Dear Parents/Guardians/Community Members,

Welcome back to all our returning families for 2015 and a very warm welcome to all the new families joining our school. I trust everyone had a relaxing holiday and are ready to engage in some important learning this year.

We are starting the year with a different class structure to 2014 with the addition of an extra class. The class and staff structure for 2015 is:

- K/1: Miss O’Connell
- 1/2: Mrs Bowditch
- 2/3: Miss Vernon
- 3/4: Mrs Marshall
- 4/5: Mrs Guest
- 5/6: Mr Brown
- Reading Recovery/RFF: Mrs Mitchell
- Learning & Support Teachers: Mrs Wood
- Learning & Support Teacher/Principal: Mr Busby
- School Administration Manager: Mrs McCorkelle
- School Assistant: Mrs M Mitchell
- SLSO: Mrs M Wood
- Mr Lacey
- Miss Camp
- Miss Weymouth

In 2015 weekly Newsletters will be sent home every Monday, ask your child or check their bags each week. Please take the time to read these newsletters so you will be aware of what is happening at our school and in your child’s classroom throughout the week.

If you would like to support our efforts to reduce costs of photocopying and reduce our carbon footprint, please provide your email address(es) in the space provided on the general permission note and opt out of having a printed copy of the newsletter sent home each week.

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.

The school also manages a Facebook page, we use this at times to remind and inform parents of events occurring at our school. Very rarely do we publish photos of students on this site, although permission to publish is sort as this is a possibility.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS / PARENT HELPERS

Darlington Point Public School is very fortunate to have outstanding parent support in assisting us to implement our many and varied school programs. This support is very important to us and is a key part of our partnership with parents and the community.

In accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 NSW the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ requires schools to have volunteers, (which includes parent helpers) complete a Working with Children Check

This check is free of charge for volunteers but must be completed before entering into child-related work.

To complete a Working with Children check please follow the links at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Next Friday (6/02/2014) we will be holding our annual swimming carnival. Students who are 8 years of age (born in 2007) or earlier are eligible to attend. The permission note and survey needs to be returned to the school prior to your child attending any swimming activities. Detailed information regarding the carnival can be found on the permission note. Everybody is welcome to attend the carnival, the more the merrier!

EXPLAINING ABSENCES
Parents / Caregivers are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school.

These explanations can be:
• Verbal – including a phone call or a conversation with a member of school staff.
• Written – a doctor’s certificate or a letter from a parent explaining the absence.
• Electronic – an email explaining an absence to www.darlingtpt-p.school.nsw.edu.au

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
Students enrolled in Kindergarten this year will finish at 1.10pm on Wednesdays for the first 5 weeks of the term. From Week 6 they will attend school full time.

GENERAL PERMISSION NOTE
General permission notes will be sent home today for students to participate in school based activities that will occur throughout the 2015 school year. Each student needs to have this note completed and returned to the school office by Friday 6th of February.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
The first assembly for 2015 will be held Friday the 13th February at 9:15am in the hall.

DARLINGTON POINT SWIMMING CLUB
The Darlington Point swim club will resume on Tuesday 3rd February 2015. Time trials will start at 5:30pm

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 in the school office.

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