From our Acting Principal Mrs Miller

It is the middle of term 1 already. Time flies when you are having fun! We have had a busy start to the year and the rest of the term remains no different.

This week the year 6/7’s have been down at Port Noarlunga participating in their Aquatics program and the weather has been amazing. They have been learning many new skills and having a wonderful time whilst doing so.

In a couple of weeks time you will be aware that our “Twilight Sports Day” will be held (Wednesday 23rd March) and there is a lot of preparation and organisation going in to this event. Staff and students are collaborating to plan an exciting and varied event. We will be incorporating a Spanish and Music theme (specialist areas at Darlington) as well as the traditional sporting events. There is the opportunity to purchase a traditional Spanish Paella for dinner and to purchase many yummy treats from the Cake Stall. We hope to see you all there!

The development of Expert Learners continues to be high on our agenda and staff will be participating in Professional Development on Tuesday 15th March (Pupil Free Day). During this day one of the items we will be developing is the idea of “transforming tasks”. This takes a boring “activity” or “worksheet” and develops it in to a learning opportunity that supports problem solving, a growth mind set and deep intellectual thinking. There are many wonderful learning opportunities happening in every class, every day and I encourage you to talk to your children about how this looks in their classroom.

Parent / Teacher Discussions will also be held this term in week 10. Notes will be going home soon and I encourage all families to make a time with your child/ren’s teacher to discuss their learning.

In week 3 we had our Annual general Meeting and first Governing Council Meeting for 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who have elected to be on council and acknowledge their time, commitment and support in helping to govern the school.

The parents on council this year and their roles are:

- Rebecca Baird - CHAIRPERSON
- Clare Napoli - SECRETARY
- Michael Van Dyk - TREASURER
- Robert Astenstorfer - KEEPER OF THE SEAL
- Jenni Freeman - councillor
- Lionel D’yslva - councillor
- Marion Sampson - councillor
- Jess Mitton - Staff rep / Principal
- Jo Miller - Jennie-Marie Gorman - Staff rep / Deputy Principal
- Lisa Sims - Staff rep
- Jo Schultz - Staff rep /Finance

On behalf of the school community, I would also like to thank SIMONE STARR who has been the Chairperson on council for many years. Simone did not elect to run for council this year. However, her commitment to the school, community, year 7 Graduation and fundraising, amongst other things, over the years has been outstanding! We have been lucky to have had her time, support and services for so long and it is with great appreciation and gratitude that I acknowledge her many contributions. Simone has recently become a Grandma again and we wish her and her family the very best.
From Debra Smith—Christian Pastoral Support Worker

We would like to invite you along to our breakfast program which runs each term in the school hall.
Breakfast is free and you are more than welcome to join us, breakfast starts at 8.10am and finishes at 8.40am.

We serve a healthy breakfast which consists of fruit, juice, milo, spaghetti or baked beans, porridge, cereals and toast with different spreads and cheese.

Parents are also welcome to come into the kitchen and make themselves a cup of tea or coffee. We would ask for safety purposes that you use the lids provided on your hot drinks to avoid any students or adults being burnt.

Our first breakfast for the term usually starts on the Thursday and our last breakfast for the term is usually just on the Tuesday. We send a note home to families of when breakfast finishes for the term and starts up again.

Once a term we also like to hold a community breakfast which is usually a gold coin donation and it is usually for a special occasion, we will advertise and send notes home so you are informed and hopefully can join with us for these special breakfasts.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school either on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Dear Darlington Community,

We would like to invite you along to our Harmony Day Community Breakfast on Tuesday 22nd March in the school hall.
Breakfast, that morning will be a gold coin donation at 8.10am and finishes at 8.40am.

We will be serving our normal healthy breakfast which consists of fruit, juice, milo, spaghetti or baked beans, porridge, cereals and toast with different spreads and cheese.

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Warm regards

Deb Smith
Pastoral Care Worker
Darlington Primary School
Do you like to sing, dance or act?

Are you in Year 6/7? Want to try something new and challenging?

Everyone is welcome!

Then the Festival of Music Performance Troupe is for you!

Audition bookings open on Monday, February 15, 2016!
Audition bookings close on Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

Weekly rehearsals are held at 3 locations:
North - Parafield Gardens Primary on Tuesdays
Central - Gilles Street Primary on Wednesdays
South - Darlington Primary on Thursdays

Rehearsals are from 4.15 - 5.45 pm. There will also be a few Sunday workshops.
Each troupe will be involved in 4 performances accompanying the massed choirs at the Festival Theatre between the 12th and 23rd September, 2016.

Ask your choir, drama or dance teacher or principal for more information. Check out our website: www.festivalofmusic.org.au or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.
School Fees are due for payment.

Please see Jo Schultz in the finance office to arrange payment & school card forms.

ANY UNPAID ACCOUNTS ARE BEING FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO THE DECD DEBT COLLECTOR.

Dental Clinic

Keep your kids smiling!

Dental care is FREE for ALL preschool and most school-aged children at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:
Marion GP Plus Health Care Centre
Level 1, Milham Street
OAKLANDS PARK  SA  5046

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome.

First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

Please call 7425 8400 to make an appointment.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Twilight

SPORTS DAY 2016

When:
Wednesday 23rd March 2016

Location:
Darlington Primary School Oval

Start Time:
Students must be at their class rooms by 12:30 sharp for a 1pm start.

Finish Time:
Parents MUST pick up their child/ren from their class room at 630pm.

There will be a dinner break at 4:40-5:35pm.

Come and get your cakes, biscuits and more at the

Sports Day
Cake Stall

On Wednesday the 23rd of March
under the Oval Shed

Hosted by the Governing Council’s
Fundraising Committee

Please bring along some money on the day to enjoy a slice of cake or a biscuit and buy your little athlete a special treat for an extra boost of energy!!

The School Canteen will be open at lunch time and during dinner break.
Are you strong or flexible?
Do you love being upside down?
You might like to attend the next

Open Trial

Meet
Blake Gaudry
2012 Olympian
5 x Australian Trampoline
Champion

Saturday
2 April 2016
12.00-1.30pm

Gymnastics South Australia is looking for talented children aged 5-9 years to join the Junior Elite Talent Squads.

Previous gymnastics experience is not required!
Boys & girls welcome!

Registration is essential

Gymnastics
South Australia

High Performance Program
Marion Leisure & Fitness Centre
Cnr Oaklands Rd & Rosedale Ave, Morphettville

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