Wow it’s week 8 already and we are looking forward to the holidays soon. In the meantime we have a number of students representing us at the Regional Athletics carnival at Homebush and our entire school walking their little hearts out at Victoria Park.
Thank you to our P&C for organising the Walkathon, we know how much organisation goes into such an event.
Later this month we have our Pizza and Pyjama night, notes will go home this week and we look forward to seeing lots of families (K-6) join in the fun.
On page 4 of this bulletin is the link to the parent survey, please take the time to complete the 10min survey, your responses will inform our future planning for Darlington PS.

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

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.
Week 7 Darlington celebrated Book Week with their annual 'Book Week' parade. Many of the children love celebrating this event by dressing up as their favourite character.

Everyone had a fantastic time.
Check out this short movie on Youtube - click here for the link - Darlo Book Week 2015
NSW Premier's Reading Challenge
The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Darlington Public School had 212 “readers” this year—well done!

Unclaimed and Un-named Clothing
There are still 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.
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. Visit the address below and log in using these details:

Username – parent17881
Password – Dar1735
[https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm](https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm)

FRIDAY 11th September 2015

The School Hall 6pm - pick up 9pm

Pizza and an age appropriate movie provided. Wear your PJ’s, bring a pillow & blanket and a snack to share. First Ticket $20 and Family ticket $25. Please return note to school office by Thursday 10th for catering numbers...
Have a great week and remember:

“If we teach today’s students as we taught yesterday’s, we rob them of tomorrow.” - John Dewey

Liz Sinnott
Principal

PLEASE VISIT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES:
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/darlington.ps.3](https://www.facebook.com/darlington.ps.3)
Twitter: [@DarloPS](https://twitter.com/DarloPS)
Email: darlington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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**BRINGING ABOUT HEALING**

*Sharing in Redfern with the Sydney Fringe Festival*

A panel led exploration by thought leaders and luminaries. A conversation about how connection to country, community and ceremony, can regenerate a state of healthy self respect, and from here bring about a healing of our nation.

Chaired by Lola Forester, Blackchat Presenter/Co-Producer. Panel includes: Graham Toomey, an emerging artist and designer, descendant of the Wangal and Wiradjuri; Shane Phillips community leader and respected spokesperson for Aboriginal Australians; Scott Avery, descendant of the Worimi, Policy and Research Director at the First Peoples Disability Network and more.

Venue: Redfern Community Centre, 29-33 Hugo Street

Date: Sept 12th 11:00am - 2:00pm

**FREE!**
Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/darlington.ps.3) for more information and to book your place! Tickets are limited

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**Homework for little kids—**

- Reading and problem solving are good activities for your child to do at home.
- Play is an important part of your child's learning.
- Any homework should reinforce what your child learns in class.
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