From our Principal Ms Kathryn

It has been a very busy and productive start to term three. Despite the cold, wet weather, things are hotting up here at Darlington! On returning to the school after being out for two terms, I instigated a ‘mini-review’ or catch up, in order to inform myself of our progress and future initiatives. As you know, I had been conducting External Reviews in schools across SA, so this seemed a logical approach to take. I spoke with students, staff and parents and spent a good deal of time in classes.

Ultimately, I wanted to ascertain to what degree we are implementing the agreed strategies that support your children to achieve their absolute best potential. I was not disappointed by what I saw! Many students were able to discuss their understanding of the purpose of their learning and the steps they put in place to achieve their goals. There were examples of students involved in learning designed to stretch thinking and to challenge them to solve problems. In all classes, students had access to learning that scaffolded their problem solving; the basics of literacy and numeracy learning that support deep thinking. I heard students posed questions that had a variety of possible responses and saw students respond to these thoughtfully and with enthusiasm. In short, I was exceptionally impressed with the continued direction the teaching at DPS has taken. Our future plans are to build further on our questioning techniques and to continue to design learning opportunities that develop deep thinking and allow students to demonstrate their abilities. What we continue to do, of course, is to develop the expert learner.

I would like to commend the leaders and teachers and ancillary staff who work towards this outcome every day.

Another standout that I saw during my ‘mini-review’ was the Community Garden. So much hard work and wonderful output has been achieved. Broccoli, coriander, spinach, beans, cherries, citrus… The list goes on. A full and hearty congratulations to the volunteers, staff and students who contribute to this and a huge thank you to the Garden Group members who co-ordinate the management of the garden.

Ms Kathryn

I just wanted to take this opportunity to let our community know that I am going on maternity leave again! We are delighted to be expecting our second child in October. Today is my last day for this year and I will return in 2017. Whilst I am on leave this year, Jennie-Marie Gorman will be acting Deputy Principal and I have the utmost confidence in her ability to fulfill this role, yet again!

I just wanted to thank the staff for their on-going kindness and support. It has been a difficult winter in the Miller household with nasty bugs latching on and outstaying their welcome! I am truly grateful to work in a community where people are so caring and supportive of each other.

Mr Ahladas is also taking leave for the remainder of this term. The internal vacancy has been advertised and the ongoing position will be decided soon. In the interim Kirsty Henning will be the Acting Counsellor for week 6 (next week). If you have any questions, concerns or issues that you feel can’t be resolved with your child’s classroom teacher, please do not hesitate to speak to Kirsty, Jennie-Marie or Kathryn.
SAPSASA ATHLETICS DAY
This year 15 athletes represented the school at the annual South West District athletics carnival held at Santos Stadium. We were lucky enough to have a beautiful sunny day for the competition.

There were many highlights for the day, Arad throwing 2 PB's in the discuss; Nathaniel jumping well over 4m in the long jump and then there were the MEDALS!!

GOLD to Ilari in the long jump,
GOLD to Shonti in the 100m,
BRONZE to Ilari in the high jump,
BRONZE to Chloe in the shot put,
BRONZE to Shonti in the shot put and then an awesome BRONZE to Shonti, Anne Marie, Sherie and Ilari in the 4x100 relay.

Simply outstanding!
The performances of the athletes were easily the best in several years. Our students were excellent ambassadors for the school. A huge thanks to Helen Magarey for her help and coaching.

"The important thing in life is not to triumph but to compete."
(Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympics)

Doug Nairn
HPE Teacher

LIKE US ON

Darlington School now has a Facebook page! Our families have given feedback that they would like more communication via social media so we are pleased to announce not only do we have a Facebook page but also a BLOG!

http://darlingtonps.edublogs.org/

These pages are in their infancy so please bare with us whilst we learn to manage and navigate our way around them. We endeavour to communicate as frequently as possible regarding school events and important information, but please also refer to the written notes that will still be sent home from your child's classroom teacher or the office.

We will also be sending home a SOCIAL MEDIA permission slip so that we know what students are able to have their photos on these sites.
Any positive or constructive feedback that would continue to support this type of communication is greatly appreciated. Likewise, any concerns or questions are also welcomed. Please direct them to your child’s classroom teacher or the front office.

Kids, a cow, paint and glue. Curious?

Over the next 6 weeks Darlington students will be bringing the farm to the classroom with the Picasso Cows program. The program celebrates one of Australia’s biggest agricultural industries, the dairy industry, and also teaches kids that milk doesn’t just come from the supermarket! The IEL students will get to design and paint a life-sized fibre glass cow in the theme of Unbeatable Bones, and all Darlington students through the PE program will be documenting their learning in the form of a community Diary Recipe Book. This will share their knowledge and ideas about dairy and healthy living as well as an opportunity for families to share their favourite dairy based recipes with the whole community.

We often hear from nutrition experts that Australian children aren’t having enough calcium every day and that dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt are one of the biggest sources. Despite this, most primary school kids aren’t having enough. This program will tie in with our classroom nutrition education, teaching children about the importance of the five food groups, including dairy foods, for good health and wellbeing.

