Dear Families

Welcome back to all our families. I hope you all had a wonderful break. Term 2 is shaping to be another busy term with many events planned. Please check our attached calendar for the schedule of events planned throughout the term.

ANZAC Service
Thank you to all members of our school community for your involvement in our whole school ANZAC service on the last day of Term 1. Thank you to Student Councillors for their leadership and our choir for their wonderful performance of “Lest We Forget”. Special thanks to Mr Eric Smith, president of the Mundaring RSL, who delivered the Ode and laid a wreath on behalf of all service men and women. Thanks for the kind donations of flowers which were used to make all those beautiful wreaths laid by student representatives from every class, our School Council Chair, Mrs Foster and our Canteen Manager Tracey Roach, representing our parents and community members, and Mrs Swingler and Ms Harper, representing our staff. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to reflect on the cultural and historic significance of ANZAC Day.

SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS
Congratulations to Cody O, one of our senior students, for his recent scholarship success. Cody has been awarded the Harry Campbell Pope Scholarship at Guildford Grammar for 2016. This scholarship is awarded to boys who are good scholars and whose all-round ability gives them the potential to make a major contribution to the life of the School. It is awarded for entry into Year 7 and has a value of up to half the annual School tuition fee. The Harry Campbell Pope Scholarships are tenable for up to six years, providing that satisfactory progress is made. Great work Cody, we are very proud of you!

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL (IPS) COMMUNITY FORUM
As previously mentioned, Darlington Primary is considering an application to be part of the IPS initiative in 2017. A Community Forum is planned for Thursday 19th May 6.30-8.00pm. Guest speakers will be invited to address the community and respond to any questions regarding the IPS initiative.

Please register your interest in attending this event by contacting the school: Ph 9299 6888 or darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au

ATTENDANCE
At our recent School Development Day we revisited our focus on regular attendance, including prompt arrival time for our students and unauthorised absences. Whilst we understand that sometimes, due to work schedules, family vacations do not coincide with school vacations, it is very important that students come to school every day. Family vacations during the school term cannot be authorised and these absences will be recorded accordingly. Our classrooms are open at 8.35am each day. Thank you for ensuring your children attend school every day and arrive on time in order to be ready for the start of the school day.

NEW WEBSITE
We have a new website designed by Chameleon Logic. We anticipate this website will offer an informed snapshot of our wonderful school. The website should be live by the end of this week: www.darlingtonps.wa.edu.au Your feedback on the website is most welcome.
STAFF
Welcome back Mrs Jo Horne who will continue working in Room 9 until the end of Term 2 whilst Mrs Lynne Finch is on Long Service Leave. It is wonderful to have Mrs Horne as part of the Darlington school community.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN for our students in Year 3 and 5 is in Week 3 on 10th, 11th and 12th May. Thank you to all our teachers for ensuring our students are well prepared for these nationwide assessments. If parents have any queries about NAPLAN please see your child’s class teachers or Mr Scott.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE
We have been reminded that there is lovely “nip in the air” in the mornings. Please ensure that your children have their school windcheaters available and all clothing is clearly labelled to avoid the lost property box filling too quickly. Please remember that our dress code requires students to wear their hats every day too.

MOTHERS DAY
Special thanks to our wonderful P & C and Chaplain Tracey for their coordination of our annual Mother Day stalls next week. Mother’s Day is a time to say thank you to all our wonderful mums, grandmothers and great grandmothers for all their love and support. Best wishes to all our mums for a very Happy Mother’s Day.

A Mother is one who understands the things you say and do
Who always overlooks your faults and sees the best in you
A Mother is one whose special love inspires you day by day.
    Who fills your heart with gladness in her warm and thoughtful way.
A Mother is all these things and more - the greatest treasure known.
And the dearest Mother in all the world is the one I call my own.
    (anonymous)

I look forward to your ongoing support and another exciting term at Darlington Primary.

Maree James
(Principal)

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Student Update Forms will be coming home with your children today.

Can you please check that the information is correct or amend where necessary and return these to school via the class teacher or into the tray in the office.

It is important that the contact numbers we have for you are up to date.

