During Science this term, Kindergarten have been exploring living things and what they need to stay alive. Last week Brad from Year 6 brought a duckling to visit our class. We were enjoyed asking Brad questions about what he does to keep his duckling alive. We found out that the duckling lives with its family; that it eats lots of food and needs to drink water, just like us!

P&C AGM
The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 7pm in the 5/6 classroom (next to the office). New members are very welcome to attend.

School App
At the end of last year we launched a School app, unfortunately there were some glitches that meant phones couldn’t receive notifications. This problem has been fixed and the app is now fully operational. The app is available in both the Apple App store and Google Play store and is free.

To sign in you need to use the following:
Username: community
Password: darlingtonptps

Term 1 Week 8
Tue 17th March  P&C AGM 7pm
5/6 classroom

Term 1 Week 9
Mon 23rd March  Young Leaders
Conference
Wed 25th March  Parent/Teacher
Interviews 3:30-
5:30pm
Thurs 26th March  Dinosaur Show
Fri 27th March  Rugby League
Trials - Leeton

Term 1 Week 10
Thurs 2nd April  Easter Fun Day
Fri 3rd April  Good Friday

Term 2 Week 1
Tues 21st April  Students Return

Term 2 Week 2
Tues 28th April  Trent Barrett
Shield – Griffith
Fri 1st May  School x-country

Term 2 Week 4
Tues 12th May  NAPLAN Yrs3&5
Wed 13th May  NAPLAN Yrs3&5
Thurs 14th May  NAPLAN yrs3&5

Term 2 Week 5
Thurs 21st May  Zone x-country
Attendance Matters!

Regular attendance not only improves academic results but enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and assists in building important coping and friendship skills. Confident students are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. Regular attendance relieves stress and makes school easier.

Please explain all absences within 7 days. This can be done by phone call, note, email or in person. Under the Education Act 1990 all absences must be explained within 7 seven days.

If you do not explain why your child has been away within 7 school days it will go down as an unjustified absence and this will appear on your child’s report.

Late is not great!

Being on time is important and at Darlington Point Public School we actively encourage all students to be on time. If you are late please make sure a note is supplied to explain why, with a valid reason. If your child is late without a valid reason it will go down as an unjustified partial absence and this will appear on your child’s report.

Moving Into Year 7 in 2016

The Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016 information booklet and expression of interest forms were handed out to Year 6 students last week. Please complete the forms where required to indicate your child’s preference for the school in which you would like to enrol your child for Year 7 and return to the office NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2015. The designated local high school is entered on the form.

Homework Centre

The homework centre will be on this Wednesday. Due to Parent/Teacher interviews there will be no Homework centre NEXT Wednesday (25/03/2015).

If there are any parents or caregivers who would like to help out at the homework centre for some or all of the weeks, please contact the school. Any volunteers will need to have their Working with Children Check verified prior to assisting.
Canteen News
If children do not have any lunch at school, they will receive lunch organised by the teachers in the staff room, they will not receive food from the canteen. **There will be NO I.O.U’s at the canteen.**

Please make sure that each child has their own bag with class written on it. Brown bags are available to use at the canteen.

All donations of fruit/vegetables accepted.

Canteen Roster – Term 1

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| Wed 25th Mar  | **LOLLY DAY**
  Stacey Maugeri, Lauren Howell, Michelle Hargreaves, Kim Webb, Angie Hughes & Joy Webb |
| Fri 27th Mar  | Lauren Howell & Joy Webb    |
| Mon 30th Mar  | Stacey Maugeri               |

Maddison is Star of the Week for 5/6 this week as she is an incredibly hard worker. She is constantly trying to improve every area of her school life. She always wants more and always gives everything she has to her work. Maddison impresses her teacher everyday with her enthusiasm, attitude and her wonderful sense of humour. You are definitely our star of the week.

Lolly Day – Wed 25th March
Canteen will be having a lolly day next Wednesday. They will also be open for lunch and recess orders.
Children can pre-order lollies.
A list with prices will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Tissues
As the cooler weather is approaching, it would be appreciated if each family could please supply the school with a box of tissues, which are very much needed for the classrooms.

Scholastic Book Club
Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 is due back to the school before this Wednesday 18th March. Please make sure you have correct money with order form and hand into the school office.
**Bidgee Bonus Awards**

**Term 1 Week 7**

Kinder – Amarni, Jade, Liam, Rusty Jackson, Jordan-James, Jed & Daniel

1/2 – Tiani, Dylan & Levi

2/3 – Mahalia, Brock, Joshua, Coopah, Makayla, Bryce, Issac & Michael

3/4 – Isla, Darcy, Breeanna & David

4/5 – Tanaiya, Henry, Ashleigh & Bryce

5/6 – Oliver & Rohan

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**Kids Camp Out 2015**

WHEN: 21st - 22nd March 2015
WHERE: Narrandera Race Course
WHO FOR: Kids in Primary School Yrs 3 - 6
HOW MUCH: $10 / camper or $25 / Family
WHY: Opportunity for kids to join together with 200 others from across the Riverina to enjoy loads of fun activities, camping, games, singing and to learn something about Jesus.

Come and be part of the Coleambally/Darlington Point / Jerilderie community for 24 hours.

Please call Demi & Austin Evans on 69544256, Marg King (DP) 69684117 or Kat Creek (Jerilderie) for more info and to register.

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**MERIT AWARDS**

**TERM 1 WEEK 7**

**Kinder**

**Tyler** – sharing his excellent ideas during class discussions about area.

**Riley** – his fabulous effort to read and write sight words. Well done.

**Jade** – trying her best in all classroom activities. Keep up the great work.

**1/2**

**Sye** – improvements in his sentence writing in his Reading Responses. Keep up the good work.

**Shania** – working hard to improve her fluency in reading and word attack skills in writing. Well done.

**Toby** – working hard on improving his understanding of new Mathematics concepts and identifying ‘friends of 10’.

**2/3**

**Issac** – being a polite and enthusiastic student at all times.

**Coopah** – showing great understanding of clockwise and anti-clockwise directions.

**Michael** – an improvement in reading, showing great expression.

**3/4**

**Breeanna** – outstanding improvements in her reading. Well done.

**Britney** – great work in our Science investigations.

**Isla** – excellent work using her F.O.R. skills with her reading comprehension.

**4/5**

**Tom** – a consistent effort in Maths and for willingly helping others.

**Amy-Leigh** – a great effort with her still-life charcoal drawing of a bowl of fruit.

**Victor** – great contributions to our discussions about the environment in English.

**5/6**

**Jacob** – a huge improvement in his effort levels.

**Laura** – her fantastic fraction work this week.

**Madelyn** – outstanding work with verbs and adverbs.