Welcome to Week 7,
Book week is here! We have our parade on Wednesday morning and look forward to all the different costumes the children will be wearing. Wednesday evening is our Kindergarten Parent evening for parents wishing to send their children to Darlington PS Kindergarten in 2016.
All students who sat the 2015 NAPLAN exams will have received their results last week, if you would like to discuss your child’s results please don’t hesitate to make an appointment with the class teacher by calling the school on 9516 2300.
Don’t forget our Book Week Parade Wednesday morning!

**STAR STUDENTS:**

This week our “Artist of the Week” is from the Platypus 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 Dingo class, 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.
Preschool News: Some Things We’ve Learned about Chicks

The chicks left us last week after a two week stay and our children enjoyed watching them hatch and grow. During their visit we learned a lot about chicks including the chicken life cycle, the difference between hens and roosters, the difference between table eggs and chick eggs, how the chick develops inside the egg, pecking order and how to properly care for newborn chicks.

The children have engaged in many activities which helped process and express their new learning such as holding chicks gently, painting or drawing chick pictures, cooking banana bread/pancakes (eggs), making chicks/eggs out of playdough and enjoying sensory play with bird seed and toy chicks.

Here are some of the things the Scarlet Robin Children said when reflecting on all they had learned.

Francis – Chick eggs are fertilised.
Alby – Fertilised by a rooster – Fertilised means that’s how the chick gets into the egg.
Joan: A rooster has to come and put it (the chick) in the egg...fertilise the egg!
Jake – When a rooster doesn’t fertilise the egg it just comes out a normal egg that we eat.
Isla/Mila – You need to clean up their poo.
Serena – You have to change their water.
Ada – The incubator: It warms eggs and if you make too much noise they won’t hatch.
Zeno - It (incubator) keeps them (eggs) warm.
Joan – The eggs hatch with a hen to keep warm.
Serena – There’s a boss (pecking order).
Joan - They knock each other over because they don’t know them (establishing pecking order).
## Darlington Public School Transition to Kindergarten 2016

**Parent Information Evening**
A chance to meet with staff and familiarise yourself with our schools’ programs and policies.

**Kinder Transition Mornings (x4)**
An opportunity for your child to explore our school environment, join in some Kindergarten activities and make some new friends.

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Enrolling now for 2016: Preschool & Kindergarten—Year 6

Phone: (02) 9516 2300
Fax: (02) 9550 4587
Email: darlington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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](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 21 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.

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, Acrobat, 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:

“The trouble with quotes on the internet is that you can never know if they are genuine.” - Abraham Lincoln

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

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.
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**Events:**

- **BOOK WEEK**
- **BOOKCLUB DUE**
- **WALKATHON REGIONAL ATHLETICS**
- **P&C MEETING**
- **Year 5/6 Surf Education**
- **Pizza and Pyjama Night**
- **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

**Note:**
- **Book Week Parade Kindergarten 2016—Parent Info Night**

**Dates:**

- **July 13**
- **July 20**
- **July 27**
- **August 3**
- **August 10**
- **August 17**
- **August 24**
- **August 31**
- **September 7**
- **September 14**