Many thanks

Following courses on offer at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville

Parent-Teen Connection – This course reduces stress and teaches parents how to communicate, negotiate and minimise conflict.
  • Mon 2, 9, 16, 23 May
  • 6.30-9pm - $50 p/person or $75 per couple

Building Stronger Families – This 6 week course is for parents and children around 10 years and over to learn about cooperation, relating respectfully and solving problems
  • Wed 11, 18, 25 May 1, 8, 15 June
  • 6.30-9pm - $80 single/family, $120 per couple/family

Family Patterns – Many of our adult attitudes/behaviours stem from our formative years. This 6 week course looks at those family patterns and offers skills so that the present and future are not anchored in the past.
  • Thurs 12 19 26 May 2 9 16 June
  • 6.30-9pm - $100 per person

Parent-Child Connection - People with children under ten are invited to this 4 week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence.
  • Mon 30 May 13, 20, 27 June
  • 6.30-9pm - $50 per person or $75 per couple

Go to www.relationshipswa.org.au for more information

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School Contributions and Charges

Thank you to all the parents who have already made payments.

If you have not already paid for your students Voluntary Contributions and Subscriptions, you are encouraged to do so.

Payments can be made in the office, on flexischools or via your child’s class teacher.

Payments can be made by; cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

(Payment by flexi schools will incur a 1.82% fee)

Head Lice Check

Please be aware we have had some recent cases of head lice.

Please check your children and treat if necessary.

Children with head lice are required to have their hair cleared of lice before returning to school.

This can be achieved by using an insecticide product purchased from the local pharmacy and used according to the manufacturer’s instruction. This must be followed by physically removing the lice from the hair after the recommended time period using a special nit comb.

Hair will need to be checked on a daily basis for the following 10 days to ensure that all lice and eggs have been removed from the hair. Refer to the Department of Health, head lice fact sheet at www.public.health.wa.gov.au

SCHOOL INCURSION COMING SOON

Kindy to Year 6

PETER COMBE – Tuesday May 17 2016

Incursion Notes will be coming home soon

DARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Skoolbag App

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UPDATED TERM 2 PLANNER ATTACHED TO EMAIL

Initiative, Trust, Tolerance
P&C Meeting
This TUESDAY 3rd May, 7pm
Held in the staffroom
All Welcome!

School Banking
Please see - School Banking flyer attached to this email

School Banking is improving your kid’s ‘Common Cents’.

It’s been a great start to the school year and every week we see the students putting in fantastic savings effort. This might be because of the year’s Grand Prize and VIP tour of the Westpac office prize. However, we should not forget that the Grand Prize is only awarded to the student who has saved the most money in the year. The Grand Prize is also an incentive to encourage students to save money.

Aside from the Grand Prize, two new reward levels are available this term. After reaching the 10th deposit by the end of term 1, students will receive a Personalised gift card.

Learning about your child’s ‘Common Cents’

Earlier this year, a Common Sense survey was conducted, which took into account the following factors:

- A child who saved money
- A child who spent money
- A child who budgeted money
- A child who planned money
- A child who shared money

The survey showed that children who saved money had higher ‘Common Cents’ scores. Here are some of the results:

- 62% of kids who saved money earned more than $5 each month.
- 77% of kids who spent money earned more than $5 each month.
- Only 50% of parents who taught their kids to budget.
- Only 50% of parents who taught their kids to save money.
- Only 50% of parents who taught their kids to plan money.
- Only 50% of parents who taught their kids to share money.

To further improve your child’s ‘Common Cents’, we encourage you to take them through the simple plan that’s available at commoncents.com.au.

For more information, please see the flyer attached to the email.

Pure Western Australian Honey
Marri Redgum
$10 tub
Available from the office

P&C’s MOTHER’s and OTHER’s DAY STALL NEXT WEEK

Our Mothers Day stall is next Thursday 5th MAY. There will also be a stall for our Kindy 1 group on Tuesday the 3rd of May.

Gifts will be $5/gift/child.

Please see Tracey or leave your name at the office if you can help cut paper, attach cards and wrap.

Children will be invited to come up with their classroom during school hours to purchase gifts.

P & C Fundraiser

Mother’s Day Stall

Happy Mother’s Day!

All Gifts $5 each

Pure Western Australian Honey
Marri Redgum
$10 tub
Available from the office

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Vacancy – P&C Treasurer

Are you good at accounts or have some sort of bookkeeping background? Your talents are needed by your P & C as our new treasurer.

MYOB understanding would be helpful, but not essential.

Please contact Janine on 0419 851 427, 9299 7773 or janine@daisypoolcovers.com.au if you are willing to join our fantastic volunteer P & C team!

ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET... GO!
DPS INAGURAL FUN RUN 2016.

On Friday 24th June everyone from Kindy to Year 6 will walk, jog, run, skip or dance their way around the lap club course.

Don’t forget to dress up!

Cool individual and class prizes announced soon!

All money raised goes to our fabulous school and the exiting projects on the brew.

Sponsorship forms available May 23rd.

So get moving, get planning, get involved, and get sponsored!
Any questions? Contact the P&C.