Welcome to Week 8!
I apologise for the late arrival of this bulletin but our printer has been offline and we couldn’t print them off. Well, I’ve hit the ground running on my first day back and noticed the steady flow of parents coming for the parent/teacher interviews. This is your opportunity to hear how your child is learning and how they have settled into their new class. It is also an opportunity to have a chat with your child’s class teacher and ask the questions you’ve been wondering about since the start of the year. Don’t forget this Thursday is our Harmony day assembly, we will be celebrating our diversity and how we work together to build a wonderful, eclectic society. Our assemblies begin at 11:30am and everyone is invited to attend. Year 6 parents are reminded that Expression of Interest forms for High School must be returned to the office by this Friday. If you are having difficulties completing them please come to the office and we will try to assist you.

**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 **Goannas** 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.
School Committees

Communications Committee

Playground Harmony Committee

Environment Committee

Events Committee
Preschool News

The first few weeks of preschool are over and the children have settled in very well, getting to know one another and forming friendships which are growing their sense of belonging within the Preschool community. They have been exceptionally brave, with many leaving their mums and dads for the first time to start Preschool.

We’ve been busy spending our days cooking, creating, building, reading, dancing and playing games. Some common interests currently being explored are insects, spiders, dinosaurs, building, singing and superheros. The children have also been making patterns and playing matching games, practicing how to set up and take turns autonomously.
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:**

**NEW contact phone numbers:**
- Home: __________________
- Work: __________________
- Mobile: ________________

**NEW medical information:**
- Condition/s: __________________
- Medication: __________________

**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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- Relationship: __________________
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# Darlington PS Extra curricula activities 2016

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[AN ACTION PACKED DAY OF ACTIVITIES ON CLARK ISLAND](#)

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Newtown High School of the Performing Arts

Entry of Students Year 7, Year 11 2017

Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

To the Principal
Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2016 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2017 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.

Year 7 Audition Dates: Friday 24th June – Thursday 30th June 2016

Please Note: To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

Initial registration for an audition is required online via our website: www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2016

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Yours sincerely,

Conditions:
Each audition is assessed on its own merits. The examiner’s decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Information on individual student’s performance in their audition will not be given. The purpose of the auditions is for the school to select the top students as assessed by the examiners. These are the conditions under which students and parents/carers must agree to when applying to audition.
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others 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.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school 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 and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey has being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

### 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.
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.limbird@det.nsw.edu.au
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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GREATER SYDNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENSEMBLES
www.assoeassembles.com
adam.tippens@sydn.edu.au
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.qpsensembles.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.qpsensembles.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

GREATER SYDNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENSEMBLES
www.qpsensembles.com
adam.t.robinson@det.nsw.edu.au
Join Author Anita Heiss and South Sydney Rabbitohs Legend Nathan Merritt for the Launch of Matty’s Comeback

DATE: Monday, April 4, 2016
TIME: 10am
WHERE: Darlington Public School Hall
Copies of Matty’s Comeback will be on sale for $10. You can get Anita and Nathan’s autograph too!

Have a great week and remember:
“There are only two mistakes one can make along the road to truth; not going all the way, and not starting.” - Buddha

Liz Sinnott
Principal

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Twitter: @DarloPS
Email: darlington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: http://www.darlington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home
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- **Parent/Teacher interviews begin on March 14th.**
- **Harmony Day Assembly is at 11am on March 16th.**
- **EOI's for High School are DUE on March 17th.**
- **Good Friday is on March 25th.**
- **Easter Monday is on April 1st.**
- **Swimming Years 1-6 Week #7 EOI's for High School are DUE BACK on April 4th.**
- **Swimming Years 1-6 Week #8 is on April 7th.**