Dear Families
How quickly this term is flying by! Week 5 already: well done to our students who continue to always do their personal best and thank you to our teachers and support staff for the excellent learning experiences they are providing.

Congratulations to all competitors involved in the Interschool events last week. This was the first carnival under the auspices of the HECSA (Hills Education Community Sports Association). Once again our children are to be congratulated on their impeccable behaviour and sportsmanship. Our bus driver made special mention of the behaviour of our students on both days. They were wonderful ambassadors of our school and a great reflection of the Darlington community.

Thanks also to all our parents who were able to assist on each day, to Ms Adam for her coordination of our PE program this year, to all staff for their assistance in the preparation of the students for the carnival and to Mr Scott, Mr Moran and Chaplain Tracey for their support on Friday.

Overall results and individual successes are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our band members enjoyed performing at the Darlington Arts Festival in the coolness of last Sunday morning. Thank you to Mr Melrose for his coordination of our band students, and to our parents who helped out with set up and pack down of all the instruments, and of course our parents, staff and fellow students who showed their support in the audience. Well done to everyone.

This Friday at the PP 1 & 2 Assembly we will be making a presentation to one of our staff members, Mrs Kelly Hine. Kelly has been part of the Education Department and Darlington Primary staff for 17 years, mainly in the Early Childhood area. She has recently decided to resign from the Department and pursue her personal business interests. We thank her for her contribution to the education of our children and wish her all the best in her new business endeavours.

To celebrate Seniors Week and the contributions that our grandparents and senior citizens make to our community and our lives, on Friday 18th November, we will be having a Grandparents Assembly and morning Tea. Our choir will be performing at the assembly and afterwards, we invite families to gather together for a family picnic and morning tea on the oval/under the shady trees. We hope our grandparents are able to come along and be part of this special day.

Due to the business of Term 4, it has been agreed that the Disco scheduled for Week 8 will be postponed to Term 1 in 2017. Our students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their dancing talents at the Edu Dance Concerts scheduled for Tuesday of Week 9 and Monday of Week 10. They are thoroughly enjoying their Edu Dance classes with Tina and Shenae and are getting very excited about showing you what they have learnt at the concerts that culminate this program. Information about costume requirements will be sent home this week. Dates and times of each concert are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.
In planning for 2017 class structures, it is necessary that we maximise the use of our resources. As has been the case this year, there will be some composite classes again in 2017. Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter regarding composite classes. In regard to class groupings, please be assured that a great deal of time and consideration is given to friendships groups and historical relationships of students. Whilst parents/caregivers may make particular requests, it is not always possible for these requests to be actioned. Thank you for your understanding.

We are committed to empowering our students to manage and prevent any issues related to online safety. Whilst the school has policies on the appropriate use of ICT during school hours, I encourage all parents to be vigilant in discussions with your children about the appropriate use of computers, mobile phones and other mobile devices out of school hours. I have recently become aware of some incidents occurring out of school hours relating to inappropriate postings and use of images. As you are aware such instances can have significant effects on students. The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner protects children and deals with complaints about prohibited online content.

Please visit these websites – they are excellent resources:

- [https://esafety.gov.au/](https://esafety.gov.au/)
- [https://vimeo.com/136068755](https://vimeo.com/136068755)

This weekend we have our Spring Busy Bee scheduled for Sunday 13th November. The focus of this Busy Bee is our Nature Trail next to the amphitheatre. This project is a long term one, but needs lots of parent support. This is the last busy bee of the year, so please come and lend a hand if you can. We would love to see you there if you have a couple of hours to spare. Many thanks

Have a great fortnight
Maree James, Principal

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**EDU-DANCE CONCERTS**

CONCERT 1 - WEEK 9 TUESDAY 6th Dec @ 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 - WEEK 10 MONDAY 12th Dec @ 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
COMPOSITE CLASSES: Frequently Asked Questions FAQs

How do you cater for all students in a composite class?

