**Dear Families**

Our first two weeks have seen the children engaged in many interesting activities both in and out of the classroom and in the next two weeks we have some exciting things happening.

I’m sure we will be entertained by all things “hogwartish” at our first Class Assembly on Friday 13th May from the Year 4s in Room 5. Mr Melrose has been busy preparing the students for our whole school Music Incursion with Peter Combe on Tuesday 17th May and Ms Adam and the Year 4-6 teachers have been busy selecting the teams for the Lightning Carnival on Friday 20th May – good luck to all teams.

The students and staff of Room 5 are very appreciative of the new carpet that was installed in the recent holidays. I’m sure in the coming months the level of appreciation will be even greater. Thank you to our P & C for funding this.

Congratulations to Talia H, our inaugural winner of the Outstanding School Spirit Award, kindly donated by Earnshaw Real Estate, for a student demonstrating great citizenship in all that they do. Commendations to Noah P, Phoebe P and Ella K, for their worthy nominations.

**NAPLAN**

As this newsletter goes to print, our Year 3 and Year 5 students are completing the first day of the annual National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. Thank you to all our teachers and families for the wonderful ongoing support and encouragement you provide. The results of these tests, along with other assessments, provide important information that is used to support our teaching and learning programs.

**INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL (IPS) COMMUNITY FORUM**

A reminder about the Community Forum scheduled for next Thursday 19th May 6.30-8.00pm. Guest speakers, including Principals, teachers and board members from both IPS and non IPS have been invited to address the community and respond to any questions regarding the IPS initiative. An invitation, including information about this initiative will be sent to all families and members of the community next week. Please register your interest in attending this event by contacting the school: 9299 6888 or darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au

**CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING**

We will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Wednesday 25th May @ 6.00pm. All parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about the online environment, and how you can help your children to be safe and responsible users of technology.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer and will cover issues relating to children and young peoples’ privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they’re accessing. For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au.

Please register your interest in attending this event by contacting the school: 9299 6888 or darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au
URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN OUR CANTEEN
Tracey, our wonderful Canteen Manager is in desperate need of helpers. We would not like our canteen to have to close if we cannot find enough helpers to support Tracey. Please pop in and see her to offer your help – one day from each parent would be fantastic!! Your support is greatly appreciated.

GROUNDS PROJECT
Our Grounds Committee met recently to begin planning for the upgrading of our school grounds. There are many exciting projects on the agenda. If you would like to be part of this project please contact the school.

STUDENT UPDATE FORMS
Many thanks to all families who have returned these forms. It is VERY important that ALL contact numbers we have, including work, home and mobile, are up to date. Thanks for your prompt attention to this very important matter.

I will be absent from school until Friday 13th May, as I am taking some Long Service Leave. Thank you to Mr Scott and Mrs Hill for their leadership in my absence.

Maree James
(Principal)

Flexischools is a great tool that we use to allow parents to make payments on line. Parents will incur a fee of 1.82% of the payment amount to use this service. Usually, we will list incursions and excursions on Flexischools for the convenience of parents. Sometimes, for various reasons we will not list an event. Individual payment amounts may be required for example and this is not practical to set up on Flexischools.

Payment for all events, listed on Flexischools or not, can be paid to the class teacher in cash or cheque, or to the office using EFT-POS. You can also phone the office to pay with your credit card. If you choose this option, we ask that you call between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

If you have any queries about making payments, please speak with Diane or myself in the office.

Naomi D’Arcy
Manager Corporate Services

Chaplain’s Chat

My thought for the week-

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you to everyone that helped with the Mother’s Day P&C Stall.

Be Creative Craft Group
The Be Creative Craft Group is on Thursdays the second half of lunchtime in the library. Come along and see what you can create.

Just a reminder that I am at the school on Thursdays and Fridays.

Enjoy your week.
Tracey Buckley, Chaplain
Some exciting projects are in the pipeline for this year. If you would like to help at busy bees or can assist with materials/construction/expertise, please contact Kylie Brinfield kbrinfield@iinet.net.au.

Junior school veggie patch – Right now, we are looking for assistance with landscaping in preparation for the beds to go in (bobcat, trenching, retic). If you have equipment or are in the landscaping business, we would love to hear from you. A busy bee will also be held later this term, so look out for that and please register now if you would like to help.

Nature Trail - Cathy Levitt from EMRC is working with the school on a fabulous environmental project in the bush area behind the amphitheater. This will create a new outdoor classroom and nature trail. We are looking for parents to work with children on busy bee days to help ‘clean up’ the zone - stay tuned for more details.

Nature play zone /senior school assault course - This will be a really fun project! Parent volunteers are needed to be a part of the planning team, with a view to gather troops and install later this year/early 2017.

If you have an interest in any of the above projects, please register now - we really can’t do it without you!!

The Darlington Primary School grounds are in need of upgrades and exciting new additions for every student. This will only progress with support from the school community.

The Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers, project champions, materials and equipment to support the delivery of a number of improvement projects.

So please join us in creating a place that inspires and challenges our children to learn, share and grow.

Email: dpsgroundsproject@gmail.com
Contacts: Nicole Hill, Kylie Brinfield, Belinda Foster

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)
**P& C Meeting**
TUESDAY 14th June, 9.15am
Held in the staffroom
All Welcome!

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**Issue 3 from Scholastic Book Club is out now!**
You can order and pay online through scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Alternatively, you can place your order form and payment in the Book Club box located in the office. There are also extra brochures there, just in case you haven’t seen one come home.

If you would like to take advantage of some of the great offers in this issue, please remember that orders are due by **May 13th**.

Any questions, call or text Melinda Peters on 0416 968 789 or email me at minkpeters@gmail.com.

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**ON YOUR MARKS… GET SET… GO!**
**DPS INAUGURAL 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 exciting 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.

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**WHAT DOES THE P&C DO?**
The P&C (Parents and Citizens) Association is a group of parents and teachers with an interest in the School: its promotion and its students. We meet twice a term in the staff room, with one night time meeting and one day time meeting.

The P&C President leads the meeting and we generally discuss building and other works happening at school, fundraising initiatives, school social events for both parents and children and the running of our canteen and uniform shops. We aim to assist the School in its delivery of a rich learning environment.

It is also worth noting what we don’t do. The P&C does not set School policy, or take part in School governance (the School Council performs this function). However, we have a keen interest in these issues and often discuss them and we have a P&C representative on the School Council.

Our meeting dates are set out in the School calendar and all parents are welcome to attend. Coming to P&C meetings is an easy way to get to know the issues of interest in the school community, and to meet a wide ranging selection of parents.

New attendees are not required to vote or give speeches – there’ll be no pressure to do anything nerve-wracking and meetings are quite informal so feel free to just turn up. We would very much appreciate your perspective.

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**Darlington Primary’s Parents & Citizens Association**

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**Pure Western Australian Honey**
*Marri Redgum*

*$10 tub*

Available from the office

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**P & C Fundraiser**