Dear Darlington Families

As this is the final newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community - students, parents and staff, for their support and contributions to what has been another wonderful year with many successful events and achievements to celebrate.

Thank you to Mr Scott and his band of Student Councillor helpers and adults for their great work at the Pink Stumps Car Wash on Saturday. Nearly 40 cars were washed in three hours – a fantastic effort and a wonderful fund raiser for a very worthy cause.

Congratulations to all students who were selected for the Academic Extension, and other specialist programs, such as GATE Art and Performing Arts at Kalamunda Senior High school this year. Special commendation to all students who received individual awards at the presentation ceremony last week.

What a wonderful achievement!

Thank you once again to Mark and Ronnie McNeil for their coordination of the Coding Club which has been taking place every Thursday in our library. Mark and Ronnie were relief teachers at our school this year and kindly offered to run this program each week. To culminate this program, the students involved will be doing a short presentation this week to demonstrate all that they have learnt. Parents are invited to some along and see their talents.

Initiative, Trust, Tolerance
Today we were entertained by some very talented dancers who performed the dance moves they had learnt as part of our Edu-Dance Program this term. Next Monday the other classes will be performing their concert for us – please come along and be entertained by the talents of your children. Thank you to Tina and Chelsea for their wonderful teaching of all these great hip hop moves. The children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in this program.

This Friday, we will celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 students. This is an opportunity to acknowledge them, and recognise some individual achievements. Sincere thanks to Mr Scott, Mrs Osenton and Mr Smith for their planning and co-ordination of proceedings. Congratulations, in advance, to the award winners. I have no doubt our graduands have created many memories to reflect on and am sure you join with me and the staff in wishing them all good luck, as they move on to the next chapter of the schooling. Students from Rooms 1 – 5 will be attending this special occasion.

This Friday night our community will come together to celebrate the year that has been with our Christmas Sundowner on the oval. Proceedings will commence at approximately 5.45pm. Thank you to all families who are able to attend this event – I look forward to seeing you there.

Next Thursday, 15th December, we will host our Farewell Assembly, commencing at 9.00am. We will formally farewell all students (and families) from Kindergarten to Year 5 who are leaving the school. To ensure that all departing students and families are acknowledged, please notify the office by phone, email or in writing, if your child/ren will not be returning to Darlington in 2017. We will also be presenting our final School Spirit Award, kindly donated by Earnshaws, recognising students who demonstrate the values we aspire to at Darlington Primary. The overall winner will be announced at this assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our annual Water Fun Day will take place on this day also. This is the final whole school event for the year, rewarding students’ Good Standing throughout the year. Thank you to Mrs Hill and Ms Adam for coordinating the activities planned for this day. Information regarding arrangements and what students are to wear went home today.

### WATER FUN DAY

**Splash!**

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We are pleased to advise that our application for funding of the School Chaplaincy program was successful. This will mean that we are able to retain the invaluable services of our wonderful School Chaplain, Tracey Buckley beyond the end of this year and into 2018. Throughout her tenure at Darlington, since 2012, Tracey has given outstanding pastoral care service to the staff, students and parents of our school community. School Council has endorsed our proposal to increase Tracey’s hours to a 5 day fortnight, working every Thursday and Friday and alternate Mondays. We are thrilled with this news.

A reminder about 2017 STUDENT REQUIREMENTS: parents wishing to purchase under this agreement with Campion, please check the Campion website for information about close off dates and delivery charges www.campion.com.au

Semester 2 reports will be distributed next Monday 12th December. If you have any queries regarding your child/ren’s Semester 2 reports, please contact their class teacher.

My best wishes to all members of our community for a safe and happy holiday and a prosperous and healthy New Year. I look forward to continuing to develop the positive culture, pride and high expectations of behaviour, and achievements of our students in 2017 and working with such a wonderful supportive staff and community.

Maree James, Principal
2017 BOOKLISTS can be found on our School Website at the bottom of the “Home page” - www.darlingtonps.wa.edu.au

Correspondence

2017 Booklists

- Kindergarten Booklist
- Pre Primary Booklist
- Year 1 Booklist
- Year 2 Booklist
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EDU-DANCE CONCERT!

CONCERT 2 - WEEK 10 MONDAY 12th Dec @ 2:15pm
(HELD IN UNDER COVER AREA)

- PP2
- Yr 1 - Room 7
- Yr 2 - Room 10
- Yr 3 - Room 12
- Yr 4 - Room 5
- Yr 5 - Room 3 (NOTE DAY CHANGE)

Important note from the Dental Van

We close our doors over the Christmas period starting 2pm Friday 16th December 2016, reopening on Wednesday 25th January 2017. Emergencies on 19th or 20th of December 2016 you can contact the Middle Swan Dental Therapy Centre on 92507342 between 8-4pm.

