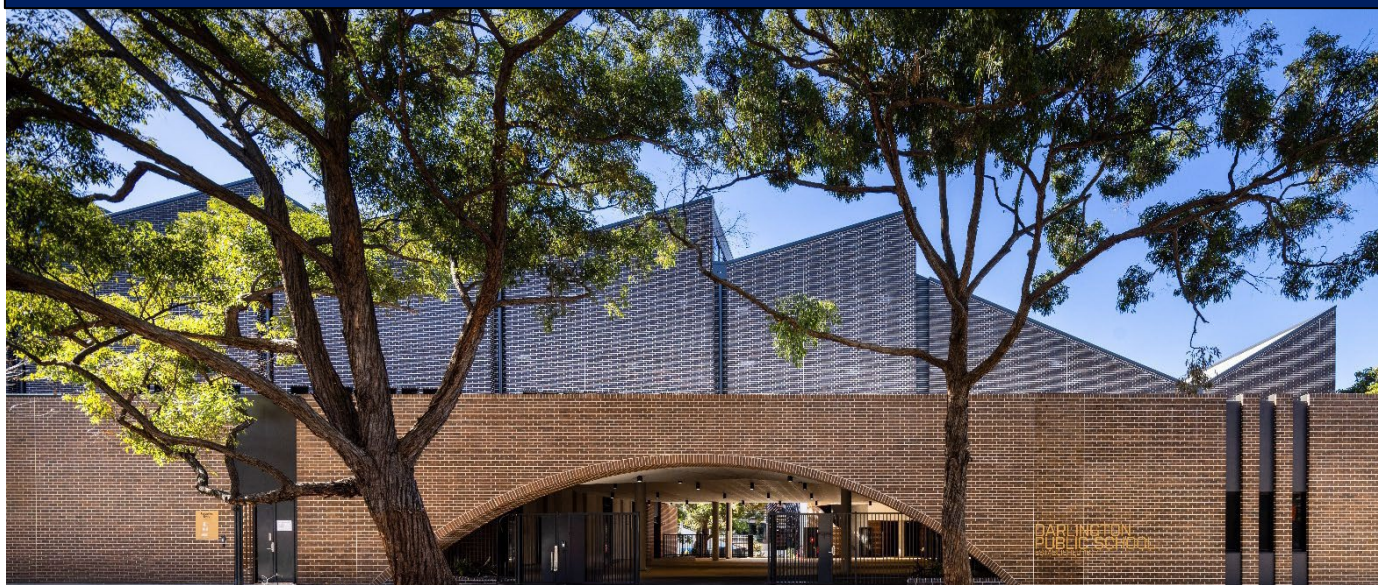


Darlington Public School

A Centre for Learning, Enjoyment and Cultural Enrichment



The Bulletin – Week 8, Term 4 2023



For your diary

Week 8, Term 4

Wednesday 29 November

Thursday 30 November

7:30 am - Wind Ensemble Darlington PS Hall
8:00 am - Combined Concert Band Darlington PS Hall
Year 6 mural painting – old clothes to be worn to school by Year 6

Friday 1 December

Assembly at 2.30pm – all welcome!!

Week 9, Term 4

Monday 4 December

Ricky Riots guitar lessons.

Tuesday 5 December

Years 3-6 at Surf Safety – Bondi Beach
Ethics and Scripture classes at 2.30pm.

Wednesday 6 December

Thursday 7 December

End of year presentation assembly commencing at 9.15am
7:30 am - Wind Ensemble Darlington PS Hall
8:00 am - Combined Concert Band Darlington PS Hall

Friday 8 December

Assembly at 2.30pm – all welcome!!

Week 10, Term 4

Monday 11 December

Ricky Riots guitar lessons.
Zoo Snooze for Year 6

Tuesday 12 December

Zoo Snooze for Year 6

Wednesday 13 December

Thursday 14 December

Year 6 dinner at Sydney Tower

Friday 15 December

Last day of school for 2023

Coming up

School resumes on Thursday 1 February 2023 for all students 😊

Kindergarten start at 10am

Years 1-6 arrive before 8.55am

From the principal

This is the second last Bulletin for 2023....how did that even happen and where has the year gone ?!?!?!? We have had a lot of memorable events this year and there are still more to come. Our school is an exciting hub of activity. I walk around and hear students excited about swimming, Rohan's IT classes, guitar, Italian lessons, and the upcoming events. I see everyone still so engaged in their regular learning and even though things get busy, it is important to maintain routine and expectations as much as possible. I am so very proud of our awesome Darlo learners.

