Dear Families

With just over a week until the end of semester, we reflect on what has been another busy and successful term. SEMESTER 1 REPORTS will be sent home with students next Wednesday, 29th June. Our annual 3 WAY CONFERENCES for Years K-6 are scheduled for Week 2 of Term 3, Wednesday 27th July. This provides an opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher and, together with your child, discuss their progress and set some goals for the remainder of the year. Further information will be sent home early in Term 3.

Our YEAR 6s have returned from their LEADERSHIP CAMP in Dwellingup with many stories of the adventures and challenges that were presented and overcome, including: the ambush game; baby-food eating; adventures of archery; fun in the commando pit; sub-zero raft building; night time hunting and Mr Smith’s encounter with a fence? I’m sure there are many other special memories. Thanks again to our staff: Mr Scott, Mr Smith, Mrs Osenton, and Chaplain Tracey and to our parents, Michelle Terrenova and Margs Armitage who kindly volunteered to help out. Please check our website next week for the photographic montage: www.darlingtonps.wa.edu.au

Our recent BUSY BEE on Sunday 19th June was another demonstration of what a wonderful community we have here at Darlington. It was a fantastic success with many families, past and present joining in to assist with the construction of the Junior Veggie Patch and the weeding and planting to develop our Nature Trail. A huge thankyou to our coordinators Kylie Brinfield and Roz Lipscombe and to all staff, families and children involved. Please see the list of names of our helpers elsewhere in the newsletter. Special thanks also to the following businesses for their kind donations of plants, soils and other products for our Grounds Improvement Project: Zanthorrea Nursery; Midalia Steel in Midland; Nutrarich Soils; Mundaring Shire; Woolworths Mundaring.

We are looking forward to our FUN RUN this Friday 24th June with our whole school, K-6. Please come along and join in as we get fit and have lots of fun raising some funds for various school projects planned. Thank you to our P & C volunteers for coordinating this event.

NAIDOC WEEK occurs next week and workshops with Dr Noel Nannup have been planned for Thursday June 30th and Friday 1st July with all classes K-6. Our students are extremely fortunate to have this opportunity to work with such a well-known Noongar Elder who has strong links to this area. Dr Nannup will lead the students on some walks along the bridle path, sharing valuable information about our local bush and wildlife; story telling sessions and also some plantings in our newly weeded nature trail. Thank you to our P & C for funding this.

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL (IPS) DECISION: A decision about whether we proceed with our application to apply to become an IPS needs to be made by the end of this term. It is very important that the entire school community is part of the consultation process and collectively agree that being an IPS will enable Darlington Primary to provide an even better education for our students. I encourage everyone to have their say in this very important issue. Please complete the survey attached to this newsletter and return it by Wednesday June 29th. This survey is also available from your child’s teacher and/or the front office. If you have any queries please contact myself or our School Council Chair, Belinda Foster: befoster@gmail.com

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OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: 14th June —9.15am
President: Anna McDonald mcdonald.cla@bigpond.com

SCHOOL BANKING Thursdays Library 8.15 - 8.45
Janine Prince & Jodie Snow - jxtwo@bigpond.com

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB CO-ORDINATOR
Melinda Peters - minkpeters@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP - Fri 8.30-9.00am + First Wed/Month
Jasmine - dpsuniform@gmail.com 3.00-3.30pm

CANTEEN DAYS - Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays
Tracy Roache - tracy.roache@education.wa.edu.au

LIBRARY DAYS - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays
Library Officer; Mrs Karen Diaz

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN ONSITE - Thursdays and Fridays
Chaplain; Tracey Buckley

SCHOOL DENTAL VAN - ph 0407 594 254
On site at Clayton View Primary School

SCHOOL HOURS
Start: 8.45 am
Crunch and Sip: 10.45 - 10.50 am
Recess: 10.50 - 11.10 am
Lunch: 11.10 - 1.50 pm
Finish: 3.05 pm

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NEWSLETTER NO 10 – WEEK 9 – TERM 2  TUESDAY 21ST JUNE, 2016

Remember to check your term planners and school calendars for upcoming events

24th June ASSEMBLY: ROOM 6
24th June FUN RUN 2pm 
27 June - 1 July NAIDOC WEEK
29th June SEMESTER 1 REPORT DISTRIBUTION
1st July Last day of Term 2
2nd July to 17th July SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
18th July School Development Day (Students do not attend)
19th July Term 3 begins for students
22nd July FACTION CROSS COUNTRY
25th July P&C Meeting 7pm
27th July Reporting to Parents 3 Way Conferences Whole School from 12.10pm
SCHOOL COUNCIL: Nominations close this Friday 24th June for 2 x General Parent Representatives on our School Council. Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter and also available at the front office. I urge all parents to consider making themselves available for this important decision-making body.

