Fresh Start!
Welcome back to all our returning families for 2016 and a very warm welcome to all the new families joining our school community. I trust everyone had a relaxing holiday and are ready to engage in some important learning this year.
We are starting the year with a similar structure to last year. The class and staff structure for 2016 is:

K/1  Mr Powys
1/2  Mrs Bowditch
3/4  Mrs Pickering
3/4  Mrs Holland / Mrs H Wood
4/5  Mrs Guest
5/6  Mrs Piper / Mrs Marshall

Learning and Support/RFF:
Reading Recovery/RFF:  Mrs C Mitchell
School Administration Manager:  Mrs McCorkelle
School Administration Officers:  Mrs M Wood
Mrs M Mitchell
Mrs Lacey
Miss Camp
Miss A Mitchell
Mrs Backhaus

In 2016 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.

The school 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.

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.

Swimming Carnival
On Friday 12th February we will be holding our annual swimming carnival. Students who are 8 years of age (born in 2008) 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!

Kindergarten
Students enrolled in Kindergarten this year will finish at 1.10pm on Wednesdays for the first 5 weeks of the term. From Week 7 they will attend school full time.
**Scholastic Bookclub**
Scholastic Bookclub Issue 1 is due back to the school by Monday 15th Feb. Please place correct money with order form in an envelope to the school office.

**Assembly**
The first school assembly for 2016 will be held on Friday 19th February @ 9.15am in the school hall.

**CDP JRL**
Coleambally/Darlington Point Junior Rugby League are looking to fill the following age groups in 2016.

Boys
7, 8, 9, 10, Under 12 & Under 14

Girls
Mini (7, 8, 9)
Mods (10, 11, 12)
Inter (13, 14, 15)

You can register at www.playnrl.com

**School Banking**
Student Banking with the Commonwealth Bank will take place every Friday’s. Please send money with your child’s bank book to the school office by 9.30 Friday. If anyone is interested in school banking for their child, please contact the school for information.

**P&C AGM**
The P&C will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 11th February at 9.30am in the school Hall. New members are very welcome to attend.

**Canteen News**
The canteen is not operating this week or next week. Volunteers are needed to help out in the canteen for it to run this year. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact the school and also come along to the P&C AGM next Thursday.

**Darlington Point Apex Fishing Comp**
The P&C would like to assist the Darlington Point Apex Fishing Comp by manning the drinks on Sat 13th or Sun 14th Feb. If you are able to spare some time on either day (even half an hour), please contact Daisy Toscan, Carolyn Tuohey or Karen Shaw.

**Rivadestra School Lunches**
Rivadestra will be doing school lunches Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week starting next Tuesday 9th February. They will be doing Fridays until the Canteen is running. Orders and money are to be handed into the school office by 9.15am. New Menu will be in next week’s newsletter.

**Australia Day**
Our 2016 School Captains performed their first official duties, gracefully raising the Australian flag on Australia Day.

Our little school was well represented as several groups and individuals from our school received nominations and awards.
DARLINGTON POINT SWIM CLUB
Darlington Point Swim Club is again set to restart. Swim Club gives swimmers of all abilities and ages the opportunity to compete against their peers in a friendly environment. Swimmers are awarded points not for who comes firsts, but who has improved.
Swim club also gives the swimmers an opportunity to learn competition rules before the school carnivals next year.

WHEN: Tuesday 5:10pm – Races will start at 5:30pm

COST: $15(one-off) registration fee + $1.75 pool entry
A BBQ is cooked each week. Sausages sandwich + drink = $1.50ea

WHO: All ages are welcome, must be able to swim 1 length of the pool, unaided.

Schedule of events

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Swimmers will be asked to nominate which races they wish to swim a week in advance so we can organise heats.
Stroke events are 25m, 50m or 100m. Individual Medley is either 100m or 200m

I welcome anyone and everyone to come to the Darlington Point CWA Hall this Saturday 6th February. A fundraiser for Miss Eco Australia will be hosted including an op-shop fashion show, cake stall, art auction and a BBQ. All proceeds will go to travel expenses for the trip to compete in Miss Eco Universe which will be in Egypt this April. It would be very much appreciated if you could all come along and enjoy the day.

Also, any children interested in modelling for the fashion show, could parents please message 0428 148 187 any time this week.

Thank you very much
Rachel Guest
Is it bullying?

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's rude.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's mean.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it—even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's bullying.