Kindergarten Transition Our Kindergarten transition program has been fantastic, and it has been lovely getting to know our newest Darlington family members. Thank you to all of the friends and family members who have coordinated their busy lives to get their children to DPS each week. A big thank you to Leanne, Cassie, Lisa, Ros, and the Preschool staff for coordinating and running the sessions. We can't wait for 2024!

Class planning for 2024: Class planning is almost finalised for 2024, I aim to provide you with this information within the next week. It is vital that if you will not be returning to Darlington in 2024, could you please advise the front office as soon as possible as this will have an impact on class formations. The HPGE program will aim to provide optimal learning environments, where students feel supported and encouraged to achieve excellence in their learning, will ensure that all students including high potential and gifted students have the opportunity to achieve their best.

High potential and gifted education (HPGE) in 2024: All schools have high potential and gifted students and of course that is the case here at Darlington. In 2020 pre COVID, we started a HPGE program at Darlington which aimed at providing learning experiences that fostered talent development across all domains of potential – intellectual, creative, social-emotional and physical. I am pleased to say that program will be re-instated in 2024 led by Mr Rod Thompson. This program will target students who will be supported and encouraged to achieve excellence in their learning, and in turn will ensure that all students including high potential and gifted students have the opportunity to achieve their best.

2024 School Leadership Council: Our Year 5 students took part in a leadership workshop last Thursday run by Cameron from *ExploreDiscoverAct*. Students completed games, activities, and challenges, to explore the purposeful skills, attitudes, and behaviours of being a leader. Students had the opportunity to:

- CONNECT DEEPLY (vulnerability is celebrated so we can get honest),
- BUILD CHARACTER (move beyond judgement and perfection to experience real growth) and
- MAKE A DIFFERENCE (cooperative advantage becomes our individual and shared compass).

Teachers Cameron, Sherryl and Michelle Metail were full of praise for our Year 5 students who participated with great enthusiasm and represented our school so very well! Well done Year 5. Students will now be presenting their applications on Thursday 30 November. The 2024 Leadership Council will be announced at the Presentation Day Assembly on Thursday 7 December. Good luck to all Year 5 students!

Library Books: As we approach the end of the year, it is now time to return all library books. Stocktake will be happening from next week, so borrowing will not occur. Please send all library books back to school as soon as possible.

Aftercare vacation care: Please see page 5 for details of vacation care in December and then again in January.

Last Day of 2023: Friday 15 December is the last day of the school year for students and teachers this year. While you may hear that some schools are holding Staff Development Days on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December, Darlington Public School WILL NOT be holding Staff Development Days on these days. Our staff have worked several evenings over the year in lieu of these two days.

Summer officially starts tomorrow, a timely reminder that we only have 18 summers with our children, so make each one count !

Michelle McCormack
Principal

From the school

Year 5 Leadership Workshop with ExploreDiscoverAct



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From the school- Aftercare

The Aftercare holiday program is below.

They are operating 18th - 22nd Dec, and then closed for three weeks and will reopen on Monday 15th January 2024.

All the relevant information about the program and specific days is available on the Darlington Activity Centre | Activity Centres Inc website. www.activitycentres.com.au

Darlington Activity Centre Summer 2023-2024 Vacation Care Program

DEC 2023	Monday 18 th Dec	Tuesday 19 th Dec	Wednesday 20 th Dec	Thursday 21 st Dec	Friday 22 nd Dec
18 th – 22 nd Dec 2024	Make it Monday Today you can make your own cubby house, using chairs, blankets, sheets and pegs. We will use beads to make our own jewellery and you can choose to decorate a canvas bag or a cap to take home.	Music & Dance Day Today we get to use the stage in the hall for some karaoke! We will make our own musical instruments. We will see who has the moves with Just Dance on the Nintendo and wind the day up with an afternoon disco!	Water Fun Day A day of water games, water experiments and water fights! Please bring swimmers, sun shirt, hat, towel and dry clothes to change into! We will have an ice block in the afternoon 😊 Permission note to be signed.	Christmas Craft Today we will use the Cricut to cut shapes to make Christmas cards. We will learn how to paint a Christmas wreath using a fork! We will also make beautiful paper Christmas angels.	Christmas Countdown! Wear your favourite Christmas clothes or Christmas pjs today. On our last day for 2023 you will make a reindeer cookie, paint a Christmas coaster and make a Christmas bauble to take home and put on your Christmas tree! Permission note to be signed.

