Dear Families,

What a wonderful array of literary characters we had at our school last Friday to celebrate the culmination of Book Week! Thank you to all our parents for your creative talents, in preparing our students as these characters, and to staff for dressing up and being part of the fun. Thanks also to Jane Bigelow and our P & C for their support and donations of prizes.

Today is the final day of our Book Fair. Our Library Officer, Karen Diaz, has done a great job coordinating this annual fundraiser for our library. Many of the students’ wish-lists appear to have been fulfilled. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported this event with generous purchases.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Scientists who were victorious in the recent HEC Science Quest. This success has now seen Darlington Primary School invited to participate in Challenge Day at Scitech in Term 4. More information regarding our team for this challenge will be provided in coming weeks. Thank you to Mr Smith for coordinating our Science Challenge Team.

The NAPLAN results for individual Year 3 and Year 5 students, who sat the tests in May, will be sent home at the end of the week. The results show trends of levels of achievement over time and, together with other school assessment data, assist with future school planning. Please consider your child’s results and feel free to contact their teacher or admin if you have any queries. Staff will be discussing the results and continuing to support our students in striving to reach their potential.

All students have been busy preparing for our upcoming faction carnival. Next week we look forward to seeing lots of great sportsmanship and personal best efforts, with our jumps, throws and long distance events occurring on Tuesday and Wednesday on our school oval, and our sprints and team games occurring on Thursday at Darlington Oval. Thank you to all parents who have offered to help out and to Ms Adam for her coordination.

As part of the WA Education Awards, parents and students are asked to tell us who makes a difference in their schools and vote for their favourite teacher, principal or support staff member. Register your vote at: https://competitions.thewest.com.au/ by 23rd September.

Mrs Barley has commenced four weeks long service leave and we welcome Mrs McNeil and Mrs Horne to Room 12 for the remainder of the term. This will be the final week of relief at Darlington for Mrs McNeil as she and her husband have begun a new venture in the Darlington Community. We thank them both for their contribution to our school this year. Mr McNeil will continue to coordinate the Coding Club every Thursday.

As you are aware we have now been advised of three confirmed cases of Whooping Cough (Pertussis). If you have any signs or concerns it is important that you contact your doctor. Please remember children who are diagnosed with Whooping Cough are restricted from attending school and if your child is diagnosed, it is compulsory for you to advise the school. Thank you for your ongoing support, and care and consideration of each other. If you have any queries please contact the Health Department.
In closing I would like to wish all our dads, grandads, pops and grandpas a wonderful day on Sunday. Happy Father’s Day! I know there has been many activities planned to help our Dads celebrate their special day this week.

Have a wonderful fortnight everyone.

Maree James
Principal

Dad

Dad is a person
Who's loving and kind
Often he knows
What you have on your mind

He's someone who listens
Suggests and defends
Dad can be one
Of your very best friends

He's proud of your triumphs,
But when things go wrong
Dad can be patient
And helpful and strong

And each year that passes
You're definitely glad
More grateful and proud
Just to call him your dad

Author unknown

FATHERS DAY THIS SUNDAY
4TH SEPTEMBER

FACTION CARNIVAL NEWS

FOOD OPTIONS FOR CARNIVAL

There will NOT be a canteen menu for lunches at our Faction Carnival on Thursday the 8th of September.

There will be a basic selection of items for purchase from the kiosk which will include:

◇ Juices
◇ Water
◇ Icy Poles
◇ Canteen cake
◇ Fruit straps
◇ Popcorn

KIOSK will be open from 10am to 1pm.

The Pines Café will also be open for parents (located across the road) Students will not be permitted to access the café.

YOU WILL NEED TO PACK YOUR LUNCH FOR THE CARNIVAL AS THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN LUNCHES

FACTION EVENT AND TIME UPDATES

TUESDAY
9 - 10.30am    Triple Jump Years 5 & 6
1.15 - 3.00pm  Long Distance Years 1 to 6 (Pines Oval)

WEDNESDAY - LONG JUMPS AND THROWS
9 - 10.45am    Years 1 & 2
11.10 - 1.10pm Years 4, 5 and 6 (Helpers Needed)
1.45 - 2.40 pm Year 3 (Helpers Needed)

Thank you to all our parents who have offered time to assist. We would be grateful for a few more helpers on Wednesday from 11.10am onwards. Please leave your name at the office if you are able to assist.

Thanks
Paula Adam,
Physical Education
Year 3 - 6 students are invited to participate in the Language Perfect Competition against 134 schools in WA to find out who is the Champion School and Student in the State for Languages. All Years 3 - 6 students are already registered to participate.

Prizes for successful students include:
- $100, $50 and $30 iTunes vouchers. The top school overall will win a $100 Pizza Party

All students are encouraged to do as much practice as they can to improve their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The library will be open for students to practice the French activities provided for this competition at recess on Thursdays and Fridays during the period of the competition August 29th - September 5th.

Another cultural activity that students are able to access in Western Australia is the dancing ball with a French choreographer as well as artistic workshops. See flyer attached.

Madame Teti
Teacher of Languages (French)

The 2016 Andy Griffiths Kids’ Writing Competition

Closes October 3rd 2016.

