Dear Families

Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new families who are starting at Darlington Primary today. We also welcome back staff returning from leave and new staff joining our team: Ms Carol Salt will be relieving for Mr Stewart Melrose who is taking Long Service Leave this term and Mr Zane Moran will be relieving in Room 4 for the remainder of this semester whilst Mrs Julia Spencer is on Long Service Leave. Ms Jess Copping will be working in the pre-primary on Tuesdays in place of Mrs Nicki Hill, who will take on the role of Learning Support Coordinator as Mrs Anne Sullivan will be taking Long Service Leave. Thank you for making our new families and staff feel welcome.

At our School Development Day yesterday, staff reviewed our Strategic Plan and our targets for 2016. The recent School Performance Self-Assessment report and recommendations for improvement were also discussed. We also reviewed our Positive Behaviour Policy to ensure consistent implementation across K-Year 6. Naomi D’Arcy coordinated a network meeting and professional learning session for our Hills Education Community Support Staff. Thank you to Zeta Adams for her presentation on the use of reinforcers and motivating students to work independently.

In consultation with the staff and the community, collective agreement could not be reached that being an Independent Public School will enable Darlington Primary to provide an even better education for our students. As such we will not be proceeding with our application to become an Independent Public School in 2017. Sincere thanks for your contributions to the discussion surrounding this decision.

Thank you to the four parents who have nominated for the two positions of General Parent Representatives on our School Council: Mr Heath Dullard; Mrs Roz Lipscombe; Ms Melissa Turner and Mrs Nicole Slattery. As nominations have exceeded the number of vacancies, elections will be conducted by secret ballot. All parents (except those who are also staff members) are eligible to vote for the parent representatives. Ballot papers and sealable envelopes will be sent home with family representatives tomorrow, Wednesday 20th July. Please mark the ballot paper as per the instructions and return completed ballot papers to the front office by Friday the 29th July. I urge all families to participate in the election process for this important decision-making body of our school. Please see the bios for our nominees elsewhere in the newsletter.

Next week we have our 3 Way Conferences as part of the school’s Reporting to Parents’ process. To facilitate these arrangements the school hours on Wednesday 27th July have been altered. This has been endorsed by School Council and approved by District Office. These are a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher, discuss their progress thus far and set goals for the remainder of the year. All classes, K - 6 will conclude at 12.45pm and 3 Way Conferences will be scheduled between 12.45 - 6.00 pm. Parents are asked to advise class teachers if their children are unable to be catered for away from school at this time. A program of work (until 3.05pm) will be provided for such students. Information regarding arrangements for your child’s class will be sent home from your child’s teacher/s by the end of this week.

Term 3 is traditionally a very busy term with sporting events. These will begin this Friday with our Faction Cross Country, coordinated by Ms Adam. Let’s hope the weather holds out and we have a great day. Good luck to all students.
Please be reminded that the closing date for enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre-primary is this Friday 22nd July. If you know of families moving to Darlington, please encourage them to make enquiries at the front office. This information will greatly assist our planning for 2017.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as leader of Darlington Primary School and am pleased to advise that I will be continuing in this role until Mrs Woodley returns next year. I look forward to maintaining the positive culture, community pride and high expectations of behaviour and achievement of our students and working with the supportive and informed P&C and School Council, as well as the dedicated and professional staff. I value the partnerships we build to help our children achieve their individual potential.

I look forward to your ongoing support.

Maree James
(Principal)

**Faction Cross Country**
*Friday 22nd July 2016*

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Darlington Primary Faction Cross Country takes place on Friday July 22nd. Following is an approximate schedule.

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Please be advised that these times are approximate and subject to change depending on the weather condition.

As always, we would appreciate any helping hands to marshal our runners along the running course.

Thank you,
Paula Adam
Teacher – Physical Education

**Dental Van**

The dental van currently in Koongamia will be closing for one month starting Friday 24th June, 4pm. We will re-open at the Clayton View Primary School on Wednesday 27th July at 8am.

If any EMERGENCIES arise during this period then please contact in this order, one of the following numbers;

- Guildford Dental Therapy Centre: 92 795 869 or GuildfordDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au
- Dental Emergency Information Hotline: 93253452
- Your local/family dentist
- Or Princess Margaret Hospital (Accepts only severe dental emergencies)
- We apologise for any inconvenience this absence may cause.

Regards
Andrew, Sharon, Brigitte & Hui

**BOOK FAIR IS COMING**

**WEEK 7 – LITERACY NUMERACY WEEK**

Monday 29th August and Tuesday 30th August 2016

In the school library

Book Fair brings the books to you.
Purchase quality items – great reading and great gift ideas.

Plus a children’s colouring competition with book prizes from the Book Fair.
Celebrating NAIDOC Week

Students from Kindy to Grade 6 participated in workshops with Noongar elder Dr Noel Nannup over the last 2 days of Term 2. He was very generous in sharing his knowledge and with the beautiful weather the workshops took place under blue winter skies in the amphitheatre. The sessions were targeted to meet the differing interests of each age group, with stories, Noongar language, singing and dancing for the younger ones and more complex traditional stories (such as the Carers of Everything and the Coming of the Colours) and time in the developing nature trail for the older kids. In the Nature Trail students glimpsed Dr Nannup’s exceptional knowledge of common, latin and Noongar names for plants. There was also plenty of opportunity for every child to ask questions and grow their understanding of Noongar culture and heritage.

We were honoured to host Dr Nannup, who has strong family links with this area of the Perth Hills, for the two whole days. Thanks to the P and C for supporting this important opportunity.
Reminder our Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday afternoon the 3rd of August 3.00-3.30pm

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

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS FOR 2017

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Applications for enrolments for children entering; Kindergarten and Pre-primary or changing schools in the 2017 school year should be made by Friday, 22nd of July 2016.

If your child is currently in Kindergarten they will need to enrol for Pre-Primary. You must enrol to secure a position at our school for your child/children for 2017.

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!

Book Week Parade
Friday 26 August 2016

Have you thought about what you would like to wear at the Book Week Parade? It’s coming up next month, so stay tuned for more details.

We are looking for a couple of parents who can join Jane Bigelow in helping organise this fun annual activity for the students.

If you can lend a hand, please contact Jane at jane.bigelow@hotmail.com