SERVICE CLOSED FOR THREE WEEKS

JAN 2024	Monday 15 th Jan	Tuesday 16 th Jan	Wednesday 17 th Jan	Thursday 18 th Jan	Friday 19 th Jan
15 th – 19 th Jan 2024	Puzzle Day! Today we will solve all kinds of puzzles! We will have a range of jigsaw puzzles to attempt. We will make our own jigsaws, do some brain teasers and have our own "escape room" activity!	Bike & Scooter Day Bring your bike or scooter and your helmet today! We will learn how to fit our helmets safely before we create our riding course. Please make sure your child is wearing clothes that cover their shoulders, bring a hat and a refillable water bottle too!	Dress Up Day Come dressed up today as your favourite movie character, video game character, super hero or story book character. We will play some dress up games and do some super hero themed activities.	Electronic Games Day Bring your electronic games device today. We will have electronic games themed craft activities and a scavenger hunt. Children must not have devices with internet connection while at the service.	Fantasy Friday Explore the wonderful world of fantasy as we learn more about unicorns, dragons, wizards & magic through craft, drawing and games! Get a fantasy themed glitter tattoo! Permission note to be signed.

JAN 2024	Monday 22 nd Jan	Tuesday 23 rd Jan	Wednesday 24 th Jan	Thursday 25 th Jan	Friday 26 th Jan
22 nd – 26 th Jan 2024	DAC Record Day We will get our record book out today and see who can create some new records and who can break some of our previous records! We will have an ice block in the afternoon 😊 Permission note to be signed.	Paint-a-palooza! Today we will try out lots of different ways to paint! Have you ever painted with an ice cube? Please be sure to wear old clothes today because it could get a bit messy!	Bike & Scooter Day Bring your bike or scooter and your helmet today! We will play some road safety games and create a road safety poster. Please make sure your child is wearing clothes that cover their shoulders, bring a hat and a refillable water bottle too!	Movie Day Relax and enjoy movies with some popcorn and your friends. We will have time to play outside and to participate in movie themed crafts. Permission note to be signed.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY SERVICE CLOSED

JAN 2024	Monday 29 th Jan	Tuesday 30 th Jan	Wednesday 31 st Jan	Thursday 1 st Feb	Friday 2 nd Feb
29 th – 31 st Jan 2024	Minute to Win It! Today we will have a range of one-minute challenges to participate in. How many Lego pieces can you put together in a minute? Come and have fun developing your fast thinking skills today!	Wet and Wild Bring your swimmers, sun shirt, hat towel and spare clothes today. We will enjoy lots of water games today!! Be prepared to get wet!! We will have an ice block in the afternoon 😊 Permission note to be signed.	Wellbeing Wednesday As we prepare for the new school year we will enjoy a day of yoga, meditation, making stress balls and some sensory calming toys we can use during the year.	Before & after school care	Before & after school care

From the P & C

Mango orders will arrive in the week of 11 December, parents, and our final P&C meeting will be at 6pm on 13 December.

Come along even if you never have before! We're not doing any Christmas fundraising this year, but it's a great time to come and chat with us about your ideas for 2024. Zoom details to come.

And on Friday 1 December, come to a quick BYO We Made It To The 2023 Finish Line Sunset Drinks in the Charles Kernan Reserve on Abercrombie Street.

From the community – Drama Club

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Term 1

2024

ART CLASS

ART CLASSROOM
5/6G Class



TERM 1 Enrol Now!

Scholarships will be awarded for talented artists when the term is over!

TIME	Every Monday, 3:05 PM - 4:20 PM (1hr 15m)
CLASS	5/6G CLASS, Darlington P.S.
MATERIALS	- Watercolour Paints & Brushes - A3 Size Sketchbook - Pencils / Colour Pencils
PRICE	(1hr 15m) Art CLASS : 1 Term \$250 Casual \$25

Enrol now

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