Week 4 already, we are almost at the middle of term. A huge thank you to the staff, students and parents at the swimming carnival last week. Brad, from all reports your organization of the carnival was faultless and everyone I have spoken to about the carnival have said what a great day they had.

Congratulations also to the new members of our Leadership Council and our Sports Captains: Our Leadership Council members are Elissa Tennant, Tom Anderson, Ryan Hobbs, Kemball Wyld, Maja Chesterman, Bethany Hopkins, Aaliyah Haumono and Sophie Kington. Yagan captains are: Kemball Wyld and Chloe Johnson, Trugannini captains are: Max Medina-du Cros and Sophie Read, Pemulwuy captains are: Brodi Williams and Bethany Hopkins. We are looking forward to some great things from all of you during 2016 because we know you are all capable of doing so.

**NO SWIMMING THIS FRIDAY (19TH FEBRUARY)**

**STAR STUDENTS:**

This week our “Artist of the Week” is from the Owl 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 class, please check it out on the link below:


**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Parents have been asking about Darlington PS Voluntary School Contributions. These are contributions from parents that enables the school to purchase books and resources for children to use in the school. As per the “Voluntary School Contributions” NSW Department of Education Policy our fees for 2016 are $50 per child, $100 per family. They can be paid online or in person at the office. Thank you in advance.
Primary Drama Ensemble

How to Apply

1) Students who WERE NOT a member of the 2015 Drama Ensembles program, MUST complete the Audition Booking Form AND the Endorsement Form. These forms are due FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2016.

2) Students who WERE members of the 2015 Drama Ensembles, go straight to Callback Audition, (ie they DO NOT need to attend the first auditions, see "Audition Requirements" below). These students ONLY need to submit an Endorsement Form. This form is due FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2016.

Schools and students will be advised by email of their audition date for those selected for audition

Forms received after Friday 4 March 2016 will not be accepted

A maximum of 12 nominations will be accepted from any one school

Endorsement forms are available at the school office

School Uniform

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.

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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Making Playdough
9/2/16

Today we made some playdough by following a recipe. The recipe told us the ingredients that were needed and how to prepare the mixture. We combined the flour, salt and crème of tartar, oil, water and food colouring then we mixed it together using a wooden spoon.

When adding the wet ingredients, we discussed how the mixture was changing. Ellen said it looked ‘sloppy’, Harper said it looked ‘lumpy’ and Spencer said it looked ‘slimy’.

We voted on which colour to make the playdough and green was the winning colour. After more mixing, we then put the playdough into the microwave, pausing cooking to stir every minute. Ellen predicted the playdough would be hot when we took it out of the microwave and Spencer said we needed to keep stirring it so the mixture wouldn’t get burnt.

Analysis
The children have gained meaning from a new text type (recipe) by following its instructions (Outcome 5, p. 40. By helping measure the ingredients of varying quantities using a teaspoon, tablespoon and a cup they are familiar with the language and methods of measurement (Outcome 5, p. 43).

EYLF Outcomes
Outcome 5, p. 41 – Children recognise and engage with written and oral texts.
Outcome 5, p. 43 – begin to sort, order and categorise attributes of objects and materials.

Written by Nicole
Hi there,

My name is Laura Armesto and I have just taken over the primary ethics co-ordinator role from the very capable Rebecca Shanahan, who is stepping down after years of great service. I am not a parent at Darlington (though I did complete my last teaching practicum here many years ago!), but plan to drop into the school regularly. My contact details are lauraarmesto3@gmail.com or 0439 149 407, happy to have a chat about the program anytime.

We are commencing 2016 with two ethics teachers, so we have scheduled a stage 1 and stage 2 class. There are some children which we currently can not accommodate, and they will be placed in a waiting list. I am currently recruiting new teachers, and as soon as they complete the training we will be organising new classes. If you have indicated that you would like your child to attend Ethics classes and they have been placed in a waiting list we will keep in touch with you by email as new classes come online.

Have you ever thought about teaching ethics? All that you need is the ability to commit every Tuesday, 2:00-2:30, the rest is easy, just ask me how!

