Welcome to Week 6, this week we have had two groups perform at the Opera House for “Expanding Horizons” an exchange of culture between China and Australia. From all reports they did us all very proud (which our children always do when outside the school). Thank you to Georgina, Karlie, Justin, Martine and Hayley for the very long hours it takes to prepare our students for such an event. Next week will see us introduce prospective parents to our Kindergarten program and staff, if you know any parents wishing to send their child to Darlington PS next year please ask them to call the school on 9516 2300.

Don’t forget our Book Week Parade next Wednesday morning!

**STAR STUDENTS:**

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


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**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 is 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 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 continue to view it as such.
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 21st August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey
Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

DNN bands win Silver

The 3 DNN Bands (Training, Concert and Jazz) performed at the NSW School Band Festival on the weekend and each received a Silver Medal.

We were up against some tough competition such as established programs from Wahroonga, Lindfield East and Turramurra public schools, The bands performed well and were well behaved and focused for the day. Here is a photo of the Concert band performing.

Our School

Some historical background about our school — In 1878 the Eveleigh railway Workshops were built along with terraces in the surrounding area to house the workers. By now Darlington was well enough established to make a claim for it's own school.

1878 - Eveleigh Railway Workshops built and surrounding terrace accommodation.
1880 - Education was made compulsory and the Golden Grove estate was subdivided which strained the school accommodation. School enrolment was 361.
1883 - The school curriculum was expanded to include singing, dancing and sewing as well as the 3 R's, Reading wRiting, and aRithmetic.
1888 - The old system of training teachers in the classroom was replaced by a two year course at Teachers College.
1890 - School enrolment reached 1064.
1900 - Agriculture, Science, Domestic Science and Carpentry were taught.
1910 - Parents petitioned for better accommodation for the school.
Darlington Public School
Transition to
Kindergarten 2016

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Enrolling now for 2016: Preschool & Kindergarten—Year 6

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INVITATION

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

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.

Have a great week and remember:

“Education is an imprecise process, a dance, and a collaborative experience.”
- Siva Vaidhyanathan

Liz Sinnott
Principal

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