Dear Families

Our Faction Cross Country on Friday 22nd July was another reminder of what a wonderful school community we are so fortunate to be a part of. Thank you to Ms Adam for her coordination and to staff and parents for their support on the day. The results were very close with the lead changing a number of times. Final results were: 1st: Blue – 473 points; 2nd: Green – 460 points; 3rd: Gold – 310 points; 4th: Red – 298 points. Training for the Interschool Cross Country has begun, coordinated by Mr Scott and Mr Moran. This event will be hosted by Darlington Primary and held at the Mundaring Rec Centre next Thursday 11th August. Good luck to all competitors.

Our 3-Way Interviews last week, were a great success and a wonderful opportunity to review students’ progress in Semester 1 and work together to set goals for improvement in Semester 2. Feedback from the change to one day has been most positive.

Thanks to everyone involved and for the outstanding results of our Fun Run held last term. Close to $11,000 was raised – well done to all. Special thanks to Fiona and Rowena, and their team and to Hills Fresh and Slater and Gartrell for their kind donations. Our top overall fundraisers, individuals and families, who raised over $250 and received a $50 gift vouchers from Slater and Gartrell were: Daisy N; Fraser C; Ivy, Ariel & Giuseppe A; Macy F and Indiana & Mackenzie C.

Thanks also to our Semester 1 Class Representatives: Brooke H; Sidney R; Mackenzie S and Toby O, who have done a great job in their leadership roles. We welcome our Semester 2 Class Representatives: Ella K; Evie O; Sydney L and Anakah de J. I am sure they will do a fantastic job also.

Congratulations to Heath Dullard and Nicole Slattery who have been selected as General Parent Representatives on our School Council. Thank you to all nominees for your interest in this important decision-making body of Darlington Primary School. All parents are welcome to attend our Council Meetings, held each term. Only nominated members have voting rights.

Mr Mark McNeil, one of our relief teachers, has kindly volunteered to coordinate an after school Computer Coding Club. Students from Year 4 -6, who are keen to learn about coding, are most welcome. Sessions will be after school on Thursdays. Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Zumba Kids, after school program, coordinated by our Chaplain, Tracey Buckley, will be starting on Thursday 18th of August. This is a six week program for boys and girls. Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Congratulations to one of our ex-students, Lukas Steinwandel, who has been cast as Oliver in the production of the well-known musical ‘Oliver’, presented by ICW Productions at St Hilda’s. Lukas will be performing alongside a professional West Australian cast and singing many of the popular songs from the musical such as ‘Consider Yourself’, ‘Food Glorious Food’, ‘You’ve Got To Pick A Pocket Or Two’ and ‘Where is Love’, just to name a few. More information regarding this production is available at the front office.

We look forward to our 14th Annual Darlington Rock tomorrow. Thanks to Mr Melrose for his coordination. I have no doubt this year’s presentation will be another wonderful success, showcasing the musical talents of our students. Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter about this event.
In closing we wish the best of luck to one of our staff members, Miss Clare Pustkuchen, and her partner, who are participating in this weekend’s Avon Descent in a Double Kayak.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Maree James
Principal

**CODE CLUB AUSTRALIA**

Computer Coding opens more doors for students than any other discipline. Learning even the basics will help students in virtually any career—from architecture to zoology.

Just as we teach students how to write clear sentences, or how electricity works, it’s just as important for students to understand the basics of coding that governs nearly every technology around us from the internet, to phone operating systems, to even how our TV’s work.

**Code Club Australia** is a nationwide network of free, volunteer-led, after-school coding clubs for children aged 9-11. The projects we make, teach children how to program by showing them how to make computer games, animations and websites. Volunteers go to their local school for an hour a week and teach one project a week.

Code Club is about fun, creativity, and learning through exploring. It’s important that the children enjoy their time coding. They should understand that they’re in charge of the computer, and can (and should) make it do what they want. ([https://codeclubau.org/](https://codeclubau.org/))

We are looking for students keen to learn coding on consecutive Thursdays in the Library; 3.20-4.30pm during the school term. Depending on interest, we will take an initial 16 students from Year 4 and up. We are keen to get additional volunteers to help. Volunteers should have reasonable/basic computer skills and more importantly a desire to learn coding yourself and share with others.

If your child is interested or you would like to help out, we’d love to hear from you.

Please contact Mark McNeil on 0423 016 765

Hi

Zumba Kids® after school program starts on Thursday 18th of August to Thursday the 22 September.

This is a six week program. Zumba Kids® is for boys and girls.

The classes will start at 3.10pm and finish at 4.00pm for students in Kindy to Year 3. For students in Year 4 to Year 6 classes will start at 4.00pm and finish at 4.45pm. Older students are welcome to attend the class that starts at 3.10pm.

**Where:** The Undercover Area

**Cost:** 6 weeks for $25 / Casual classes are $6.50

Zumba Kids®

For the class to go ahead I will need a minimum of 10 students.

Money paid for the Zumba Kids® classes will go to the Chaplaincy Program for Darlington Primary.

If you have any queries please see me.

