

Darlington Public School

A Centre for Learning, Enjoyment and Cultural Enrichment



The Bulletin – Week 9, Term 1 2024



For your diary

Week 9, Term 1

Wednesday 27 March	Last day to put the finishing touches on those Easter Hats 😊
Thursday 28 March	BBQ breakfast and Easter Hat Parade from 8am – all welcome!!!
Friday 29 March	Good Friday – Happy Easter to all of our students, staff, and families!

Week 10, Term 1

Monday 1 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 2 April	Three-way interviews: student/parent/teacher start today until Thursday 11 April Ethics and Scripture classes at 2.30pm.
Wednesday 3 April	
Thursday 4 April	
Friday 5 April	Assembly at 2.30pm – all welcome!!

Week 11, Term 1

Monday 8 April	Ricky Riots guitar lessons.
Tuesday 9 April	Ethics and Scripture classes at 2.30pm.
Wednesday 10 April	P&C meeting 6pm via Zoom
Thursday 11 April	
Friday 12 April	Assembly at 2.30pm – all welcome!! Last day of Term 1



Coming up

- **Easter long weekend** – we wish all of our Darlington community a safe and happy Easter long weekend.
- **Friday 12 April** – last day of Term 1
- **Tuesday 30 April** – first day of Term 2 (Monday 29 April is for staff only – no students on this day!)
- **Reconciliation Week 2024** – 27 May – 3 June The theme this year is “NOW MORE THAN EVER”.

From the principal

Welcome to Week 9! We have had a very busy few weeks!! Last week, our new table tennis table arrived - we are gearing up for the Paris Olympics. On Tuesday, Marrickville Police came to visit in the morning and spoke to each class about cyber safety and anti-bullying. On Tuesday afternoon, Georgie from Redfern Police organised a visit from a highway patrol car that all students got the opportunity to have a look inside! All of that plus more..... and a few weeks of outstanding teaching and learning.

End of Term 1 BBQ breakfast and Easter Hat Parade: Tomorrow we hope to see all students and their families for a free BBQ breakfast, cooked for you by our staff, from 8am in the COLA. This will be followed by the Easter Hat Parade for all students from Preschool to Year 6. As we have done for the past few years, all students have been asked to make their Easter Hats at home. *We would love to see you all here to celebrate the end of a wonderful term 1.*

NAPLAN: Over the past two weeks we have been facilitating NAPLAN assessments for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. These assessments serve as valuable checkpoints in our students' educational journey, providing insights into their progress and areas for growth. Results are anticipated to arrive early in Term 2, enabling teachers to adjust their teaching and learning plans effectively.

Regional Swimming: Congratulations to Finn SS and Tom C who showcased their skills and sportsmanship at the recent Regional swimming carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. Their commitment and dedication is commendable, reflecting the spirit of our school community.

Harmony Day: It was wonderful to celebrate the diverse tapestry of cultures that enrich our school community last Friday. At Darlington we are richer for the cultural diversity of students and families in our school. Harmony Day serves as a reminder of the values of being inclusive, respectful, and understanding.

Communication: As part of our commitment to fostering effective communication within our school community, and adhering to a new communication initiative from the NSW Department of Education we are implementing procedures to ensure that all inquiries and messages are addressed promptly and efficiently. Parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers and/or school via email between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays. This timeframe has been designated to align with the typical working hours of our staff and to ensure that everyone has adequate time to respond to messages. Please note that teachers are actively engaged in teaching duties and extracurricular responsibilities during the school day, from 8:20AM to 3.30 PM, with additional duties and commitments during breaks. Therefore, emails sent during these hours may not be read and/or receive an immediate response. To facilitate timely communication, we kindly request that parents allow up to 48 hours for a response to non-urgent inquiries and messages. This timeframe allows teachers the opportunity to address emails during their designated planning periods or after school. For urgent matters that require immediate attention during regular school hours, parents are asked to contact the school office directly. Our administrative staff will be available to assist with any emergencies or time-sensitive issues that may arise. We understand that some parents may have work or lifestyle commitments that prevent them from emailing in the requested communication hours. In such cases, could you please use email scheduling to send messages during the specified timeframe. By adhering to this communication process, we aim to streamline communication, minimise disruptions during instructional time, and ensure that all members of our school community feel respected and valued.

Year 7 2025: On Wednesday 6 March a letter was emailed, and sent home by hard copy, with details on how to enrol your child into Year 7 for 2025. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. **You will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition by Thursday 4th April.** Could you also ensure that the front office has your updated address and contact details.

Three-way Interviews: Three-way parent-teacher-student interviews will be occurring from Tuesday 4 April – Thursday 11 April. If you haven't already done so, please book in a time to meet with your child's class teacher [here](#).

Whole school musical: I am very pleased to announce that we will be having our whole school musical at the Seymour Centre in term 3 (stay tuned for date confirmation). We had originally planned for Willy Wonka, but we are unable to secure a production license in Australia at this time. The musical we have now decided on is.... **The Wizard of Oz!!**

With that news, it seems appropriate to end with this quote and a life message for all of our students... *"You've always had the power my dear, you just had to learn it yourself."* Glinda the Good Witch

Have a wonderful Easter long weekend, I hope it's filled with lots of laughs, love and relaxingand a bit of chocolate.

Michelle McCormack
Principal

From the school - attendance

NSW Department of Education



Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the
QR code to
learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening
friendships



Build skills
through fun

From the school – Harmony Day



From the community

SOUTH EAST **BLOCK PARTY** BIDJIGAL LAND



WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024
3 – 7PM CORAL SEA PARK MAROUBRA
BIDJIGAL LAND

featuring headline performance from Maroubra's own

KOBIE DEE

To celebrate Youth Week 2024, Weave, Randwick Council and Kobie Dee, are throwing the fourth annual **South East Block Party** on Bidjigal Land.

This is a free, all ages community event, showcasing local talent, bringing young people together and celebrating community.

Join us for an afternoon of food, music, performances, games and cultural activities.

For more information please contact Imogen at Weave | imogen@weave.org.au

THIS IS A DRUG + ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

From the community – Drama Club 2024

DRAMA SCENE School Holidays



Choose 1 or 2 days to play
Drama games and perform
on stage making sure the
audience hears and sees
all you can do, practising
feelings of all eyes on you!



KINDERGARTEN - YR 7
BE SEEN AT DRAMA SCENE

*Age-group activities,
kept with friends

*Drama games

*Improvised scene acting

*Set building craft

*Costumes

*Making new friends



CHOOSE 1 OR 2 DAYS TO PLAY

16 APRIL Tuesday
17 APRIL Wednesday



8.00am - 9.00am Before Care
9.00am - 4.00pm WORKSHOP
4.00pm - 5.30pm After Care



Taverners Hill Infants School
QUEEN STREET - PETERSHAM



CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER



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From the community – Art Class Term 2

Get ready with the Art and Music experts!

STAR HOUSE ART CLASS

at

DARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 2 2024 ART CLASS

Congratulation! **CREATIVE KIDS**
\$100 voucher
for your child's ★
arts lessons

Star House Art & Music
College has approved as a
CREATIVE KIDS PROVIDER

You can use \$100 voucher
from NSW Government



JOIN US!



ART CLASSROOM
5/6G Class



TERM 2 Enrol Now!

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

Creative & Intensive Art Class

K-Y2

Y3-6

- Preparing competitions
- Learning Basic/Intensive Art skills
with Creative drawing Portfolios

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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