Dear Families

Last week we farewelled our long serving Canteen Manager, Tracy, who has done an outstanding job making sure our children have been well fed and watered over many years. Thank you Tracy!! We wish Tracy and her family all the best in the next exciting chapter of her life.

We welcome Ros Tooth to the role and look forward to the many culinary delights that are on the horizon. Thank you to our P & C for their ongoing support and to our parent volunteers, without whose involvement, our canteen would not be able to continue.

We continue to be reminded of the many wonderful talents of our students and what a great school community we are so fortunate to be a part of. From our Annual Darlington Rock held in Week 3, where the performing arts talents of our choir and band members were on display, to our recent Interschool Cross Country event, last Thursday, where the fitness endurance and perseverance of our competitors was well tested.

Congratulations to all children who took part in both events. Thank you to our staff for their coordination and preparation of the students for these events. A very big thank you also to our parents, your support is always greatly appreciated. Feedback from Principals in the Hills Education Community (HEC), regarding the Interschool Cross Country, was very complimentary, both about the behaviour of our students, and the organisation of the day – a great endorsement for our school. Thank you to all involved.

Today, as part of Science Week, we have had all classes involved in our Whole School Science Day, with many interesting scientific learning occurring. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Holmes for their coordination of this event. A great deal of time and planning and practicing of experiments was had prior to iron out any experiment “flaws”!! Thanks also to Mr Heath Dullard from Ellenbrook Secondary College for his involvement in the day.

Tomorrow, our Team of Year 6 Scientists will be participating in the HEC Science Quest at Mt Helena Primary – good luck to our four representatives: Sammy S, Jemma H, Veronica S and Cody O.

Next week is Children Book Week. We will see our library taken over by the Book Fair display in readiness for sales the following week. Thank you to our Library Officer, Karen Diaz, for her coordination of this annual event – I’m sure the children will be getting their wish lists ready.

We also look forward to seeing many literary characters paraded at our Annual Book Week Assembly on Friday 26th August. If last year is anything to go by, I am sure this year will be another fantastic success. All characters will gather in the amphitheatre (weather permitting) at 9.00am. If the character feels their costume may inhibit their movement or restrict their capacity to undertake normal school day activities, please provide backup clothing (school uniform) to change into.

Thanks to our wonderful P & C for their support of this event.
One of our long serving staff members, Mrs Anne Sullivan announced her intentions to retire earlier this year. Mrs Sullivan has been a wonderful ambassador of the Education Department for many years and a valued staff member at Darlington Primary since 1990. Mrs Sullivan is currently on Long Service Leave and her official retirement date is in the coming weeks. I am sure you join with me in thanking Mrs Sullivan for her dedicated service to the Education Department and in particular Darlington Primary School, and wish her all the best as she embarks on the next chapter in her life.

Thank you to our new and existing Council members for making themselves available to serve on this vitally important school decision-making body. All parents are welcome to attend Council meetings and participate in discussions, but only elected representatives have voting rights. Our next School Council Meeting is Monday 22nd August at 7.00pm.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Maree James
Principal

DARLINGTON ROCKED!

Darlington Rock 2016 has come and gone. The 14th annual band concert from our talented musicians was held last Wednesday August 3rd and proved again that the quality of music students coming through our school is second to none.

Many thanks to those family and community members, school staff and particularly the school students who came and supported our band members – you were a great audience and they really appreciated it.

Next stop – Darlington Arts Festival!

Stewart Melrose
(Music Specialist)

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

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®

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

HEAD LICE CHECK

Please be aware we have had some recent cases of head lice. Please check your children and treat if necessary.

Children with head lice are required to have their hair cleared of lice before returning to school.

This can be achieved by using an insecticide product purchased from the local pharmacy and used according to the manufacturer’s instruction. This must be followed by physically removing the lice from the hair after the recommended time period using a special nit comb.

Hair will need to be checked on a daily basis for the following 10 days to ensure that all lice and eggs have been removed from the hair.

Refer to the Department of Health, head lice fact sheet at www.public.health.wa.gov.au

Initiative, Trust, Tolerance
If your child is interested in playing basketball for Darlington Basketball club @ Mundaring Recreation Centre 2016/2017. Please collect a nomination form from the front office or email me for a copy: donna@veeco.com.au

These need to be signed and completed and returned no later than the 2nd September via email to donna@veeco.com.au

If you require further information please do not hesitate to email me.

Thank you
Donna van der Leest

Darlington Night Hockey

Night hockey season begins in term 4 at Mundaring. We are looking for players interested in joining an U9 team and an U11 team.

Please contact Deanna email; dwright@helena.wa.edu.au for details.

Hills Night Hockey Association

Season commencing Oct 2016

Registration night and Annual General Meeting

7th September 2016 from 7:00 – 8:30

$50 registration fee per team

Mundaring Pavilion, Mundaring Weir Rd

Delegate from each team must attend AGM

Seniors:

Men, Women A & B Grades, mixed under 19s

Juniors:

Mixed under 7s, 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s, and under 17s

Check out our website www.hnha.com.au

Or call Jane on 0402 744 690 for further information
BOOK FAIR IS COMING

WHERE: Darlington Primary School Library
WHEN: Monday 29\textsuperscript{th} August
      Tuesday 30\textsuperscript{th} August

Book Fair is open in the school library before school from
8.35am until
3.30 pm after school

Book Fair brings the books to you. Purchase quality items -
great reading and gift ideas. Purchase a book to donate to
the school library. The school receives a commission on all
sales.

Book Fair will be open before, during and after school, so
you are welcome to come along and browse items for sale.
Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card and
EFTPOS.

Included with the newsletter is a Book Fair
brochure - with a small sample of items for sale.

Plus a children’s colouring competition with prizes from the
Book Fair

Thank you for your support
HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN YOUR P & C

It's a great year to come on board!

Thanks for your fantastic support of the P & C. Committee roles are not about doing everything, they take care of 5 of the 'roles', the other 21 events/fundraisers mostly already have fantastic people running them - even the grounds project is being run by another capable bunch.

The roles of President, Vice President, Events Coordinator and Secretary will need to be filled in September.

Role overview:

Secretary: Collect/distribute mail, taking note of decisions made at two meetings per term.

President: Engage with school & parents, suit a good communicator who can summarise situations and access available resources.

Events Coordinator: Oversee scheduled events & provide support to event coordinators where needed.

Vice President: Agree with President on set tasks to support that role directly.

Officially we require people to take the committee roles to operate, so your time is very much appreciated & is put to good use.

The commitment is generally for a year. If you would like a chat about any of the roles please call Kym 0402 774 088.
Darlington Primary’s Parents & Citizens Association

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
OPEN FRIDAY MORNINGS 8.30 - 9.00am +
OPEN FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 3-30pm

ORDERS CAN BE DONE ON FLEXISCHOOLS

Honey for Sale

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

P & C Fundraiser

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 week, so start thinking about your costume now.

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

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

P & C Fathers & Others Day Stall

Just a reminder that the Father’s Day stall is on Thursday the 1st September. There will also be a stall for our Kindy 1 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.