Dear Families

Our school has certainly been a hive of sporting activity over the past few weeks, not only during the school day but also after hours.

Our Interschool Athletics team has been very busy training for next week’s events, with our Jumps and Throws scheduled for Wednesday, 2nd November and our track and Team Events on Friday, 4th November. Best of luck to all students selected. Thanks again to Ms Adam for her coordination of our PE program, Mr Scott for his assistance and all parents for your ongoing support.

We also have many community sporting teams: basketball, hockey and cricket, accessing the school facilities and participating in training after hours. This is a great reflection of the wonderful community we are fortunate to be a part of.

Our students have also been very busy involved in various gardening activities as part of our Grounds Project. The students will be harvesting the produce from the vegie gardens in coming days and a giant “cook off” is planned. Please see information elsewhere in this newsletter outlining the many activities of our Ground Project. If you are available on Sunday 13th November to support our Spring Busy Bee, we would love to see you there.


Next weekend: 5th & 6th November, the annual Darlington Arts Festival takes place. Mr Melrose will be coordinating our band, which will be performing on Sunday at 9.30am. This festival is always a great success and an excellent opportunity to celebrate “a sense of community”. I look forward to seeing you there!

This Thursday 27th October, our Girls T-20 Cricket Team will be competing in the Regional Finals against all other metropolitan regional teams. Good luck to all girls. Friday, 28th October, we will be celebrating World Teachers’ Day. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of all our staff: both teaching and support staff, and the important contribution they make to our community. Thank you to all staff – I greatly appreciate all that you do for our students and families.

Have a great fortnight.

Maree James,
Principal

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: 29th December 9.15am President: Rowena MacKinnon

SCHOOL BANKING Thursdays Library 8.15 - 8.45
Janine Prince & Jodie Snow - jsxtwo@bigpond.com

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB CO-ORDINATOR
Alison Scott - darlingtonpsbookclub@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP - Fri 8.30-9.00am + First Wed/Month
Jasmine - dpsuniform@gmail.com 3.00-3.30pm

CANTEEN DAYS - Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays
Ros Tooth ph – 0425 807 166 / School 9299 6888

LIBRARY DAYS - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays
Library Officer; Mrs Karen Diaz

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN ONSITE - Thursdays and Fridays
Chaplain; Tracey Buckley

SCHOOL DENTAL VAN - ph 0407 594 254
On site at Helena Valley Primary School
School Council Nominations
We have two positions available on our School Council and call for nominations from parents wishing to stand for election for these positions: 2 x General Parent Representatives. I would like to thank Lisa Jackson and Nicole Slattery for their contributions to our School Council. I would also like to thank Lorraine Swingler for her role as a Staff Representative and welcome Mrs Melissa Ryan-Gadsden to this role.

All parents who currently have children enrolled at Darlington Primary School are eligible to nominate. The Council’s role is that of governance of the school. This means taking part in the shaping and monitoring of the school’s objectives, priorities and general policy directions. School Councils reinforce the importance of the partnership between schools, parents and the wider community. The School Council meets once per term, usually on Monday night. If you require further information, please contact our Council Chair, Belinda Foster.

Please see nomination form attached to this newsletter. If nominations for these two positions exceed the number of vacancies, elections will be conducted by secret ballot. All parents (except those who are also staff members) are eligible to vote. I urge all parents to consider making themselves available for this important decision-making body.

Please return the completed nomination form to the school office by Friday 11th November.
Our next meeting is Monday 14th November @ 7pm.
Kidsafe WA is dedicated to promoting safety and preventing childhood injuries and accidents in Western Australia. Kidsafe WA works in the community to educate and inform parents and children on staying safe at home, at play and on the road. Their website has a wealth of ideas http://www.kidsafewa.com.au/

Exciting new “Mud Kitchen” for our Early Learning Centre

The ELC children’s imaginations has taken full flight with their new Mud Kitchen. They have been busy cooking up all kinds of delicious muddy treats!

Lavender, flower petals, mint and rosemary were added to the Mud Kitchen along with some water for the children to use in their creations. The children were encouraged to: feel the textures of the materials with their fingers; transfer liquids from one container to another, and to splash, slop, stir and create.

The aim of the Mud Kitchen is to provide our children with the opportunity to develop physical skills, language, imaginative play, and encourage social interaction. As well as being a fantastic opportunity to connect with nature and play with MUD!

DARLINGTON JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

MILO In2Cricket & MILO T20 Blast FREE Come & Try Day!

MILO In2Cricket (5-7 year olds): Friday 28th October 4pm-5pm @ Darlington Oval, Darlington
MILO T20 Blast (7-11 year olds): Monday 31st October 5pm-6.30pm @ Mundaring Recreation Ground

For more details contact: Leah Agnew (M) 0400 229 363 (E) leahandian@bigpond.com
OR register via the website below

Having fun in our new “Mud Kitchen”
EDU-DANCE CONCERTS!

