**A Long Long Time Ago!!**

The students of Darlington Point PS, were amazed and some a little scared as Jarrod, entertained and informed them about Dinosaurs on Thursday. Over the course of the show, Jarrod, with help from the kids were able to construct a massive Brachiosaurus.

**State Swimming**

Last week our resident sporting champion, Harrison competed at the NSW PSSA swimming carnival. Harrison swam in the 50m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley. He placed in the 30’s for both events, finishing with personal best times in both races. In the IM he bettered his time by 8.04seconds and by 2.38seconds in the Butterfly. Awesome effort Harrison, we’re all very proud!!

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**School Contributions**

This years school contributions have again been set at $30 per student or $50 per family. This year the staff would like these funds to target some new outdoor seating for the COLA area and for an upgrade of the school’s high jump mats. For these projects to happen we will need to raise approximately $3000.
**Easter Fun Day**

Our Easter Fun Day this Thursday April 2\(^{nd}\) 2015, will include a parade of Easter masks. Masks are to be made at home. There will be prizes for best masks in each class, so get creating!

**Eggsperiment with 4/5**

Recently in Science, class 4/5 wondered if it was *hot enough outside to fry an egg*. This was part of our Melting Moments Science unit. We placed 3 eggs outside at approximately 1pm and monitored the changes several times over 2 hours. The temperature on the day was around 32 degrees. We cracked the eggs open and put one on a saucer, one on a metal baking tray and one on some cling wrap on the concrete. We predicted that the one on the cling wrap, on the hot cement would cook and possibly the one on the baking tray. After 2 hours, the yolks on the cling wrap and baking tray eggs had puffed up and looked disgusting! The yolk of the egg on the saucer was unchanged. The white of the egg on the baking tray went very thin as if it was beginning to cook. The results were not quite as we expected. Perhaps we would have had more success placing the eggs on the dash of Mrs. Guest’s car, like our previous experiment!!

Class 4/5

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)**

In May NAPLAN tests will be completed by Year 3 & Year 5 students at our school. The results of the tests will provide important information to our school about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html)

**TERM 2 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Monday 20th April 2015 (Day 1 of Term 2) is a pupil free day in NSW Government Schools (unless approval has been granted to change). Staff at DPPS will be involved in training and development activities at the school on this day.

**Homework Centre**

The Homework Centre will resume on Wednesday 29\(^{th}\) April 2015 (Term 2 Week 2). Parent volunteers are very welcome; we ask that parents obtain a Working With Children check prior to starting any volunteer work with the school.
Canteen News
There will be a canteen meeting held on Tuesday 31st March @ 9.30am in the Hall. All volunteers welcome to attend.

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 it.

Griffith City Library – School Holiday Fun!

Paper Aeroplane Challenge
Friday 17 April
11am - 12pm

Think you've got what it takes to make a paper plane that can really go the distance? Will your plane be the best looking or do the coolest tricks?

Test your aeronautical skills at the Library!

Lunar Station Creation
Friday 10 April
11am - 12pm

Learn fun facts about the Moon and have fun making your very own cardboard lunar station.

Keep the science fun times rolling and take home one of our Kurious Kids science tubs.
Kinder – Riley, Emily, Cody, Zane & River
1/2 – Kaileigh, Shania & Katie’Lee
2/3 – Daneeka, Cameron & Lucas
3/4 – Jewel, Cattaya & Lachlan
4/5 – Montana, Billy & Victor
5/6 – None

FREE Tennis Coaching
Easter Holidays

Sun 12th & Sun 19th April 2015
Coach – Louise Hornery
Age 6 & Up
9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Darlington Point Club

Bring: Hat, Sunscreen, Water Bottle, Snack and Tennis Racquet

More Info and to Register
Contact Trevor 0488 638 227

“Limited numbers – Get in Early”

MERIT AWARDS
TERM 1 WEEK 9

Kinder
Cody – his achievement in all Key Learning Areas.
Zane – his impressive reading during guided reading. Well done!
Emily – always working hard to improve her understandings in Mathematics.

1/2
Bethany – a lovely illustration of a tree in our Reading Response to the book “Tree”.
Lachlan – an accurate recount of our “For the Birds” activity. Well done!
Jack Wooford – a sound response to writing tasks in our L3 activities. Well done!

2/3
Daneeka – quick and precise fielding in continuous cricket.
Cooper – outstanding effort in writing.
Bryce – working diligently to improve Mathematics every day.

3/4
Elie – excellent work and diligence in all Daily6 activities.
Edward – demonstrating independence in measurement and shapes activities during maths.
Courtney – great improvements in all of her writing.

4/5
Tanaiya – a great effort writing up results of recent Science experiments.
Jai – putting in a solid effort to complete tasks in Maths. Well done!
Billy – an excellent persuasive letter from The Lorax to the Once-ler, in English.

5/6