Tracey Buckley
School Chaplain

**OUR LOST PROPERTY BOX IS FULL**

WE HAVE LOTS OF JUMPERS, HATS AND WATER BOTTLES. PLEASE COME IN AND HAVE A LOOK IF YOU ARE MISSING YOURS

CAN YOU ALSO PLEASE CHECK THAT THE HATS AND JUMPERS YOU HAVE AT HOME AND IN YOUR BAGS BELONG TO YOU. AS WE HAVE MANY PARENTS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR LOST ITEMS.

IF YOU FIND ANY ITEMS THAT ARE NOT YOURS CAN YOU PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE - MANY THANKS

**Initiative, Trust, Tolerance**
Darlington Rock performs tomorrow!!

It’s almost here……..the 14th Annual “Darlington Rock” takes place this Wednesday 3rd August.

Some of Darlington Primary School’s finest and most talented music students will perform songs from Coldplay, Shawn Mendes, Justin Bieber, Justice Crew, Lukas Graham, 21 Pilots, Alicia Keys, Adele, Vance Joy and A Great Big World.

Guitarists, Drummers, Keyboardists and Vocalists have been working hard towards presenting their performances and would like to invite the school and community members to come along and sing, dance and cheer the culmination of their efforts.

Our school choir will open proceedings with a performance of “Faded” by EDM artist Alan Walker.

See you there on Wednesday at 12.45pm in the school Performing Arts Area (UCA) – We Will Rock You!

Stewart Melrose
(Music Specialist)

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.

Stepping Stones Triple P WORKSHOP

Developed for parents of children with a developmental disability. Based on Triple P’s proven parenting strategies, it gives strategies to deal with the kinds of childhood behaviour problems and issues that can make family life stressful. Stepping Stones Triple P has been evaluated with real families and has been shown to work with children with intellectual and physical disabilities who have disruptive behaviour.

Seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability and bring together large groups of parents – often 20 or more. Each seminar takes just 90 minutes and you can do one, two or all three in the series.

The topics in the series are:

- Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability;
- Helping your Child Reach their Potential; and
- Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour.

The dates for the above workshops are:

- Mondays at 9.30-12 noon on 1 August, 15 August and 29 August.
- Venue: Room. Early Childhood Services. Block Q. School of Special Educational Needs Sensory Statewide Services Centre in Padbury

Presented by School Psychologists:
Krista Bingham and Robyn Green
RSVP (08) 94026409 or email Robyn.Green@education.wa.edu.au
(see flyer attached to email)
ENJOY SOME OF OUR FACTION CROSS COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS
First Place
BLUE FACTION
Special thanks to Mr Ang Dawa Sherpa for these wonderful photographs.
Thank you to everyone for their efforts with the fun run. We raised close to $11,000 to go toward school projects including the challenge course and a volleyball court revamp. It was completely fun, super healthy and thoroughly successful and we look forward to doing many fun-a-thons in future years. Congratulations to all fundraisers and to the top individuals and families who raised over $250 each. The ELC will soon be getting their much needed new trikes and we look forward to seeing them being enjoyed with gusto.

Do you have a hidden talent? Want to brush up some skills and exercise your brain? Have you a yearning to get involved in the running of your school? Join the P&C! Our AGM will be held on September 13th at 7pm in the staff room. Come along to see what we are about, enjoy a cuppa and see us vote in new members and office bearers. If you want to learn about volunteering, available positions or how you can contribute contact the P&C via the office and we’ll be in touch.

Just a reminder that the Father’s Day stall is on Thursday the 2 September. There will also be a stall for our Kindy 2 group on Tuesday the 30 of August.

Gifts will be $5/gift/child.

Please see Tracey (our school chaplain) or leave your name at the office if you can help cut paper or spare some time to help run the stall.

Children will be invited to come up with their class during school hours to purchase gifts.
Canteen Lady is on the move ......

For those who may not know, I will be leaving my role as Canteen Co-ordinator on Wed, 10th August. After 8yrs working at DPS Canteen and 15yrs of living in Darlington my family and I are heading for the beach.

It’s time to make way for a new face at canteen and whomever this may be, I wish them all the very best. Without a doubt, Darlington Primary has been the most enjoyable job in my whole working career. I can’t express how much I will miss each and every one of those little smiling faces at the canteen servery, my team of dedicated volunteers, the P&C, teachers and staff - all of whom have supported me for the past 8yrs. Without these people, DPS Canteen would not be as it is today. It’s been an absolute pleasure to be part of the school.

So, please don’t forget if you are passing Preston Beach in your travels, call in and say hello.

Take care everyone xoxox

Regards,
Canteen Lady ;)

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Art Work Below
Teddy’s made by our Year 1 Students
Portraits done by our Year 5/6 Students

After nearly 8 years of service, we are saying Farewell to our “Canteen Lady” Tracy Roache. Tracy has been very dedicated and thoughtful, working tirelessly in our school canteen, striving to satisfy every child who orders a school lunch. Tracy, you will be sorely missed and we wish Neville, Harrison and yourself all the very best for your new seaside adventures.

Best Wishes from everyone at Darlington Primary School

Best Wishes Tracy