From our Acting Principal Mrs Miller

How quickly the term has neared its end! Term 1 has seen the beginning of some very exciting initiatives within our Marion Coast Partnership and other wonderful events at our site.

We have five year 5/6/7 students and their teachers participating in the TfEL project—Student Learning Rounds. This project teaches students to be learning observers and focuses on intellectual stretch and a growth mindset. The students conduct observations of learning, collate findings and make contributions that contribute towards structures for improvement across our school and partnership, to support pedagogical shift.

The other project we are involved in is Results Plus. The challenge for this project is to increase achievement, engagement, intellectual stretch, resilience and growth mindset for EVERY learner in numeracy and literacy. This term we are focussing on numeracy. Lea Billerwell (year 5/6 and year 7 teacher) and Liz Raman (R/1 teacher) have taken on the role of Numeracy Leaders and are participating in professional development, that they will then share with the rest of the staff. We look forward to their input and sharing this learning journey together.

Our Twilight Sports day was a huge success. Students and staff fed back that it was a very positive, creative and engaging day. We raised close to $700 from the cake stall and raffles. Thank you to Rebecca Baird, Simone Starr, Clare Napoli and Kylie and Shamlay Spilsbury for organising and running the stall. Thank you also to the Sports Day Committee, especially Doug Nairn and Helen Magarey for the massive effort in organising this event.

As you are aware Kathryn Entwistle is currently working in Head Office as an External Review Officer. This role sees Kathryn and her team visiting other State schools to determine how effectively they are operating. Kathryn then writes a comprehensive report that offers commendations and provides directions that sites are required to implement.

For Kathryn, this type of work is her "intellectual stretch". It supports her continual professional development as a learner and a leader and she feels will make her an even better leader when she returns to Darlington. Due to the nature of the work and the way in which it positively supports Kathryn's professional development, she has decided to return to Darlington at the beginning of Term 3. The staff at Darlington understand the importance of, and need for quality professional development and taking up learning opportunities when they arise, and therefore support Kathryn's decision 100%.

I will be Acting Principal for term 2 and Jennie-Marie Gorman has been appointed as Acting Deputy Principal.

*Reminder*

School finishes at 2:05pm

Next Friday 15th April

I'm Going on Holidays!
Spanish News from Señorita Katie

FRIDAY DANCE
On alternate Fridays Tammie from Blackwood fitness centre comes and teaches us some great dances. It is lots of fun dancing in the sun. The music is awesome and groovy and we get a great workout together. ¡GRACIAS TAMMIE!

Harmony Day
On Tuesday 22nd March Darlington Primary school celebrated Harmony Day together. This day is a celebration of all the uniqueness in our school, country and world and the coming together of different cultures and ideas and forming a big RAINBOW FAMILY. We started with some yummy different food options at breakfast club from other countries and then had a wonderful start to the day singing together in the sunshine. A local folk musician Forté joined us to sing some of his songs including one we learnt in language classes called “The Universe Provides.” We all sung a song called Que será – which means that things will be as they will be… lots of great learning from that statement about acceptance and appreciation which was the theme of the day.

Some students shared their thoughts on what they thought Harmony Day meant to them.

Harmony day means everyone belonging together and being friendly to each other. Some words about harmony day: Friendship, belonging. Teamwork, help everyone out and just be nice.

Emily Dawe, Year 5 - MU03

Harmony day is a day to celebrate how everyone lives together happily.

Ingrid Asenstorfer, Year 6 - MU03

Everyone should have courage and peace on Harmony Day. You should help each other. In your family being together makes you safe.

Haroon Abbas, Year 5 - MU03

Harmony Day is a day where we celebrate where we come from and where we choose to belong. Harmony Day is a day for all families that live in Australia. Australia is a wonderful country with lots of nice people. Nice people who believe in peace and love choose to come to Australia.

Gali Helviz, Year 6 - MU03

MU01 - Mrs Roberts Year 7 Class
On Thursday 7th April, Mrs Robberts’, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Jones’ classes had the opportunity to meet Corey Wingard. He spoke about his life experiences and told us to embrace every opportunity in life and always be looking for the next one.

It was a great experience and we had a great time.
Kearna Rigney, Shakari Davis & Sid Anand, Year 7 - MU01

MU05 - Mrs Jones’ 5/6 Class
A great example of team work and good sportsmanship, having enjoyed the art relay on Sports Day with Mrs Fitz-Williams.