Dymocks and Pan Macmillan are inviting Australian kids to get creative and enter a story writing competition that is judged by Andy Griffiths! To celebrate the release of The 78-Storey Treehouse, we’re calling all Andy fans to knock our socks off with their imaginative short stories. The theme is “Living in a Treehouse”


The competition is open to all Australian primary school students. Word limit – 400 words.

The one major prize winner will receive an exclusive illustration by Terry Denton. The top 10 entries (including the winner) will each WIN an Andy Griffiths book pack containing 16 books each supplied by Pan Macmillan valued at $238.84 each.

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.

Class Times:
3.10pm - 4.00pm for students Kindy to Year 3.
4.00pm - 4.45pm for students Year 4 to Year 6.

Older students are welcome to attend the class that starts at 3.10pm.

Where: The Undercover Area
Cost: Casual classes are $6.50 $25 for block)

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
A FEW SCIENCE DAY PICTURES
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.

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Why join - Your valuable time is put to good use directly improving your child's school, supporting staff & giving you satisfaction when you see the results. You will become more connected to school staff, parents and students.

What is it – A President, Treasurer, Vice President, Secretary have set roles & 21 other members volunteer to co-ordinate the canteen, uniform shop, school banking, book club, sundowner, book week parade, grounds project, disco, dibbler etc.…

What does it do – Enrich the school with resources & events through cooperation with parents, teacher and students.

What has it done? – Loop Shelter, netball court line marking, Amphitheatre revamp, ELC grounds project, Naidoc Workshops, Spare Parts Puppetry Performance, new canteen oven, class mats, water play, cushions, blinds, 6 ipads etc.…

If you want more info to think about ask Kym 0402 774 088.
WELCOME TO OUR NEW CANTEEN MANAGER

Hi, my name is Ros Tooth and I am the new canteen supervisor, taking over from Tracy who will be enjoying her sea change by now!

My three boys all attended Darlington Primary School over a seven year period and loved every minute of it. We moved here from Jakarta and knew nothing about the hills and the fantastic environment it would give us for the boys to grow up in. We are so lucky to have found a house near to school where the boys still play in the creek, build bases and generally get up to mischief in a safe environment.

I volunteered in canteen during that time so got to know the ropes over the years but Tracy has had me in training for the last few weeks to try and ensure a smooth transition for your children.

Helping in canteen is a great way to meet new families, I speak from personal experience here, and the children LOVE seeing their parents or guardians in canteen so if you would like to help out or have a chat about what we offer in canteen please do not hesitate to call me on 9299 6888, 0425 807166 or email at ros.tooth@education.wa.edu.au.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

Hot on the tail of the amazing Book Fair - please look out for Scholastic Bookclub Issue 6. **The brochure is coming home today.**

Many thanks to Melinda Peters who has done a fantastic job as Bookclub Coordinator over the past year. I’m taking over the Bookclub reins – please note changes to contacts on the front page under OTHER SERVICES. If you ever require your order as a gift, please don’t hesitate to contact me so the books can be withheld and arrangements made for pickup.

Please have orders completed either: electronically via scholastic.com.au/LOOP or manually with order and cash to the School Office no later than **MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER.**

Many thanks for supporting your P & C and School

Alison Scott

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**P&C FATHERS & OTHERS DAY STALL**

Just a reminder that the Father’s Day stall is on this Thursday the 1st September. There was a stall for our Kindy 1 group on today.

**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 on Thursday.

Children will be invited to come up with their class during school hours to purchase gifts.

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**HONEY FOR SALE**

Pure Western Australian Honey - Karri

$10 tub

Available from the office

P &C FUNDRAISER

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Wanted - Person to put School Calendar together for 2017.

Guidance will be provided where required.

Please contact Janine Prince 0419 851 427
P & C - AGM
( Annual General Meeting )
TUESDAY 13th September
7pm - All Welcome!

CBA School Banking Updates

School Banking is held every week on Thursday morning before school in the Library. It is easy to get started, so come and see either Janine or myself!

Most of the children below are regular bankers but some we haven't see for awhile. If your names appears below, please come in and claim your reward.

9 tokens - almost due for a reward
- Emily Rose
- Lachlan De Jong
- Fraser Chorley
- Dominic Underwood
- Jonathan Rose

10 or more tokens
- Anakah De Jong
- Lilly Subramaniam
- Jana Watkins
- Kyron Rowlett
- Zahn Rowlett
- Cody Vanderleer
- Bailey Vanderleer
- Mandy Prince
- Jake Brinfield
- Aika Ryan
- Lucille Lipscombe
- Alex McDonald

Over the past few months we have had four occasions of taking cash for banking but have missed receiving the deposit slips. This money has gone in to the Commonwealth Bank Suspense account.

It would be appreciated if everyone could check your statements and deposit books for the dates below and please come and see us if the missing deposit/s are yours.

18/2/16 $10
25/2/16 $2
23/6/16 $5
4/8/16 $2.40.

Jodie Snow
School Banking Coordinator.

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.

P & C SUPPORT
POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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.

Positions Available

Darlington Primary’s
Parents & Citizens Association

next meeting

Your RC

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