Teachers in composite, as well as those in straight classes, are very conscious of learning as a life-long, continuous process. They develop a knowledge and understanding of each student’s development and have a thorough understanding of the Australian Curriculum. Programs are planned with individual outcomes in mind. Activities are open ended, allowing for different outcomes, depending on the stage of development of each student.

For example, a study of frogs in a Year 2/3 class may result in the same members of the group being able to draw an accurate representation of a frog; others would be expected to draw and label the frog; some would be required to add a description of the frog, its habitat and so forth, while other students may be expected to write a short report about a particular type of frog.

Teachers accept that students work at their appropriate level of development and plan programs that will extend and support the learning of all in the group.

Do younger students get lost or are the older ones held back?

The simple answer is no. Students are extended at their own individual rates, regardless of whether they are in a straight or composite class.

Through teachers’ effective programming, students will be provided with learning opportunities appropriate to their stages of development, no matter what kind of class they are in.

My child is bright and I believe he/she will be better extended by being with older students.

The concept of extending students depends on the provision of effective learning opportunities appropriate to the developmental stage of each child in the class.

Whether a child is part of the younger or the older group of a split class, their individual educational needs will be catered for by the class teacher.

What does the research show about the academic levels of students in composite classes?

Research has shown that students in composite (multi-age) classrooms are at least as successful academically as their typical school peers.

What else does the research say about the benefits of composite classes?

Students are more confident, can operate better as part of a group, develop a greater respect for individual differences, become more independent learners and better problem-solvers. They also make friends outside of their standard age-groups.

Composite classes build self-esteem and personal competence and provide opportunities to build social skills in a context more reflective of the social interactions within families and the community.

Students experience a wider range of roles including leadership and responsibility within a composite learning environment.
SAFETY AT SCHOOLS

Please take extra care and drive slowly around the school when dropping off and picking up your children. Especially in the Early Learning Centre car park as there are many small children around.

REMEMBER YOUR HAT
Make sure you have a broad, brimmed school hat in your bag (NO CAPS) with your name clearly marked in the inside.

French News

Year 5 students in Room 3 have been learning about buildings around Paris in French this semester. They have also learned about food at a coffee shop. To make this learning more fun, they built their own dioramas to represent a Parisian landmark and told the class some facts about it.

They then had to research directions in French from the airport to that place. To use their knowledge of food in a coffee shop, they created some short plays in French.

Madame Teti.

P.S. Watch out for the next newsletter to see some students from rooms 4 and 5 with their diorama shops and directions with a robotic bee.

Initiative, Trust, Tolerance
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

The Nature Trail is hidden away next to the amphitheatre and will provide students with the opportunity to learn about our beautiful local natural environment, flora and fauna on site at the school. This project is a long term one, being led by the middle and senior schools but needs lots of parent support to help realise this vision. This is the last busy bee of the year, so please come and lend a hand for an hour or two, or more if you can spare the time. It’s also a great way to meet other members of the school community.

Please RSVP to rozlipscombe@bigpond.com so we can make sure there is plenty of Tucker!

What Will We Be Working On?
We will be establishing a path through the Nature Trail, moving logs for seating to create an outdoor classroom, continuing 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:
• newspapers and cardboard 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, and willing drivers.

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 about what to bring and RSVP by 8th Nov to rozlipscombe@bigpond.com
**Scholastic Bookclub**

Many thanks for so generously supporting Bookclub Issue 7. Rewards earned from that order totalled $194.

Please look out for the final Scholastic Bookclub for 2016 - Issue 8. The brochures will be coming home early next 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.

Those ordering via The Loop online can also choose the ‘Gift’ option. 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 WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER.

Many thanks for supporting your P & C and School

Alison Scott

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**HONEY FOR SALE**

"TEMPORARILY OUT OF STOCK"

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**next meeting**

**P & C - Meeting**

**TUESDAY 29th November**

9.15am - All Welcome!

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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 the 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.

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