Eggsellent Easter Fun Day!!

Last term we celebrated Easter early with our Easter mask parade and fun day. The kids did a fantastic job creating their masks and had lots of fun participating in the different activities throughout the day. Thank you to all the staff for organising such a wonderful day!

LEST WE FORGET

This Friday, 24th April 2015, the school will be hosting a special ANZAC day commemorative service as this year marks 100 years since the battle for the Gallipoli peninsula. Ex-servicemen and women from the local area have been invited to take part in our service and we open this invitation to any parent, grandparent or community member that would like to attend.

After our service our guests are invited to join with the students in the classroom where they will be participating in activities centred around books with an ANZAC theme and following that a morning tea which is being catered for by the P&C and staff.

Darlington Point / Coleambally
R.S.L. Sub-Branch
ANZAC DAY SERVICES
Saturday 25th April 2015

DAWN SERVICE – 5:45am
McInnes Square, Coleambally.

MARCH – 10:45am
Darlington Point.

Followed by morning tea and drawing of raffle at Darlington Point Club
School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will be held next Friday, 1st May 2015. Students will walk to the golf course at 1:25pm. We hope to start the races by 1:50pm. 8/9/10 year olds will run a 2km circuit whilst 11/12 year olds will run 3km. The circuit will be the same as last year for those wishing to train. Parents / carers, grandparents and community members are most welcome to attend and if you would like to volunteer to be a track marshal that would be appreciated.

Trent Barrett Shield Training

Training for the boys team will be held this Thursday (23rd April) and next Monday (27th April) from 4pm until 5pm. Training will be held at school.

Training for the girls team will be held this Wednesday (22nd April) and Friday (24th April) from 3:15pm until 4:15pm. Training will be held at school.

Permission notes will be sent home this week, after teams have been finalised.

Homework Centre

The Homework Centre will resume on Wednesday 29th 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.

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

School Contributions

This year’s 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.
Term 2 Public Speaking

It’s that time of the year again! It is time to prepare for our bi-annual ‘Public Speaking’ competition. Students will prepare their speeches AT HOME and bring them to school by the required date. Although ALL students are REQUIRED to write a speech as part of their talking/ listening assessment, only a few students from each class will present their speeches at our school assembly. The theme for the speeches will be...

**A PROMOTIONAL SPEECH ON THE TOWN OF DARLINGTON POINT**...

Students could consider the following: What does the town offer for visitors (tourism); what activities can people be involved in; what makes the town special or unique; what does the town offer for different age-groups; does the town have any historical significance; other towns in close proximity to D. Pt; why do people like to live here (quiet, cost of housing, near the river)

There are several different ‘angles’ you can take. Speeches can be written from the point of view of a young child; from a tourism point of view; directed to adults; directed to people from the city etc.

Classes will present at assembly in the following weeks...
- Week 3   8th May   classes  3/4 and 5/6
- Week 4  15th May  classes  1/2 and 2/3
- Week 5  22nd May classes   Kinder and 4/5

As usual, students will be scored on their speeches at assembly and the students with the highest scores will receive a small trophy for their efforts.
If parents OR students have any queries, you should see your class teacher ASAP.

Footy Season

With the football season in full swing our students are given the opportunity to represent the school at a number of levels. Several boys from Years 3,4,5 & 6 travelled to Leeton late last term to trial for the Leeton/Narrandera/Griffith Zone Rugby League team, one was successful in his efforts. Oliver will now travel back to Leeton this Friday to compete in the Zone team with aspirations of getting picked in the Riverina squad. Good luck Oliver!

In other football news, kids from Years 3 and 4 will compete at the Trent Barrett Shield next Tuesday in Griffith. The Mortimer Shield for the Years 5 and 6 students will be held on Tuesday 19th May.
P&C Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will be having a Mother’s Day Stall on the 6th, 7th and 8th of May @ lunchtime in the School Hall.

Gifts will be no more than $5.00 each.

Book Club Issue 3
Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 is due back to the school office by Wednesday 6th May, please make sure you have the correct money with the order form.

Junior Tennis Lessons
Junior Tennis Lessons will be held on Fridays from 3.45pm to 4.45pm, commencing Friday 1st May.
Cost is $5.00 per person.
At the Darlington Point Club Tennis Courts.
Just turn up or for further information phone Trevor Hornery on 0488 638 227