Welcome to the half way mark in Term 1. Where have the past 5 weeks gone? Congratulations to all the students who applied and were accepted into the four committees last week; Events, Communications, Playground and Environment. We are looking forward to seeing lots of leadership opportunities for these committees during the year. Congratulations also to the Student Representatives who were elected for each class.

The winner of the swimming carnival was announced last week and it was Trugannini who took home the prize this year. Well done to all students who competed in the school and zone carnivals with such enthusiasm. Congratulations to our Junior Swimming Champions Alex S and Tom M and to the Senior Swimming Champions Lauren F and Max M. Remember the Yr 6 students will receive EOI forms for High School next week and Parent/Carer/Teacher interviews will take place in Weeks 8, 9 and 10 this Term, so please keep an eye out for the note in your child’s bag as each teacher will have different time slots.

Have a happy week.—Michelle McCormack

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. To view their updates, 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.
WE NEED YOU TO UPDATE US

For your child’s safety and wellbeing we need your CURRENT contact details and EMERGENCY (local) contact details.

Have you changed your phone number, or address or does your child have a medical condition (e.g., asthma, allergy), or has their condition changed, do you have a LOCAL emergency contact ???

If so we URGENTLY need you to update us.

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NEW medical information:
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EMERGENCY CONTACT: (someone local so if anything happens at school, and you are unavailable, we can get them to come and act on your behalf).

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Name:  Date: Signed:
AUDITION REQUIREMENTS 2016

Auditions for 2015 will be held in Week 2, Term 2 from Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th May. Caringbah North Public School is hosting all auditions for 2016. Students will be allocated a time and day following the close of applications on Friday 1st April. If no information has been received by Tuesday 26th April regarding audition allocation please contact us.

On the day of the audition, students will be required to:

- Perform one short unaccompanied piece (or an excerpt from a longer piece) between 1-2 minutes long, with a focus on the players' musicality and technique. Special attention should be paid to phrasing, articulation and dynamic contrast.
- Play one major, minor or chromatic scale. The scale should demonstrate as much of the students' playing range as possible, and be played "all tongued" or "all slurred".
- Play a short passage of sight reading. The piece will be different for all instruments and will reflect the level of music to be played in the ensemble.
- Percussion, keyboards, amplifiers and music stands are provided on the day.

All students will need to bring is their instrument, music and a smile 😊

** SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR PERCUSSIONSISTS **

The percussion audition process is slightly different in that it will be an open audition, with all applicants attending at the same time. They will need to demonstrate 4 styles (Rock, Swing, Latin & March) as well as auxiliary and mallet ability if studied. Please note that this is a highly competitive section. Mallet percussionists may be considered separately. Percussion auditions will be held on Monday 2nd May at 4.30pm.

AUDITION DIRECTIONS

Caringbah North Public School - 125 Cawarra Rd, Caringbah

** PARKING:** You can park in Cawarra Rd, surrounding streets or in the North Caringbah Oval carpark. There is plenty of parking in this carpark except during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. You are not permitted to drive into school grounds.

** ENTRY:** walk in via the Cawarra Rd gate (to the left of the driveway) and follow the signs to the audition area.

GREATER SYDNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENSEMBLES
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adam.tebbow@det.nsw.edu.au
DRAFT CALENDAR 2016

Below is the proposed calendar for 2016. More details regarding specific performance dates and times will be added as it becomes available. Our participation in the listed performances is expected however cannot be confirmed at this time. The calendar will be finalized prior to the commencement of rehearsals.

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adam.4th@students.nsw.edu.au
SYDNEY SOUTHEAST SYMPHONIC WINDS 2016

2016 marks the 23rd year of the Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds (SSSW) ensemble (formerly the Sydney Region Band). Our goal is to provide advanced music education and performance opportunities for children in years 5-8 who are currently enrolled in public schools in the Sydney area.

The band has regularly performed at leading performance venues including the Sydney Opera House, Angel Place, Sydney Town Hall, Parliament House and the Sydney Entertainment Centre, also representing the Department of Education at official events throughout Sydney.

