Dear Families

I trust you enjoyed that lovely rain on the weekend and managed without too much damage from all that wind. This week we will see a bit of a drop in the temperatures. Please ensure that your children have their lovely school windcheaters available to keep warm. I’m sure our Year 6’s will be enjoying the opportunity to wear their new snug Leavers Jackets – they look great!!

It was wonderful to watch the excitement emanating from Room 1 and 2 throughout last week as the students eagerly welcomed, and named some two legged feathered visitors. I am sure the visitors will be well cared for, contribute well to the planned teaching and learning programs, and participate with only the best behaviour as could be expected from feathered friends.

Sincere thanks to all our parents who were available to support at our recent Lightning Carnival and congratulations to our students for their wonderful sportsmanship. It was a very busy day. Thanks to Ms Adam for her coordination of this day and to all staff for their support. I am sure quite a few students and adults slept well on Friday night!

Thanks also to Mr Melrose for coordinating such a great afternoon for the recent Peter Combe Incursion - it was a fantastic success with all students (and teachers and parents) participating and having a wonderful time singing many well-known songs from many years ago. Please see more information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Darlington Primary has been invited to be part of a pilot program for the use of the newly developed School Performance Self-Assessment Tool. A key element of our involvement in the project is the use of an electronically formatted Self-Assessment Framework, in the following areas:

- Student Achievement and Progress
- Quality Teaching
- Positive Learning Environment
- Effective Leadership
- Relationships
- Resources

We will also have a visit from the Schools Review team to hear our feedback on the use of the tool. We will receive feedback on what we are doing well and suggested ideas for any areas identified as requiring improvement. Visits to classes and/or conversations with staff and/parents may also take place.

I look forward to seeing you at our CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING tomorrow, Wednesday 25th May @ 6.00pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn how you can help your children to be safe and responsible users of technology. Please register your interest in attending this event by contacting the school: 9299 6888 or darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Our GROUNDS PROJECT is starting to take shape. We are keen to get started on the Junior Vegie Patch and Zone 1 - the bush area near Early Learning Centre. Cathy Levitt from the EMRC has kindly offered to work with the school on developing this area. Cathy addressed the staff recently and there are many exciting ideas planned. The overall project plan is on display in the front office. If you would like help out with either of these projects or any other aspects of the Grounds Project, please contact Kylie Brinfield or Roz Lipscombe.
We are currently updating our **ENROLMENT PROCEDURES**. Thank you for completing the **CONSENT FORM** attached to this newsletter and returning it to your child’s class teacher at your earliest convenience.

Our new website is up and running: www.darlingtonps.wa.edu.au/ and we are very keen to hear your feedback. Please contact the school on 9299 6888 or darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au with any comments you may have. Many thanks.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the recent Community Forum regarding the Independent Public School (IPS) initiative and hear perspectives from our guest speakers: Lucy Webb – Principal of Greenmount Primary; Debbie Hyde – Principal of Woodbridge Primary; Ed Black – Principal of Huntingdale Primary; Liz Hutt – Chair of Sawyers Valley Primary School Board; Lorna Woodley - substantive Principal of Darlington Primary and our current Chair of School Council, Belinda Foster. We are very grateful for their contributions and responses to questions asked. If you have any queries regarding this initiative or would like to offer your perspective, please contact myself or Belinda Foster.

In closing I would like to say a very big thank you to our front office staff for their professionalism, diligence and commitment to the roles they undertake at Darlington Primary. They are truly an asset to our school and the Department of Education and we are all very appreciative of all that they do on a daily basis.

Maree James,
Principal

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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)

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**Lost and Found Box is full**

If you get a moment please come and have a look in our lost property box as it full of jumpers.

Please remember to label all of your items as nearly half of the box are not labelled.
A day to remember…

Tuesday May 17 saw months of negotiations, planning and teaching activities and learning culminating in a dynamic and musically stunning concert when renowned children’s entertainer Peter Combe performed for students at Darlington Primary School.

The students sang, moved, clapped and interacted with Peter as he performed his way through a collection of thematic, humorous and student centred songs that even had teachers and parents reminiscing about songs they had grown up with.

