Dear Parents/Guardians/Community Members,

Last Friday we held our first assembly for 2015. Thanks to all the parents & grandparents who attended our assembly. Congratulations to all the students who received awards and all the swimmers who received their ribbons. We’ve had a great start to the new school year!

Some of our swimmers will be off to Griffith next week to compete in the Griffith and Zone PSSA carnival hoping for a spot in the Riverina team.

I have been given word that the managing body of the new multi-purpose sports court have decided on a contractor. Hopefully work can start soon so our students will be able to utilise this space. The school has committed $14,772 towards this project to ensure that the area is to our specification, I have asked the P&C to conduct some fund-raising to assist in meeting this cost.

AMBULANCE COVER
The school has full ambulance insurance cover for all students when at school or on any school supervised activity. E.g. Excursions, sporting activities. This means that in the event of an ambulance being called there will be no charge to the school or parents.

CHANGE OF DETAILS – 2015
Have you changed your address, home phone number, mobile number or emergency contact details recently?

Coming home with the newsletter today is a student information update form. If any of the contact details/allergy details for your child have changed please return the updated information form to your class teacher.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated, as it allows us to have current details to contact you quickly in the case of an emergency and also be aware of any significant medical information regarding your child.

Richard Busby
Principal

ANAPHYLAXIS TRAINING AND PROCEDURES
All staff have been trained in the management of anaphylaxis reactions. This training has taken place to support and protect the health and safety of students at risk of anaphylaxis when they are at school or involved in school activities.

We have a number of students who have been prescribed an epi–pen and the school also has its own epi–pen in our first aid kit.

Key strategies to minimise the risk of allergic reactions in students are:

- Students do not share food with each other
- Wash your hands after eating or touching food
- Know what your friends are allergic to
- Don’t pressure your friends to eat what they are allergic to
- If a friend or student becomes sick or unwell get teacher/adult help immediately
**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.

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**P&C MEETING**

A thorough meeting was held last Friday where lots of issues were discussed. Thank you for those parents who attended the meeting. The meeting minutes will be available at a later date.

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**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](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au)

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**Star of the Week**

Bethany Smith

Bethany is Star of the Week for Year 1/2 because she has demonstrated a cooperative and enthusiastic approach to her learning. She has also shown that she can be a mature and responsible member of our class. Bethany is always willing to help her classmates and she is a pleasure to have in our class. Keep up the great effort Bethany!

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**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.
### Kinder
- Emily Carter, Amarni Coe, Starlette Norris, Jade Smith, Caitlin Surman, Jayla Undy-Beale, Liam Harvison, Scott Lyons, Zane Lyons & River Maxwell.
- Isla Burns, Britney Goodsall, Izabella Zambon, Breeanna Charles, Elie Hughes & Darcy Toscan.
- Tanaia Coe, Nadeen Curphey, Paige King, Henry Lacey, Ashleigh Pardy, Justin Jenner, Jai Morgan-Murray & Bryce Morgan-Murray.
- Todd Rowley, Rohan Lacey, Aisha Tomkinson, Zidaeyah Schaefer, Maddison Regterschot, Madelyn King, Meg Church, Tanieka Carter, Laura Toscan, Sophie Stenner, Chloe Regterschot & Tamsin Hughes.

### Merit Awards
#### Term 1 Week 3

**Kinder**
- Caitlin Surman – always trying her best during our math lesson.
- River Maxwell – his wonderful start to Kindergarten. Keep it up River!
- Jed Strachan – his excellent ideas during our literacy lessons.

**1/2**
- Montanna Woods – fabulous colouring in on her bee in Creative Arts.
- Bethany Smith – excellent application to all Key Learning Areas.

**2/3**
- Shiane Mallise – an outstanding acrostic poem about Blossom Possum.
- Kameron Johnson – being an expert in 3D shape names.
- Bryce Hughes – being a diligent and enthusiastic class member.

**3/4**
- Elie Hughes – displaying great leadership in our networking and team building activities in Health.
- Abbey O’Grady – working hard and taking great care with her cursive handwriting.
- Lachlan Shaw – excellent work in all addition activities in Maths. Well done!

**4/5**
- Billy Reis-Burke – an excellent start to his exposition on how logging is harmful to the environment.
- Henry Lacey – working competently and independently in Maths.

**5/6**

### Reading Counts!

Scholastic Bookclub Issue 1 is due back to the school this week. Anyone wishing to order is to place order form with correct money in an envelope and send in to the school office.
STARS
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY
Griffith’s Newest Studio
Will be starting dance lessons.
@ Darlington Point Punt Hotel Hall
3.30pm to 4.30pm
Cheerleading/Jazz
4 to 7 year old $8.00 per class
All other ages $12.00 per class
For further information call
Jessica Forbes on 6964 3323

SCHOOL UNIFORM PRE-ORDER FORM

To assist with ordering the correct amount of uniform stock in a timely manner, could you please complete a pre-order form if you know you’re in need of additional uniform supplies – especially the winter jumper or jacket. This will ensure the right number of clothes in the required sizes are available in the next order.

Payment is not required until the uniform items arrive.

The next order will be placed this Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} February and should arrive approximately on the 6\textsuperscript{th} March.

Order Forms are also available at the front office.

Please return your pre-order form by this Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} February to the school office.

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CANTANEEN NEWS
Thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help out in the school canteen.

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This Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} February, there will be an information morning regarding operations in the canteen. This will take place in the canteen.

More volunteers are needed to help out!

Red Rock Deli Chips(45g) are being sold for $1.80 until we get the smaller size.

Thank you for your interest so far.

Stacey Maugeri
Canteen Co-ordinator

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School Uniform Pre-Order Form

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