CONCERT 1 - TUESDAY 6th Dec WEEK 9 @ 2:15pm
 ◦ PP1
 ◦ Yr 1 - Room 6
 ◦ Yr 1/2 - Room 8
 ◦ Yr 2 - Room 9
 ◦ Yr 3 - Room 11
 ◦ Yr 4 - Room 4
 ◦ Yr 5 - Room 3
 ◦ Yr 6 - Room 1

CONCERT 2 - MONDAY 12th Dec WEEK 10 @ 2:15pm
 ◦ PP2
 ◦ Yr 1 - Room 7
 ◦ Yr 2 - Room 10
 ◦ Yr 3 - Room 12
 ◦ Yr 4 - Room 5
 ◦ Yr 5/6 - Room 2
 ◦ Yr 6 - Room 1 (TBC)

Relationships Australia
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

22 Southport Street, WEST LEEDERVILLE

Parenting Courses

- Building Stronger Families x 6 - 2 Nov – 7 Dec
- Parent Child Connection x 4 - 15 Nov – 6 Dec
- Rock and Water Program - Sat 12 Nov
- Understanding Stepfamily R/ships w/end - 18 19 20 Nov
- Emotional Coaching - 22 Nov

Ring 6164 0200 to enrol

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YEAR 3 ART ON DISPLAY
Come and see our "Cute Chameleons" on display in the office
It is that time of the year again when we are able to have our annual Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon.

This is a chance for parents/carers/aunties/uncles and grandparents to come and decorate a gingerbread house with your child/children.

The houses are already made you will need to put them together and then we will have plenty of items to decorate them with. If you are interested in attending the afternoon, please fill in the form below. For the afternoon to go ahead we will need a total of 10 people.

The forms can be handed into the office or placed in the Chaplains letterbox which is located in the office.

Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon
Yes I am interested in attending the afternoon

When: Thursday 1st of December 2016
Where: Art Room
Time: 3.05pm-4.30pm

Number of Gingerbread houses: ______________________

Cost: $15.00 each

Name of Parent/Carer attending: ______________________

Contact Number: ______________________

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

Expression of Interest
For Our Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon

Continued.....
Room 4 has been working hard on the senior veggie patch this year.

They have different vegetables growing and even some fruit trees! We have already picked some broccoli, spring onions and sweet peas. We are looking forward to eating our strawberries that are growing.

Thank you for all the parents and helpers who helped us set up the garden.

We hope to continue to grow even more yummy things!
Room 12’s Soup
On the 20th of October Room 12 made a soup with vegetables that they had grown at school by themselves. In the soup there were carrots, chives, tinned tomatoes, beans, spinach leaves, some fresh herbs and some rice.

The children washed and chopped the fresh vegetables. After a good 25-30 minutes of cooking the children tried the soup. Most of them loved it.

Some of them had 3 cups of the soup; they thought it was amazing!
Looking for helpers to assist in the canteen on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Helping in canteen is a great way to meet new families and the children LOVE seeing their parents or guardians in canteen.

You can have a regular day or just help out once or twice a term. Any help would be appreciated!

Our canteen can’t run without volunteers to help. Please think about how you might be able to assist.

If you are able to help please contact our lovely Canteen Manager, Ros on:

Ph: 9299 6888 or 0425 807166
Email: ros.tooth@education.wa.edu.au.

Or complete the form below

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Second hand
Clothes, Books and Puzzles Sale

It's time for a Spring clean! Please donate all your *children's clothing, books and puzzles in good condition* and then come and pick up some bargains at our sale. No other toys please.

Donations can be left at the office from Monday 7th November and will be collected each day.

Bargains can be found at our stall in the Undercover area 2.30-4pm on Friday 11th November. Most items will be available for a gold coin donation. The stall will also be open on Sunday 13th November 10am-12pm. So why not pick up something and then join in the Busy Bee.

If anyone is keen to help sort clothes and help at the stall on Friday 11th or Sun 13th November, please contact Anna at: mcdonald.clan@bigpond.com or 0427 942 173

BUSY BEE IN THE NATURE TRAIL
SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

What Are We Working On?
At the next busy bee we are aiming to establish a path through the Nature Trail, move logs for seating to create an outdoor classroom, continue weeding the site and we also have the metal frames for two work benches for the junior veggie patch, which need to be fitted with timber tops.

So we're looking for willing helpers with handy skills and the right equipment, some muscles, and folks who don't mind a bit of weeding!

We also need:
- as many newspapers and cardboard as we can lay our hands on to line the new path. Please bring these to reception.
- timber suitable for the work bench tops.
- tray backed utes we can load up with green waste for the tip.
- Finally, we also need someone with building experience to help plan and cost some steps constructed with sleepers down the steep slope from the oval into the Nature Trail.

There's heaps to do and the whole family is welcome - but please rsvp so we can plan the catering and ensure everyone is well fed. Help us create a legacy for the whole school community.

See the flyer for more details and RSVP by 4 Nov to rozlipscombe@bigpond.com

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 next to the amphitheatre. We are creating an awesome outdoor classroom, wandering path and continuing to weed the trail, to make this space great for our children. This project is being led by students and teachers from our middle and upper classes with support from the P & C. We really need your help!

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 organise the catering.

RSVP to rozlipscombe@bigpond.com before Friday 6 November.

Things to bring along:
Old clothes, wheelbarrow, rake, covered floor cover, plenty of water, mug / cup, sunscreen / insect repellent, gloves, kneepads, trowel or fork, hoe, saw, digging implements, tray backed ute we can load with green waste.

Put your name on all your gear and see you there!