STAFFING: We will notice a few different faces around our school in the next few days and into next term. Thank you to Miss Jacinta Bartrop for her contribution to our staff and the students of Room 5 during Semester 1. We wish her all the best as she embarks on her new chapter of motherhood in the coming days. Mrs Julia Spencer will be working full time in Room 5 until the end of this term before taking Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year. Christel Ferrari in Room 10 and Karen Diaz, our Library Officer, are currently on Long Service Leave until the end of term. We welcome Zane Moran, working in Mrs Ferrari’s role and Beth Perry, working in the library. Thanks also to Mrs Jo Horne for her wonderful role in Room 9 whilst Mrs Finch has been on Long Service Leave. Mrs Sullivan in Room 3 has announced her intentions to retire from teaching at some time in Term 3. Mrs Sullivan has made an outstanding contribution to Darlington Primary over many years and I am sure you join with me in thanking her for all that she has done for the many students and families, who have had the great fortune of having her as part of their education journey. A formal farewell will occur once a date is finalised.

Thanks to everyone for your contribution to a very successful Semester 1. It is a pleasure working with such a dedicated and supportive school community. The partnerships that have been built to help our children achieve their individual potential all bode well for our ongoing success in being a great school.

Term 3 will recommence for teachers on Monday 18th July. Students will return on Tuesday 19th July

Have a safe and relaxing break and enjoy time with your family and friends.

Maree James, Principal

Message from Rico

For our compost heap we require:
• manure from herbivores such as cows and horses please - a trailer load would be fantastic
• a bale of hay/straw would also very handy

If you can help out, please drop your donation near our mulch (staff car park).

Many thanks.
Rico
(School Gardener)

Busy Bees

Big thanks to all of the families and staff who assisted at the weekend.

Michelle Luckhurst
Kath Batchelor
Kate Wiltshire
Misako Olson & Mat (Nishio Family)
Pauline de Haan
Natalie Nash
Joanna Ritchie
Sue & Bruce Watkins
Steven Loveridge
Ro MacKinnon (Boniface Family)
Mel Bowden
Sarah Williams
Sara Buttsworth
Dullard Family
Rosie Logie
Wendy Kozak
Kate Parker
Trudy Prager
Nichole Dietsch
Morgan and Mel Oliver
Belinda Foster
Anna McDonald
Rajput Family
Pole Family
Thompson Family
Alex Stevens
Brinfield Family
Veronica and Garret Strange
Peter Illari and Kate Parker
Mike Ritchie
Rona Holmes
Nicki Hill
Melissa Ryan-Gadsden
Bonnie MacKay

Thank You
BUSY BEE HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Students,

Have you noticed anything different at school? Maybe a boat? Or perhaps some new plants?

Many families gathered at the school on Sunday and had great fun working on some new things in the grounds for you. Everyone brought gardening and building equipment, cakes for ‘cuppeta-tea-time’, and lots of good will. We worked hard, shared some laughs and imagined you enjoying the Veggie Patches and the Nature Trail zone for years to come.

Now it’s time to make them your own - to plant in the veggie patches or look after your own parcel of bush, and to imagine, play and learn in those areas. The parents will be back from time to time to do more things in the Nature Trail and in other areas of the grounds, but we want you to understand, these things are yours to share and shape for now, and when the time comes, pass on to other students into the future.

Have fun!

From the Darlington Primary School Parents

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A VERY SUCCESSFUL BUSY BEE

Thanks! for your Support!!

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P & C Meeting
MONDAY 25th July, 7pm
Held in the staffroom

Vacancy – P&C Treasurer

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

MYOB understanding would be helpful, but not essential. (Training will be provided)

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!

OUR FUN RUN is THIS FRIDAY
24th June at 2.30pm

Get ready, get moving, get planning, get involved, and get sponsored!

SPONSORSHIP:
Return your sponsorship money and the completed form to your classroom teacher or the office by Wednesday 29 June 2016.

Only money returned or paid online by this date will count towards prizes.

PLEASE NOTE: Return the full amount, in an envelope to your teacher by Wednesday 29 June 2016. Please convert as many coins as possible into notes. Or use the online payment option; www.gofundme.com/dpsfunrun with student sponsored noted in the comments.

Book Week Parade
Friday 26 August 2016

Over the mid-year holidays, start thinking about your outfit for the Book Week Parade. There are always so many wonderful characters to choose from, from all your favourite books.

Maybe Little Red Riding Hood or Mowgli from the Jungle Book or perhaps we might see a couple of BFG’s this year!

We will also be looking for a parent or two to coordinate this important annual event for the students (with help from the P and C). If you would like to have go at this, contact: rozlipscombe@bigpond.com