We hold a yearly camp where the students work with experienced conductors and tutors, and regular rehearsals are held at Caringbah North Public School. We also provide music teachers with professional development opportunities both as a part of the camp as well as through rehearsals and auditions.

WHO CAN APPLY?
Students in year 5, 6, 7 or 8 who are enrolled in a Public School located in the Sydney area.

AUDITIONS
Auditions will be held from Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th May, 2016 at Caringbah North Public School. For more information regarding auditions please see the Audition Requirements information available on our website www.qgpsensembles.com

CAMP
The 2016 camp will be held from Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th June at The Tops Conference Centre. Attendance at the camp is compulsory for all ensemble members.

FEES
Fees for 2016 total $520. These fees pay for camp accommodation/meals/activities, music, expert tuition, administration, auditions, supervision and band polo shirt (if required).

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE DATES
Please see the draft calendar on our website for the proposed 2016 schedule.

HOW TO APPLY:
Teachers, conductors and tutors are to provide information and dates to suitable students. Applications are to be made online at www.qgpsensembles.com. Please ensure that all information is read carefully prior to applying. Times and dates for auditions will be emailed after the closing date (if you haven’t received information before Tuesday 26th April, please let us know). You will likely be grouped in similar times with others from your school, excepting percussionists (see Audition Requirements for info). An attempt will be made to honour special requests for audition allocations.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 1st APRIL, 2016

Questions regarding applications or information regarding the 2016 SSSW ensemble should be directed to adam.t.robinson@det.nsw.edu.au

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Winners

House Cup goes to Trugannini

Keeping your kids healthy

At a glance

- Get your child to help pack their lunch box so they are more likely to eat what's in it.
- Try to include protein in your child's lunch box to keep them full and energetic.
- Exercise is vital in helping manage weight, keeping muscles strong, helping their hearts and lungs develop, and improving their hand-eye coordination.
- Wash your hands regularly to avoid germs.
- Cough into your elbow, not your hands.
- The healthiest drink options for kids are water and milk.
- Look after your child's emotional health too – try not to over-schedule them, having
**Darlo Bulletin Delivery**

In an effort to reduce printing we are asking Darlo families to select email delivery of our weekly bulletin.

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### Darlington PS Extra curricula activities 2016

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The Easter double demerit period for speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt and helmet offences begins will be effective from **Thursday 24 to Monday 28 March** inclusive. Please note also, **Thursday 24 March is a gazetted school day** therefore DDPs will apply to all relevant school zone offences committed on that day.

**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**, (i.e. 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
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.

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!

Teach your kids to be water proof

At a glance

- Home swimming pools are the most common areas for drowning.
- Keep your pool fenced and your kids supervised.
- Many organisations run water safety and swimming classes.
- Learning first-aid could mean the difference between life and death.
- Boating, surfing and rock fishing require life jackets and extra safety equipment.
Matraville Sports High School

Open Day

Saturday 5th March—11am to 1pm

All prospective parents, carers and their children are invited to our 2016 Open Day

- Principal’s address in the school assembly hall at 12pm.
- School Tours before and after address
- Light refreshments will be served during the day

Come along and meet the teachers and current students.

View displays and demonstration activities in academic subjects, creative and performing arts, IT and sports.

Find out about:

The opportunities we provide for our students
Our wonderful facilities
Selection process for TSP and GAT programs.
The UNSW Matraville Partnership

Phone: 9661 8000 for more information
PARTNERSHIP
A first-of-its kind school-university alliance that has brought positive change to our school and community and new exciting opportunities for our students!

EDUCATION IS THE KEY

MUSIC - Primary and secondary students receive one-on-one music tuition from UNSW Music Education Students and prepare ensemble performance pieces together.

DRAMA - High performance programs include theatresports, improvisation games and collaborative performance work.

GIFTED & TALENTED programs include taking part in prestigious art competitions such as the 'Archibull'.

HOMEWORK CENTRE UNSW
UNSW Education students provide homework help and after school tuition three days a week to primary and high school students until 4.30pm.

HTTP://WWW.MATRASPORT-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU
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:

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go…” — Dr. Seuss

Michelle McCormack
Acting Principal

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Twitter:   @DarloPS
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