Our school is one of several schools in South Australia participating in Dairy Australia’s Picasso Cows program, creating some healthy competition! At the end of the program there’ll be a presentation day and the winning school will be awarded $250. We look forward to keeping you updated on the program and giving you an opportunity to contribute your families recipe. You can also find out more about dairy foods at:

www.legendairy.com.au

Chelsea Pfiez-Williams Art Teacher
Intensive English Language Program

AFL FOOTBALL DAY
On Tuesday, 2nd August, our class and Mrs. Clarkes class went to AAMI Stadium. First we caught the bus to West Lakes. When we arrived there, we went into AAMI Stadium and we sat on the chairs. Then we played football with another school. We won two times and we played as a team. Next we played against another school, Salisbury Primary, who was the winner, then we had lunch. After lunch we went into the Crows Change rooms. We were asking questions from the players, Matt Crouch and Mitch Grigg. We caught the bus from AAMI stadium back to our school. I liked playing football the best! I learned about handball, kicking and playing in a team. By Tamana, WB7.

DARLINGTON BLUE EAGLES
On Tuesday, August 2nd, Mrs. Clarke told us to wear our sports uniforms and get ready to go to AAMI Stadium to meet the Crows players and play AFL against other schools. First when we got there everyone was scared but we went outside and a Crows player told us the rules and we started the first match. At the beginning I was a forward with Mojtaba and we scored most of the goals. Finally the match finished and we won, everyone was celebrating and running, doing flips and screaming, then our teacher Mrs. Magarey told us to get ready for the next match and she told us the next team would be tough to win against. When the match started, they scored the first goal but with teamwork we scored two goals and one point in the next few minutes and we won again. Next we moved to another part of the oval and got ready for the hardest team. So I decided to go into defense but the other team won anyway. Then we had a BBQ for lunch and then we had a chance to talk to the Crows players. Next we got some autographs from Matt Crouch and Mitch Grigg and a little AFL ball. I think it was very fun and now I like AFL much more. I have learned about teamwork and rules of AFL and if we believe that we can do it, then we can!!! By Hubert, MU06.
Children's crossings

These are part-time crossings which operate during school hours, as well as other times such as school excursions and lunch times. They are highlighted by red flags with the words children crossing on them.

When the flags are displayed you must slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing. You must not proceed until all pedestrians have left the crossing.

You must not stop

- Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop (see image).
- On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children’s crossing or pedestrian crossing (see image).
- Within 10 metres before and three metres after a marked foot crossing

No stopping/no standing

These signs mean that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Sometimes a no stopping area is indicated by a solid yellow edge line.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means restrictions.

No Stopping—To 'stop' a vehicle means to stop and remain stationary for even a short period of time. You must not stop or park your vehicle in any area where a 'No Stopping' sign or a continuous yellow edge line applies, even to pick up or set down passengers or goods.

No Parking—You must not park your vehicle in an area where a 'No Parking' sign applies, unless:

- you are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods
- you do not leave the vehicle unattended - that is, move more than three metres away and
- you complete the dropping off or picking up as soon as possible - in any case, within two minutes.

Please note: a No Standing sign has the same meaning as a No Stopping sign.

25km/h Speed Limits

- Between school crossing (koala crossing) signs that state when lights flashing.
- Between School Zone signs that state when children present. This applies when a child is in the zone, including outside of school hours, and whenever a child is on the road, footpath, median strip, or even on a bicycle.
- A 'child' means a person less than 18 years of age, and includes a student of any age wearing a school uniform.
- A School Zone is also marked with zig zag lines on the road where practicable, to show that you are approaching a School Zone.

Strong children, strong community

Aboriginal Family Support Services is urgently seeking foster carers to provide a safe and caring environment in which a child can learn, grow and reach their full potential.

Finding out more is easy!
Contact Peter Frankcom, Recruitment and Support Officer
Aboriginal Family Support Services
134 Waymouth St. Adelaide, SA 5000 Phone 8205 1500
Stand with us – become a carer

Darlington Primary School

October 2016 Vacation Care Program

9-11 WHITE CRESCENT, SEACOMBE GARDENS, 5047.
Ph: 8298 7915 Mob: 0481278857

Monday 3rd October
Public Holiday
Closed
For Labor Day

Monday 10th October
Make My Bear

Tuesday 4th October
Pasta Pictures

Wednesday 5th October
INCURSION
Chemical Catastrophe

Thursday 6th October
Bread Making

Friday 7th October
Craft Day -
Doily Butterflies

Tuesday 11th October
Wheels Day
Bring your own wheels - bike, scooter. MUST HAVE A HELMET!

Wednesday 12th October
Crepe Paper Art

Thursday 13th October
EXCURSION
Movies & Park
BYO Lunch, Snacks, Drinks & Walking Shoes
8:45am arrival

Friday 14th October
Lazy Daisy Day
& Special Lunch
Bring ‘G’ Rated Movies

OUR SUN PROTECTION POLICY REQUIRES THAT A BROAD-BRIMMED OR LEGIONNAIRES HAT BE WORN OUTSIDE FROM SEPTEMBER 1st THROUGH TO THE END OF TERM 1 EACH YEAR.

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed - expect them to get dirty on any programmed day!

**PLEASE BRING A PIECE OF FRUIT TO SHARE EACH DAY**

Please see staff if you do not have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) lodged with us.
To enrol your child/ren please complete the medical and contact details AND THE BOOKING/CONSENT FORM.
To process a booking ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE UP TO DATE and a $50 deposit per family is required.

Payments must be made fortnightly and finalised by the last day of the programme

ALL BOOKED DAYS WILL BE CHARGED!