Welcome to Week 7!
The 2017 high school expression of interest forms have now gone home to all Year 6 students. These must be returned completed to the front office by Friday 18th March.

The City of Sydney, with the support of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and the City’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel, are now including an Acknowledgement of Country on our park signs. Aaliyah in Year 6 will be singing at the official ceremony this Thursday. She will be supported in the audience by her Year 5/6 classmates.

A note has gone home to all students in Year 3-6 regarding more choices for PSSA sport in Terms 2 and 3. In addition to Oz Tag, we are hoping to offer netball, soccer and AFL. Please complete the form and return to your class teacher.

You will notice that students in the primary classes have been having soccer sessions each Monday.

Check bags for notes home regarding Parent/Carer – Teacher Interviews over the next few weeks.

Have a happy week.—Michelle McCormack

**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 week’s class is the **Frilled Neck Lizards** 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.
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 (eg 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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UPDATED Contact Details:

NEW address:

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Home: Work: Mobile:

NEW medical information:
Condition/s:
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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).

Name:
Relationship:
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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 PERCUSSIONISTS **

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

www.gspensembles.com
adam.lipinski@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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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
School Committees

Communications Committee

Playground Harmony Committee

Environment Committee

Events Committee
Darlo Bulletin Delivery

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

CHILD/REN’S NAME/s:                CLASS/es:

Email recipients details:

Recipients Name: __________________________

email address 1: ___________________________

email address 2: ___________________________

Email please complete details below

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Name: __________________________

Date: __________________________

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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.

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### 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 some ‘down time’ is important too.
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.

Speech Pathology Information

What is a Speech Pathologist? Speech pathologists complete a degree at university, which encompasses all aspects of communication including speech, writing, reading, signs, symbols and gestures. Speech pathologists were formerly known as speech therapists.

Children with communication difficulties may have difficulty understanding spoken language (receptive language) or expressing their ideas (expressive language), or both.

Speech Pathologists conduct an assessment of the child’s language (expressive and receptive) and provide recommendations for the child’s parents and school. They may also recommend ongoing therapy for the child.

From Speech Pathology Australia website http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au
The AGM of the Darlington P+P 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:

“The most certain way to succeed is to try just one more time.” Thomas Edison

Michelle McCormack
Acting 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
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