By the end of this week we will hit mid-term and it seems to be rushing by so quickly. Another huge thank you to the P&C for the playground improvements, the children are thoroughly enjoying them with the snakes and ladders and the bubblers being the most popular. Please don’t forget our P&C meeting this Wednesday night in the library. I know they are always looking for new members and would welcome new faces at the meeting. Planning for the walkathon and Pizza/Pyjama night will be a highlight. See you there!

**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 Geckos. Please check it out on the link below:


**PLEASE NOTE:** Our wonderful Ethics teacher Yao is sadly unable to take her class for the next six weeks. Ethics classes for Year 4 are expected to resume on Tuesday 31 August.

**ETHICS AT DARLINGTON PS**

Is your child enjoying Ethics classes at Darlington? Interested in Ethics and getting involved with the School? We’re seeking a replacement volunteer Ethics Coordinator. Ethics classes at Darlington are now well established and taught by an awesome team of dedicated volunteers. The Coordinator liaises with the teachers and Principal to manage enrolments and coordinate teachers. It’s a fantastic flexible role (undertaken mostly via internet and email) for someone with coordination or management experience who would like to contribute to the Ethics program but can’t commit to regular teaching. For more information see [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and email Rebecca Shanahan at rks@wideopen.net.au

Preschool News

Relays

This week some of the children enjoyed running relays. At first it was just Mila and Francis racing one another, but soon Arin, Joan, Josiah, Simon, Isla and Kalirah joined them. Mila suggested we time the racers by having a person count, so Arin volunteered and then took turns counting with Francis, Josiah and Joan.

Isla was our fastest runner, winning four races in total — three in 18 seconds and one in 17 seconds! Francis also won a race by returning in just 16 seconds! Arin’s best time was 19 seconds, only just missing out on first place.

Outcome 5: Children begin to understand how symbols and pattern systems work.
Outcome 3: Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing

Ready, Set, Go!

Chicks

The Scarlet Robins children are very excited about some special visitors arriving next week - a set of eggs containing baby chicks which will hatch and grow with us over their two week stay. We have discussed the children’s questions about chicks (Mila: How do they hatch? Finnley: What do they eat?) and have identified some of the things they already know about chicks too.

Francis: They come in eggs and hatch.
Joan: The eggs will come first. We need to feed them so they grow up.
Finnley: Chickens can fly a little bit when they get too scared.
Ada: First they lay eggs, then they grow into a young chick and then after they have a birthday, they grow into an adult.
Athletics Champions for 2015 — Truganini

Well done to all students, teachers and helpers—what a fantastic day. Here the class captains hold up the cup for all to see. Congratulations Truganini and all our wonderful competitors.

2015 Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday we went to the Athletics Carnival. All the equipment was in my car. I had quite a while to wait. While I was waiting I got Riley M’s mum to do face painting on my face. The paint was on a leaf. I had stripes on my cheeks and a “P” on my forehead.

Finally it was my turn for the race. I lined up ready for my race. My mum blew the whistle. I ran as fast as I could. I came third. Before that I had a sausage, then I had a packet of Pringles and a Turkish Delight. When I did my race I felt tired after it. I played on Emma’s phone. I played a cat game. Miss Syah was there. She timed my race.

After my race we did activities. There were a lot of games. We had a hula hoop race, a basketball race and a walking backwards race. Then we had an ice-cream. It had chocolate on the outside and ice-cream on the inside.

Brad even did the long jump. He was really, really good. I knew because my mum took some photos. He was running, running, running, running and then jumped. He looked like he was flying.

My favourite part was the ice-cream. I wanted to keep my face paint on but my mum said it would irritate my face and I would have a red face. What a great way to finish a great day!

Angus Year 1 Frogs
Thank You P&C for our notebooks ...

A huge thank you to the Darlington Public School P&C for their wonderful generosity and support in helping our school go digital. The Notebooks have arrived and are now all up and running. The school purchased 2 trolleys to keep the new devices safe and secure. There is 1 trolley for the Primary to share with 10 Notebooks, 2 Tablets and 2 iPads, and another trolley with 10 Notebooks for the Infants.

School Uniform—NEW TUNIC

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.

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 2 styles. Baseball caps are not allowed.

Merchandise

While parents are free to purchase their child's uniform from any source, merchandise with the Darlington Logo may only be purchased from the front office. These purchases provide funds back in to the school.

Please note the NEW tunic is an option to the uniform and does NOT replace the shirts and shorts/skorts which are all still available for purchase at school.

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### Transition to Kindergarten 2016

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<td>An opportunity for your child to explore our school environment, join in some Kindergarten activities and make some new friends.</td>
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Enrolling now for 2016: Preschool & Kindergarten—Year 6

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Tell Them From Me: Partners in Learning survey

You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

The ACMA’s Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations

As part of its Cybersmart Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA), delivers free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Internet safety presentations cover topics including:
- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersmart trainer. Presentations are provided to schools free of charge.

