Dear Families

The past fortnight has been another reminder of how fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful community. Our recent Spring Busy Bee in the Nature Trail area saw a lot of weeding and some more mulching done, plus the construction of a pathway linking the area to our new outdoor classroom with log seats. It is looking fantastic! Thank you to all families and staff who were able to lend a hand, even though the conditions were a bit warmish!! We are hopeful that our families will be able to assist with some hand watering over the summer holidays to keep all our young plants alive. This area is a long term community project and we look forward to your continued support.

It was also great to see so many of our families gathered together for morning tea under the shade in our lovely grounds after the Grandparents Assembly last Friday. Thank you to families who extended welcomes to additional family members and staff who became surrogate grandparents to students whose families were unable to attend. Some of our grandparents have volunteered to form a Seniors Choir and/or Dance Troupe to perform at next year’s Grandparents’ Assembly. I’m sure that will be a lot of fun!!

We welcome three new members to our School Council. Craig Manton and Roz Lipscombe were nominated as General Parent Representatives and Melissa Ryan-Gadsden has been nominated to the position of Staff Representatives. At our final School Council meeting for 2016, last week, Council endorsed the Contributions, Charges and the Personal List Items (Booklists) for 2017. I encourage you to read the Contributions, Charges and Personal Items Information Brochure attached to this newsletter as it provides an outline of all charges and voluntary contributions for 2017.

Thank you to all families who have paid their contributions for 2016. Final statements have been recently sent out. The following figures are the percentages paid (to date) for the 2016 school year.

- Primary Students ~70%
- Pre Primary Students ~52%
- Kindergarten Students ~75%

If you have any queries relating to any payments please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Our Personal Items Resource Lists (Booklists) for 2017 went home today. Once again we are using Campion. It is also possible to order on line at www.campion.com.au using YKSU as your code or by post. Orders must be received by Friday 16th December. Please note that Student Workbooks, in the areas of Reading and Handwriting, are included on Booklists this year. The inclusion of these materials has been endorsed by School Council in support of our whole school approach to address data trends. These workbooks will be available for purchase from the front office at the commencement of the 2017 school year.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, teachers will meet this week to allocate students to classes. We hope to have the final school structure available in Week 9, but information relating to class placements will not be available until the commencement of the new school year as changes may be necessary in light of new enrolments.

Planning for 2017 (Year 6 excepted) Please notify the office if your child/ren will not be returning to Darlington Primary in 2017
Email: darlington.ps@education.wa.edu.au or Phone: 9299 6888

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED
NEXT SCHOOL P&C Meeting: 29th November 9.15am President: Rowena Mackinnon
SCHOOL BANKING Thursdays Library 8.15 - 8.45 Jamine Prince & Jodie Snow - jxtwo@bigpond.com
SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB CO-ORDINATOR Alison Scott - darlingtonopsbookclub@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

www.campion.com.au
Teachers for 2017 are still to be finalised. Whilst our fixed term teachers: Amanda Osenton, Michael Smith, Bonnie MacKay, Zane Moran, and Ash- Lee Parkin, have all made outstanding contributions to our school, their ongoing employment at Darlington Primary is determined by Department of Education policies and procedures that are beyond the school's control.

Congratulations to Clare Pustkuchen, who has won a fixed term position at the North Metropolitan Language Development Centre for 2017. We wish Clare all the best in this new role and look forward to Clare's return in 2018 and learning all she has to share from her experience. Congratulations also to Zoe Harper who has won a permanent position at Bungaree Primary School. We thank Zoe for her contributions to our staff this year and wish her all the best. Ms Gabrielle Taylor is expecting her second child in December, as such will be continuing her maternity leave in 2017.

To accommodate some class excursions, in the last two weeks of term, we have needed to make some changes to the Edu Dance Concert dates. Please check information elsewhere in the newsletter to ensure you have the correct dates. The children are very much looking forward to these concerts as I am sure you are.

I look forward to meeting our 2017 Kindergarten parents at the Information Evening tonight and welcoming these new families to our wonderful school community.

Have a great fortnight
Maree James
Principal

Expression of Interest
For Our Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon

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.

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

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Student Name: _______________________________________

Number of Gingerbread houses: _________________________

Name of Parent/Carer attending: _______________________

Contact Number: _________________________________

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Initiative, Trust, Tolerance
Library news & updates

Don’t forget to return your library books!

Library is now closed for borrowing

All library books will now need to be returned to school.

Can parents/carers please check their children’s room/books and return any found Darlington Primary School books to the library or office. Just look for the school stamp or the special school barcode.

If you received a letter regarding overdue library item/s, please return them ASAP. If your student has misplaced them, please make payment in the school office.

Thank you,
Karen Diaz

Swimming Lessons—Bilgoman Aquatic Centre

Bilgoman after school swim lessons series 2 starts 1st wk in December.

Bookings can be made now, call the swim school on 9299 7954.
BUSY BEE - A GREAT SUCCESS

About a dozen champion families gathered to work on the Nature Trail on Sunday 11 Nov. We established the outdoor classroom, pictured below, which can now be utilised by students and teachers for a wide range of classes, such as creative writing, drawing and natural science. The Busy Bee also built a pathway running the length of the site, which passes through the native planting that has been done so far. We have achieved much this year and will be offering tours of the site at the forthcoming End of Year Sundowner on Friday 9 December. If you are able to take a turn with watering our first seedlings over the summer holidays, please let me know via rozlipscombe@bigpond.com

Special thanks to the Brinfield, Luckhurst, Ritchie, Turner, Parkin, Thompson, Mackinnon, Dietsch, Buttsworth, Grey and Prince families and also Mrs James, Ms Mackay and Mrs Parkin for working so hard - huge well done everyone and sincere apologies if I've missed someone. We'll be returning to work on the Nature Trail in term 2 next year.
Scholastic Bookclub

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

HONEY FOR SALE

P & C Fundraiser
1 KG POTS
$10
(Honey should be back in the office again soon)

P & C - Meeting
TUESDAY 29th November
9.15am - All Welcome!

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