Songs about seasons, blowflies, travelling turkeys, monkeys in teapots and billy goats preceded a second half of perennial favourites that we all knew – Spaghetti Bolognese, Juicy Juicy Green Grass, Newspaper Mama and perhaps his most memorable song...... Mr Clikketty Cane - at which point I’m almost certain the singing could be heard all the way to Midland!

Peter’s songs and their qualities highlight the importance of music education in a child’s developmental journey. Numerous and repeated current research studies show that music stimulates areas of the brain necessary for development in all areas of learning.

A huge shout out to the students of Darlington Primary for their participation in Tuesday’s concert. The success of these activities is always dependent on the input and involvement of the audience. Well done!!

Stewart Melrose
(Music Specialist)
Dear Parents and Guardians

I am pleased to extend an invitation for parents of prospective students to attend an “Open Morning” at EHSHS. Staff from our school will be able to discuss the opportunities we offer students to develop their full academic, personal and citizenship potential.

I look forward to meeting you and sharing our vision for the future success of your child.

Charlotte Edwards
Year 6 Transition Coordinator
Eastern Hills Senior High School

Your Invitation

17th June 2016
Music Auditorium - EHSHS
9:30am — 11:00am

Morning tea provided by our Upper School Hospitality students and School Tours hosted by our Student Councillors.

Please wear enclosed shoes for the School Tour as we will be visiting the workshop.

RSVP by 14th June on 9573 0200

Eastern Hills Senior High School
Keane Street East
Mount Helena WA 6082

Phone: 9573 0200 Fax: 9572 1818
Email: EasternHills.SHS@education.wa.edu.au

Making Dreams into Reality
Darlington Primary School Grounds Project
Busy Bee 10am - 4pm, Sunday 19 June

Would you like to be part of the team making the school grounds even more fun, educational and beautiful for our kids? Please join us at the Busy Bee on Sun 19 June. All families are warmly welcome - you can come for a couple of hours or more if you can spare the time and there will be a sausage sizzle for lunch. We will be working on two projects:

Nature Trail
This is an under-utilised area below the oval, next to the amphitheatre. The project is being led by students and teachers from years 4 and 5 with support from the P and C and the Youth Environmental Education Officer from the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council. The aim of the project is to create access for kids to the natural environment, without having to leave the school grounds. We will be getting the project started by weeding and clearing as much of the site as possible, in preparation for planting native wildflowers and other resources, such as an outdoor classroom.

Junior School Veggie Patch
Once established, this project will provide children at the junior school with the opportunity to plant and grow their own vegetables - a great life skill! At the busy bee, parents and kids will be working together to help get this area set up, so that students can look after the veggie patches in an ongoing way.

Please let us know if you can join the Busy Bee to help us plan the day’s work and the catering, by RSVP’ing to: kbrinfield@iinet.net.au before Friday 10 June. This will help us to ensure you receive further details about the day regarding the equipment that will be needed, etc. We’ll have more information about both projects in the next newsletter.

These are the first in a series of projects - stay tuned over the coming months as we share updates about what is going on and how you can be involved.
Darlington Primary’s
Parents & Citizens Association

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

P & C Fundraiser
+ OPEN
FIRST WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
3.00—3.30pm
(Next 1st June)

ON YOUR MARKS - GET SET - GO!
DPS INAUGURAL FUN RUN
is on
Friday 24th June at 2.30pm

Fun Run sponsorship forms are coming home with your children today! Get moving, get planning, get involved, and get sponsored!

What do you have to do?
1. Ask as many people as possible to sponsor you...they can sponsor you per lap or for a set amount.
2. Fill in your Fun Run entry form and the form will be collected on Friday Morning.
3. Secure your Fun Run Form to your teacher on Friday 24th June for your child to return by Wednesday 29th June.
4. After completing the Fun Run, ensure your Fun Forms and payment envelope from your principal and collect your sponsorship money through www.flexischools.com.au
5. Email your doc at the PS and your payment-total of sponsorship money.
6. Return the envelope with all your sponsorship money and the completed forms to your classroom teacher or the office by Wednesday 29 June 2016.
7. Top money returned or paid online by this time will earn various incentives.

Remember to have all of your uniform items clearly labelled!

Pure Western Australian
Karri Honey
$10 tub
Available from the office

Initiative, Trust, Tolerance