week so what better time to think about the value and experiences gained from volunteering.

Getting involved with the Darlington P&C Association means you can make a difference to your child’s school environment while meeting and enjoying experiences with other fantastic people in your school community. Leading by example to your children means you are showing them the importance of community work and their learning.

This year the P&C will be funding projects around the school that include fans in the school hall, new bubblers, painted games on the playground and school laptops.

We will be running the following fundraisers this term;
Sports T-shirt drive
Comedy Night 19th June (Volunteers needed to sell tickets and silent auction prizes)
School Walk-a-thon 23rd June (Volunteers needed to marshal on the day)

It would be great if you can come to the P&C meetings but there are many other ways you can help. Volunteering for a sub committee like the gardening group, baking cakes when required, helping out at fundraisers, working bees, donating prizes and attending events all helps.

To stay informed of what’s happening with the school community you can request to join our closed Facebook Group - Darlington Public School P&C Association and/or complete the details below.

Thank you
Nichola Jephcott
P&C President and mum of Riley year 6

I would like to be put onto the P&C email group

Name: __________________________ Email address: __________________________

I have child(ren) named? In year? __________________________________________

I would like to volunteer to help at: _______________________________________

Please drop this back to the office or send your details through to darlingtonpandc@gmail.com
Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools

We are interested in your views on the delivery of Special Religious Education (SRE, commonly known as "scripture") and also Special Education in Ethics (SEE or "ethics") based on your experience as parents and caregivers.

The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers. The review is not being conducted to determine whether SRE or SEE should be offered in NSW public schools.

Parents and carers can have a say re Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics until 31 July 2015 via an online contributions portal, located at the SRE & SEE Review webpage.

The link is below:


Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.
Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

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.

On Wednesday evening the P&C endorsed the added option of a “tunic” to our school uniform. Details of cost and delivery will be made available as soon as we are informed by the supplier. Please note, this is another option to the uniform and does NOT replace the shorts/skorts and shirts now available for purchase at school.
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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|                     | Trackpants (unisex) | $25                |
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Have a great week and remember:

“Ability may help you become successful, but character will keep you successful”
- John Paul Jackson

Liz Sinnott
Principal

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