The Dad Factor
A seven week course for fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other male carers that can assist participants to develop their own parenting style. Topics covered include communicating with children, helping children to develop self confidence, children’s behaviour and how to deal with it, handling stress.

Where: Forbes Children’s Centre
80 Thomas Street, South Plympton
When: Wednesdays, 11th May—22nd June 2016
Time: 6.00-8.00pm
Cost: FREE
Contact: George on 8186 8900
It is great to be able to have another opportunity to be your school counsellor and I must say I really enjoy the special interaction I have with the school community whilst in this role. Once again I am so thrilled that Jackie Chadwick has been able to step in and continue providing engaging learning opportunities in The Arts.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS:
The Primary Schools Music festival has been going for well over 100 years and once again we have students participating in many levels of that organisation. The Festival Choir is rehearsing each week and practising furiously for our assessment in week 1 of next term. The commissioned work in the festival has the theme – Sustainability or Mission Possible – and we are enjoying the songs about water, bees, wind power and sustaining life on our planet, as well as 10 other great songs. Ingrid Asenstorfer is playing cello in the Festival Orchestra which involves students from many other schools and rehearses in our music room on Thursday night. Several students have auditioned to be in the dance troupe and are anxiously waiting to see if they made it. Soloists are practising at lunchtimes on Tuesday ready for workshops and auditions next term so we are really getting involved.

Tom Helps is our new string teacher and he has made a great start with our budding violin, viola and cello players. Our string ensemble sounds great already and they have learnt several tunes this term. It has been delightful to welcome some students from Seaview High School to join our string ensemble and to have their lessons here as there is no string program at the High School. It has been especially delightful to welcome Emily Capilitan and Jamillah Kore who were once students here. Today Sue Asser, our teacher of wind and brass instruments conducted the first session for this year of our school band and was really thrilled with how well the students engaged in their playing and listening. Zac, a student of Mike Gillard our percussion teacher, was the band drummer and also performed well. All these students are showing they can use their Expert Learner skills in other areas of their learning to a high level. Thanks to all the students for engaging so successfully and to families for supporting practice at home. Keep up this excellent learning everyone.

COUNSELLOR NEWS:
In this newsletter there is a flyer about a group for fathers being run by Anglicare. Anglicare is a major social services organisation in our community and have excellent staff and programs supporting families throughout South Australia. You may be interested in attending this series of workshops. We are actively engaging students in our new school values – RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY and RESILIENCE. Please chat with your children about these words, what they mean to you, how you use them in your life and how they understand them. We have been encouraging the children to understand that these values are not just for school but will help them right throughout their lives to be great members of whatever communities they may live in. We would really value your support in this. Behaviour education documents will begin to use these values and language as we embed them in our school culture.

Finally I am really looking forward to watching 8 of our students accept the Westminster Challenge this weekend. They will represent us all in an obstacle course requiring them to use all our values to work as a team and compete fairly and with pride. I would like to thank Emily Roberts and Doug Nairn for their commitment to this team by training, regular practice and attendance on the day to ensure our students can do their very best.

GO DARLINGTON!

Kirsty Henning
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.

Darlington Primary School

April 2016 Vacation Care Program

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

Monday 18th April
Craft Fun: Tom Boys & Knitting

Tuesday 19th April
Cooking Day

Wednesday 20th April
EXCURSION Intecity
BYO Lunch, Snacks & Drinks
8:45am Arrival

Thursday 21st April
Ride your bike
BYO Bike (or Scooter) MUST WEAR A HELMET

Friday 22nd April
Harma Beads

Monday 25th April
Public Holiday
Anzac Day

Tuesday 26th April
Face Painting

Wednesday 27th April
Hall Games

Thursday 28th April
EXCURSION Movies & Park
BYO Lunch, Snacks & Drinks
8:45am arrival

Friday 29th April
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!
MAGAREY ORCHARD
HARVEST FESTIVAL
40 MAGAREY ROAD, COROMANDEL VALLEY
SAT APRIL 16 - SUN APRIL 17
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fruit Sales & Samples + Truck Rides + Cider & Juice +
High Tea + Live Music + Orchard Walks + Face Painting
+ Evening bush dance ($15 Adult, $30 Family, Children U12 Free).

ADULT $7.00
CONCESSION $5.00
CHILDREN U12 FREE

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