Dear Parents/Guardians/Community Members,

Week 2 already and we’re all in the full swing of things. This week we kick off our sporting year with our swimming carnival. Hawks and Eagles will go head to head to win the house trophy, with individuals trying hard to qualify for Zone; which will be held on Thursday 26th February at the Griffith Aquatic Centre.

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.

SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted by their peers to lead the sports houses this year.

Hawks Captains: Maddison Regterschot/Jacob Brown
Hawks Vice Captains: Meg Church/Todd Rowley
Eagles Captains: Madelyn King/Joshua Annetts
Eagles Vice Captains: Zidaeyah Schaefer/Bailey Newman
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This Friday (6/02/2015) 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!
Please make sure you read the information note regarding changes to the rules of the carnival.

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.darlingpt-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 was sent home last week 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 Coolabah 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.

SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS
Hawks Captain & Vice Captains: Todd, Maddison and Meg (Jacob absent)

Eagles Captains & Vice Captains: Bailey, Josh, Madelyn and Zidaeyah
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**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB**

Scholastic Bookclub Issue 1 is due back to the school by Monday 16th February. Anyone wishing to order is to place order form with correct money in an envelope and send in to the school office.

**NUT FREE ZONE**

At our school we have a number of students who are at risk of Anaphylaxis if they come into contact with nuts. Please support us to keep these children safe by ensuring that you only send nut free food to school each day. If your child has any allergies which we are unaware of or you need to update your child’s Health Care Plan, please contact the school immediately.

**SCHOOL HATS**

Please remind your child to bring their school hat for recess and lunch every day. Children without a hat will be asked to sit under the shelter during playtimes.

**P&C MEETING**

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Friday 13th February after assembly in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**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.

**CRUNCH & SIP FRUIT BREAK**

All classes allow and encourage the students to nibble on fruit or raw vegetables and sip water in class. Drinking water and being able to have a nibble of fruit or raw vegie helps sustain students until their main breaks, giving them energy and helping with concentration.

**STUDENT BANKING**

School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank will take place every Fridays. Please send money with your child’s bank book to the school office. If anyone is interested in school banking for their child, please contact the school for information.
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