Dear Parents/Guardians/Community Members,

I have been asked by the owner of MIA coaches to clarify certain aspects of the bus service provided to Darlington Point Public School. To be eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme students must be:

1. an infant student i.e. attending Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 classes, irrespective of the distance from home to school;
2. a primary student (Year 3-6), and reside more than 1.6 km from the school (see map page 4)

These conditions mean that several students who are currently using the bus service will no longer be allowed to. The bus company has allowed a period of 2 weeks to implement these changes and for parents/carers to seek alternative arrangement for transporting their children to and from school.

Parents/carers of students deemed ineligible by these conditions may apply to Transport for NSW for a review of the determination on walking distance or safety grounds.

All enquiries can be directed to Transport for NSW on 1800 049 961.

In other news, the P&C AGM will be held this Tuesday at 7pm in the 5/6 room. Please be aware that all committee positions do become vacant at the AGM although several parents have already expressed interest to fill these positions.

P&C is a great opportunity to stay abreast of what is happening within the school and its community and allows everyone a chance to voice their opinion on issues. Hope to see you there!

In sporting news, Congratulations to Jonathan, Harrison and Izabella for their efforts last week at the Riverina Swimming Carnival, we are all very proud of your achievements.

Good luck to both the boys and girls Trent Barrett Shield teams who this week head into Griffith for the annual Rugby League gala day. Play hard and have fun!!!

BORAMBOLA EXCURSION
Payments can be made to the school office towards the excursion. Final payments of the total $180 are due by the 28th March, unless prior arrangements are made.

We really encourage open communication between staff and parents. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child’s education please don’t hesitate to contact the school to arrange a suitable time to meet with your child’s teacher or myself.

Regards
Richard Busby
Principal

SCHOOL STUDENT SURVEY
Here at Darlington Point PS we value your opinion, so once again we are asking for you to fill out the Survey that comes with this newsletter, students will also be given the opportunity to fill out a form. Please return ASAP or NO LATER THAN 19TH March.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS
If you have recently changed any of your details such as address, home/mobile/work phone numbers could you please let the office know as soon as possible so that our records can be updated.

Canteen news
THERE WILL BE NO HOT FOOD FOR RECESS but can be ordered for lunch.

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH – LOLLY DAY!!!!!!!Canteen open as usual.

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL – MEAL DEAL DAY – FRIED RICE AND DRINK AND ZOOPER $5.00
New volunteers are always welcome. If interested please see Amanda in the canteen on Fridays.

Thank you, Amanda Long Canteen Co-ordinator

COOLIBAH CAFÉ SCHOOL LUNCHES
The Coolibah Café will be doing school lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Orders and money are to be handed to the school office by 9:15am. A menu is available at the school office. Please make sure that the correct money is included with order. Thanks.

SAFETY AT SCHOOL CROSSINGS
Children’s crossings are part-time crossings that operate for the safety of children around schools. Usually the crossing will operate before and after school. However, the school can display the crossing flags to move children safely across the road during school time, for specific reasons such as excursions or sport.

Red flags displaying the words ‘Children Crossing’ indicate that the crossing is in use. When the red flags are displayed drivers must slow down and stop before the stop line when a pedestrian is on the crossing or waiting to cross. The driver must remain stopped until all pedestrians are off the crossing. A penalty of $506 and 4 demerit points apply for failing to comply with a ‘Children’s Crossing’.

For more information on Safety around Schools please contact Murrumbidgee Shire’s Road Safety Officer, Jo Wilson-Ridley on 6959 5589.

COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY
All minor complaints and disputes should be resolved promptly and without using formal procedures. Whenever possible, informal resolution should be attempted first in all matters assessed as less serious.

Schools – a guide for parents and carers
It is best to discuss your concerns with your child’s teacher first. Make an appropriate time to meet with them or phone the school and ask for an appointment with the teacher.

If you are not happy with the result, or if you do not feel it is appropriate to talk to them, phone and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the principal. You may bring a friend or relative to be your support. If you need an interpreter, we can arrange that - just ask beforehand.

If your complaint is about the principal you will need to contact the school director in your area. Ask the school office staff at your school for their name and number.

If your complaint cannot be resolved in an informal way, we may ask you to put it in writing. It is important that you include specific details of the situation and tell us what you would like to happen as a result of your complaint. We can help you to put your complaint in writing, if you require.

NEW UNIFORM PRICE LIST

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ALL SPORTS SHIRTS NOW $10.00 EACH

Thumbs Up Raffle Winners

Term 1 Week 5

Zooper doopers – Isla Burns
30 minutes computers for the whole class – Isla Burns
15 minutes free play – Issabella Lyons
Paddlepop from Canteen – Chloe Godwin-Groves

Bidgee Bonus Awards

Week 6, 2014

Kinder-Year 1 HEALTH
Rhyain Ledwidge, Levi Ryan

1/2 BOWDITCH
Stella Tuohey, Brock Coe, Shania Bamblett, Issabella Lyons, Makayla Newman

2/3/4 MARSHALL

3/4/5 GUEST
Chloe Regterschot, Laura Toscan

5/6 BUSBY
Tanieka Carter, Meg Church, Aisha Tomkinson, Arana Curphey, Xavier Cadorin, Kearn Morgan-Murray.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS – WEEK 6, 2014

Mrs Heath – Sye Morgan-Murray – fabulous counting in Maths! Keep it up!
Rhyian Ledwidge – an awesome effort during guided reading and writing lessons!!
Jayden Pardy – wonderful improvements in his reading! Well done!
Mrs Bowditch – Bryce Hughes – designing an appropriate habitat for a frog in our Science unit. Good work!
Daneeka Fejsa-Sexton – great improvements in her writing and presentation of class work. Well done!
Tom Shaw – great efforts in Mathematics when learning to Count On.
Mrs Marshall – Brayden Fejsa-Sexton – excellent work in English with a great exposition about why books are better than TV.
Harrison Foster – great contributions to all discussions and working hard in all areas!
Nadeen Curphey – wonderful work with Fractions.
3/4/5 Guest – Amy-Leigh Hornung – an increased confidence in her Mathematical abilities!
Bailey Newman – a superb effort in all areas of his learning over the past week. I’m very proud of you.
Paige King – putting in a consistent effort in all areas of Literacy.
Mr Busby – Zidaeyah Schaefer – trying hard to understand new concepts in Maths.

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Levi Ryan

Is the Star of the Week for K1H because he is a hard worker who always asks for help when he is unsure. Levi has a sensible approach to all school activities and is always there to help his mates if they are unsure of something.

Levi always uses his manners, he listens carefully and contributes to all class discussions.

Keep up the fabulous effort Levi!!

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CDP – JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
CDP Roosters registration and training days.
March 19th Coleambally
March 26th Darlington Point.

Please bring Birth Certificate or Blue Book for proof of age.

NARRANDERA DENTAL CENTRE
CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEME – (CDBS)
The Narrandera Dental Centre wishes to advise parents for ALL children who have been confirmed as eligible for the CDBS by the Department of Human Services for our Practice, we are able to Bulk Bill through Medicare. For an appointment and more information please call 026959 3055

YEAR 6 STUDENT ENROLLING IN YEAR 7
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS for 2015

PLEASE RETURN THE ABOVE FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 21ST MARCH.
Student in Years 3-6 who live inside the purple circle are NOT eligible for bus travel unless special permission is sought from Transport for NSW.