Dance ensembles have swapped days due to a clash with Band. From tomorrow Junior ensemble will practice on Wednesday mornings and Intermediate ensemble will practice on Thursday mornings. A note will go home today to those students affected by the change.
The AGM of the Darlington P+C will be held on:

Wed 9th March
at 6.30pm
in the school library.
Everybody welcome
PAYMENTS ONLINE—Mobile friendly

To make payments:

1. Visit the school website on your mobile device
2. View FULL SITE
3. Select MAKE A PAYMENT—near the top of the page
4. Fill in all the relevant boxes then press NEXT for the payment information page

Complete payments when on the bus/train to work—quick and easy.

Have a great week and remember:

“Education is a human right with immense power to transform on its foundation, rest the cornerstones of freedom and democracy and sustainable development” - Kofi Anan

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
Darlington Public School
2016 OPTIONS FORM

We require further information about your child regarding:
- extra-curricular activities
- publicity consent
- excursion/bus permission and
- allergies and dietary requirements

WOULD YOU PLEASE READ THESE FORMS CAREFULLY, COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY:
A.S.A.P.

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1. **Leave School Unaccompanied at 2.30pm**
If you would like your child to leave school at the end of lessons at 2.30pm please sign below. This is not compulsory as school does not formally finish until 3.00pm and there are two teachers on playground duty until then.
I give permission for my child ________________________________ to leave school at 2.30pm.
He/She will travel by ____________________________ (walking, bike, etc).

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

2. **Participate in Child Protection Lessons**
As part of the Personal Development, Health & Physical Education curriculum, students will participate in Child Protection lessons. These lessons will help children to identify dangerous & uncomfortable situations & seek help from trustworthy adults. Some lessons may involve the naming of body parts. The Child Protection lessons have been designed by the Department of Education and Communities and are a priority for schools.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

INTERNET USAGE CODE

Students are provided with an Internet and email account to enable learning opportunities in a protected and secure environment. Students must abide by the school’s policy when using a DEC Internet and email services.

Parents will need to inform the school in writing if they do not want their child to have access to the NSW DEC Internet and email facility.

SIGNED ______________________________
Darlington Public School
2016 Publicity Consent Form

The staff at Darlington Public School takes photographs of most activities and events that the students are involved in. These photos are displayed in several locations for a variety of reasons ranging from rewarding good work or recording an event to publicising the school.

**Photos displayed outside the school are not labelled with student’s names** unless permission has been granted.

We request your permission to publish your child’s photo in the locations Detailed below. Please sign the appropriate boxes.

**PLEASE NOTE:** **IF YOUR CHILD IS PERFORMING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL A SPECIFIC NOTE WILL BE SENT HOME WITH THE PERMISSION FORM FOR THAT EXCURSION** (i.e. Band, Choir, Dance, Drama)

PLEASE SIGN HERE

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2. On the Schools Website:
Photos of school, class and group activities are placed on the school’s website. Photos on the website are not allowed to be labelled with the child’s name. Please check our website before signing this section.

3. On the school twitter feed @DarloPS
Photos of school, class and group activities are placed on the school’s twitter feed. Photos on twitter are not allowed to be labelled with the child’s name. Please check our twitter feed before signing this section

4. On the School Facebook
Photos of school, class and group activities are placed on the school’s facebook page. Photos on facebook are not allowed to be labelled with the child’s name. Please check our facebook page before signing this section

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____________________________ Date ______________
Children at our school are encouraged to engage in various art / craft / colouring / writing / drawing competitions throughout the year. Many of these competitions ask the children to put their names and addresses on them. Please indicate your preference for those by signing below.

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Comments if any other stipulation is required:

At times the Department of Education and Communities, local shopping centres, council chambers, public libraries ask for displays of children’s work. Please sign below if you agree to a variety of your child’s work being part of those displays.

### ACTIVITY

1. **I WILL** allow my child’s work to be displayed:

   - With their first name
   - Without their name

2. Only fill this in if you do not wish to have your child’s work a part of a display **OUTSIDE** of the school
   
   *I do **NOT** want my child’s work submitted to any display at all.*

3. **I WILL / WILL NOT** allow my child’s work / or oral presentation to be part of a class page, class book, class DVD to go home to the other children homes in the class room:

   - YES
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