The ACMA’s Cybersmart Outreach program offers a range of free resources for parents, teachers and children. Materials developed for parents include:

- Cybersmart brochures:
  - Cybersmart Guide for Families
  - Say no to cyberbullying
  - Sexting
  - Socialising on the internet
  - Guide to online safety
  - Dealing with offensive content
  - Mobile phone safety

- Cybersmart Gateway, a web portal giving all Australian primary and secondary schools easy access to the full range of the ACMA’s cybersmart education resources. The Gateway hosts current ACMA resources, links to existing national and international resources and offers new materials as they are developed. The Gateway includes strategic tools for cybersafety education planning.
  - Visit www.cybersmart.gov.au

- Email for information, printed materials and advice about online safety.
  - cybersafety@acma.gov.au

The ACMA’s National Cybersmart program

The Cybersmart program is a national cybersafety education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA), as part of the Australian Government’s commitment to promoting online safety for children and young people.

The world online is powerful and engaging for young people and adults alike, offering a wealth of opportunity. The Cybersmart program enables children, parents, carers, teachers and library staff to manage online risks, so their experiences are safe and positive.

The Cybersmart program aims to:
- Inform children, parents, teachers and library staff about cybersafety issues
- Educate audiences through information, resources and practical advice
- Empower children to be safe online.

The Cybersmart program includes:
- Cybersmart Outreach Professional Development for Educators program and Internet Safety Awareness Presentations for parents and children.
- A professional development program for trainee teachers.
- A comprehensive range of information and resources designed to meet the needs of children, parents, teachers, and library staff. All resources are provided free of charge in Australia.
- Funding for Kids Helpline to provide an online helpline service to young people who have experienced issues online.
Does your child have a talent for art?

If you are interested please contact the school, forms can be obtained from the office. This opportunity is provided by an external party and is not a school EXCURSION.

Operation Art

STUDENT VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOPS

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE: Stage 1 – (Year 1 & 2) - Tues 8 or Wed 9 September 2015
Stage 2 – (Year 3 & 4) - Thur 10 or Fri 11 September 2015
Stage 3 – (Year 5 & 6) - Mon 14 or Tues 15 or Wed 16 September 2015
Stage 4 – (Year 7 & 8) - Thur 17 September 2015

Workshops are for one day. Students select one of the days for their stage.

VENUE: Newington Armory Gallery
Jamieson Street, Newington, Sydney Olympic Park

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm

COST: $46.00 (+GST) stage 1-stage 3 students. $50.00 (+GST) stage 4 students

All materials supplied

SUPERVISION:

Students are supervised by Operation Art tutors from the Department of Education and Communities. Teachers are not required to attend workshops.

SCHEDULE: 9:00am Arrival/ Registration
9:30am Welcome & Warm Up drawings
Students will participate in 3 workshops including mixed media, printmaking and sculpture.
2:30pm parents/visitors arrive for exhibition and presentation of certificates
3:00pm Finish

CONTACT NUMBERS: Lisa van den Dolder  Ph: 9550 9083  Mob: 0434 567 415
Email: lisa.vandendolder@det.nsw.edu.au

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:

Wear comfortable art making clothing and paint shirt.
Closed in shoes are required
Please make sure your name is clearly marked on belongings and leave unnecessary valuables at home.
Carry bag to help take your works home
Please bring recess and lunch. Do not bring food containing nuts.

Please note: There will be an exhibition of the student’s work at the end of the workshop.
Parents and teachers are invited attend the exhibition and presentation at 2.30pm- 3.00pm in the Armory Gallery.
INeVITATION

The Bondi Junction Rotary have generously sponsored complimentary admission to Circus Quirkus — 90 minutes of entertainment guaranteed to amuse and astound the whole family.

International Entertainment’s CIRCUS QUIRKUS is a contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past. It is an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts brought to you from all over the world. Internationally renowned Clowns, Jugglers, Acrobats, and more deliver funny, hugely engaging and sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill.

The show is suitable for audiences of all ages, big and small. Circus Quirkus does not use animals in its performances. All our venues will accommodate wheelchairs.

We have tickets at the school office for the following sessions:
Sunday 30th August — Hordern Pavillion, Moore Park
11:00am and 2:00pm

Tickets are available from the office on a “first-come” basis.

For more information on the circus go to: www.circusquirkus.com.au

Have a great week and remember:

“You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.”

Maya Angelou, Letter to My Daughter

Liz Sinnott
Principal

PLEASE VISIT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES:
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Twitter: @DarloPS
Email: darlington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: http://www.darlington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home

Unclaimed and Un-named Clothing

There are currently at least 20 items of clothing on a table opposite the Abercrombie Street gate. The items cannot be returned because they have no names.

Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled.
Hornsby Girls’ High School

Hornsby Girls’ High School Multicultural Fair

Saturday 22nd August
11am - 4pm
Hornsby Girls’ High School,
Edgeworth David Ave
Opposite Westfield Shopping Centre

- Huge international food fair
- Cake stall - New rides
- Cultural performances in music and dance
- Henna, origami and face painting
- Hornsby Rotary Book Fair for Lifeline
- Robotics display - Trash and Treasure
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