Dear Families

Welcome to Term 4 and a special welcome to our new students and families. I hope everyone had a wonderful relaxing break with family and friends and we are all fit and healthy, and ready for another exciting term to end what has been a very successful year at Darlington Primary.

At our School Development Day yesterday staff spent time reviewing the 2016 Targets of our Strategic Plan, sharing ideas for continued improvement in Numeracy and Literacy and reviewing the Department’s Focus 2017 for inclusion in our 2017 plans. We also discussed our core values and expectations, and how these are to be promoted across the school. Our support staff reviewed their roles in assisting students in individual and small group intervention programs and social skills development.

Term 4 is shaping up to be a very busy term. Edu Dance began today and will continue on Mondays and Tuesday until the end of term for all PP-Yr 6 students. Thank you for finalising your payments. I know students have been looking forward to the return of this program. Our School Photo “make up” day is this Thursday. We are very grateful to Midland Photographers for providing this opportunity, in light of the considerable number of absences on our original photo day. Next Monday our Year 6 Scientists who were victorious in the HEC Science Quest will participate in Challenge Day at Scitech. We wish them good luck! Also next week we have the HEC Arts Festival. This year the festival will take place at Helena Valley Primary from 19th to 21st October: 9am - 3pm. Please see details elsewhere in the newsletter. Congratulations to all students whose “works of art” have been selected for this display. Training for our students involved mid-year staff members during these times. Mrs Homes will be taking leave for the remainder of the year. In her place, we welcome Ms Sarah Duffus, who will be teaching Science with our PP-Yr 2 students on Monday, and Tuesday; Mrs Parkin will be teaching in Room 6 on Wednesdays and Ms Adam will be teaching in Room 7 on Thursdays.

This term we have some staff accessing Long Service Leave. We are very fortunate to have excellent relief staff to continue the teaching and learning programs of our regular staff members during these times. Mrs Homes will be taking leave for the remainder of the year. In her place, we welcome Ms Sarah Duffus, who will be teaching Science with our PP-Yr 2 students on Monday, and Tuesday; Mrs Parkin will be teaching in Room 6 on Wednesdays and Ms Adam will be teaching in Room 7 on Thursdays. Mrs Barrow and Mrs Swingler will also be taking leave and Mrs Cassin will be working in PP 1 and PP2 during this time. Mrs Horne will be working in Room 10, whilst Mrs Ferrari accesses her leave. All staff have met with relief staff to ensure effective hand-over during their absence.

Welcome to our newly elected P & C Committee Office Bearers:

- President: Rowena McKinnon
- Vice President: Pauline de Haan
- Secretary: Mel Turner
- Treasurer: Sarah Armitage
- Executive committee: Alison Scott, Anna McDonald and Steph Scott

Many thanks to our outgoing P & C Committee. We are very fortunate to have such supportive and dedicated parents assisting with the projects of our school. Please see details elsewhere in the newsletter regarding a Busy Bee on Sunday 13th November for our Grounds Project. Our first P & C Meeting for Term 4 is next Tuesday 17th October. We look forward to your ongoing support.

Have a wonderful fortnight everyone.

Maree James, Principal
Dear Parent/Carers

We have had an amazing Zumba Kids® program last term. Thank you for so much for letting your child/children attend the program.

The last class for Zumba Kids® is Thursday 13th of October. On that Thursday we are having a party day. The students will be teaching you some of the dances they have learnt.

Each family is asked to please bring a plate of food to share – thank you. Please DO NOT bring any food with nuts - due to allergies.

The Party will start at 3.10pm and finish at 4.00pm.

If you have any queries, please see me.

Thank you
Tracey Buckley
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Many thanks for so generously supporting Bookclub Issue 6. Rewards from that order will enable Mrs Diaz to select $166 worth of books for our Library.

Please look out for Scholastic Bookclub Issue 7. The brochures will be coming home later this week.

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. Either phone or text 0439910830, or email darlingtonpsbookclub@gmail.com

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 24th OCTOBER.

Many thanks for supporting your P & C and School Alison Scott

Nature Trail Spring Busy Bee

10am - 3pm, Sun 13 Nov

Come and join the school community in continuing support to the middle and senior school students’ initiative to develop a nature trail next to the amphitheatre. There’ll be a sausage sizzle in the middle of the day. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to rozlip-scombe@bigpond.com

See the attached flyer for more details and stay tuned for updates in the next newsletter.

HONEY FOR SALE

Pure Western Australian Honey
- Banksia & Hakea mix

$10 tub
Available from the office

P & C FUNDRAISER

Making Dreams into Reality

Darlington Primary School Grounds Project
Sunday 13 November
10am - 3pm

Would you like to be part of the team making the school grounds even more fun, educational and beautiful for our kids?

Please join us at the Busy Bee

All families are warmly welcome – you can come for a couple of hours or more if you can spare the time and there will be a sausage sizzle for lunch. We are working on:

Nature Trail
The aim of the project is to create access for our kids to the wonderful natural environment that exists, next to the amphitheatre. We are creating an awesome interactive outdoor classroom. This project is being led by students and teachers from our middle and upper classes with support from the P & C. We will be progressing the project by continuing to weed and clear as much of the site as possible and creating other resources, to make this space great for our children.

Please let us know if you can join in the fun of the Busy Bee. This will help us plan the day’s work and organize the catering.

RSVP to rozlip-scombe@bigpond.com before Friday 4 November.

We’ll have more information about the busy bee in the next newsletter.

Things to bring along:
- Old clothes, covered footwear, plenty of water, mug / cup, sunscreen / insect repellent, gloves and maybe knee pads, trowel or fork, hoe, saw, digging implements.....
- Put your name on all your gear and see you there!