If you experience a dental emergency after the 20th during the Christmas period please contact 93253452 for information on dental emergencies. Alternatively visit your local private family dentist.

Our contact details are as always 0407 594 254 (not text/SMS enabled). Email: DarlingtonMobile@dental.health.wa.gov.au

Just to let all the Year 6 students know they remain eligible for free dental care in the School Dental Service along with all other high school students up until the end of year 11. If you have sought private dental care and wish to withdraw consent (so no further appointments are sent to you unless requested), please contact us at the details above.

Please ensure that if your contact details change that you inform us as we rely heavily on being able to contact you. We do not have access to the schools information so parents need to inform us if addresses or numbers change.

The Dental Van will remain at Parkerville Primary School until approximately the end of term 1 in 2017. Following our term 1 stay at Parkerville Primary we will move onto Darlington Primary School (then Glen Forrest Primary, Clayton View Primary, Helena Valley Primary).

Thank you and Merry Christmas

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES 2017

2017 Student Contributions and Charges can be paid in the office or will are available for payment on flexischools.com.au (Payments via Flexi-schools will incur a 1.82% fee)

SWIMMING LESSONS 2017 (6th—17th February)

We have swimming lessons early Term 1 for Pre-Primary to Year 6 students. Permission Notes will be coming home early next year and we hope to have “swimming “on flexischools for payment over the School Holidays.
Library News
This is the last newsletter for the year with the holidays not too far away. We are still very busy trying to get back all our missing and overdue resources.

Please have a look around your home for anything with the school name stamped on it and return items to the school office or library as soon as possible, no questions asked.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Thank you
Karen Diaz,
Library Officer

Chaplains Chat
My thought for the week-

Thank you to everyone that attended the Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon last Thursday.

Hope that you enjoy the school holidays. See you next year.
Darlington PS Sundowner

Friday the 9th December 2016 On the School Oval
From 5 00 pm

Come and celebrate the end of another year with
Live Music, Ice Cream and Coffee Vans Onsite

Bring your own picnic kick back and enjoy the
Entertainment with friends & family.

Looking forward to seeing you all there

End of the Year Fun!

SCHOOL'S OUT
2017 Challenge Course & Nature Play Project

We have designed a fantastic area for the Seniors and Juniors, some will be outsourced but the more help we have the more we can achieve.

Families with building experience, carpentry, rope tying skills ...
>> could you help make one of these?

Can be done in your own time, could be a great family project - prep or install over the holidays or Term 1/2. Construction advice & designs available, materials can be supplied.

For a copy of the area plan or for more info: kbrinfield@iinet.net.au or 0419965650

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is full and overflowing. Remember to come and check to see if any items belong to you.

HONEY FOR SALE

P & C Fundraiser
1 KG POTS
$10
(Honey should be back in the office again soon)
We are having a sale!!

Inevitably, uniform cost prices have increased and prices will reflect this next year. However if you come in to the uniform shop this Friday 9/12 you will beat next years price increase and also save 5% off all styles, including already reduced stock.

For eg. Zip Jacket sale price $26.60 (2017’s price $30)

By purchasing now you also get to avoid the lengthy queues that are inevitable at the beginning of the school year and you also help us estimate our stock needs for the start of the new year.

Rest assured, if your child has a growth spurt over the holiday period we are more than happy to swap as-new unmarked items for larger sizes.

Our second-hand rack is also looking a little diminished currently so if you have any "current" uniform that you no longer need we would gratefully accept them. Please only donate laundered, good condition pieces.

*Our last uniform shop for the 2016 will be on Friday 9th December and we will open again on Tuesday 31st of January 2017 with opening hours being 12 - 2pm to coincide with the classroom lists going up.*

Looking for New Blood!

After six years in the uniform shop I am ready to hand the reigns over and I am looking for some one (or somebodies!) to take on this role next year (after a hand over period of course!)

I have thoroughly enjoyed this role for so many reasons and I can definitely say that it is time well invested. Your children love seeing you "working" at school and it's so nice to keep in touch with all the students and parents and being one of the first to welcome new families to DPS.

It's not a lot of time out of your week and it's flexible so you can fit it around your family/work commitments. If you (and maybe a friend) think that you might be interested send me an email to dpsuniform@gmail.com or come and see me at the uniform shop.

I'd like to thank my helpers in the uniform shop Natalie Gilenko, Cath Adcock and Stephanie Scott for all their help over the years and more recently Lisa Jackson for opening in the afternoons each month.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Jasmine Wittber/Stephanie Scott
Uniform Shop Coordinators