Dear Parents/Caregivers,

What a wonderful start to our term with a very successful market day on our first weekend back. The weather was a little bit of a concern at first but it ended up being a fabulous day. Thank you to everyone for their efforts in making our market such a wonderful event.

On a rather sad note, we had to say goodbye to Leigh, Khalim and Jemmy over the holidays as they have moved to the sunshine coast to begin another chapter of their lives. The Lindner’s have been part of our community for a long time and we will miss the dedication and commitment that Leigh brought to our school every day when she came to work. We would like to wish them all the best on their new adventure!

As a result of this, we now have Theresa White and Anna O’Brien working with us in the classroom. Anna works Monday and Wednesday, Theresa works Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Maree Brown our Guidance Officer will come to our school on a Wednesday each fortnight this term so if you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to make an appointment to speak with her.

This term we have some really exciting events coming up:

- On Friday of this week we are participating in NAIDOC celebrations at Hillview
- Each week for the rest of the term we have dancing with Dance Fever
- Cup Cake Day which will be organised by the Student Council
- On the 24th August we will have to have our art entries ready for the Beaudesert Show
- On the 25th August a film crew are coming to film our school for World Teachers day
- Ag Ed at the Beaudesert Show
- White Balloon Day on the 9th of September
- School Camp in October
In the classroom our focus continues with improving reading accuracy and comprehension with all of our children and Miss Steph, Miss Page and myself have given ourselves a personal challenge with particular children who need additional support. School attendance is also high on our list of priorities and so far this term we have had an average of one or two children absent from school each day with illness however, this is to be expected at this time of year. In science, Miss Steph is investigating physics with the preps, ones and twos and electrical currents with the older children. In gardening club the children are caring for our vegetables and flowers and helping to keep our school looking beautiful. In maths we have been learning all about two D and three D shapes and Miss Page and the children have been making mobiles in the classroom to demonstrate their understanding of these shapes. In geography, the younger children are learning about making connections with places around Australia and the world and the older children are learning about Australia’s connections with Asia. IMPACT project continues for the children in year’s four to six and they are thoroughly enjoying learning about whether designs are fit for purpose. NAPLAN results will be returned to the school in August and we eagerly await the results from these tests. Also, the whole school from year one to year six have participated in an ICAS test for English and it will very interesting to compare the children’s results with the test that we completed last year.

This term for homework we are concentrating on problem solving activities for maths. Our aim is to increase the children’s confidence in completing word problems by choosing the correct operation or combination of operations to complete the problem. Homework will continue to go out on Friday and will be returned on the following Thursday. Library borrowing occurs on Friday. Most children have a number of overdue books and we would appreciate if you would help your children to return their books next week please. Don’t forget to help your children with the Premier’s Reading Challenge by completing the reading log in their homework book.

Finally, thank you to the parents who completed the parent survey for our school – it’s important for everyone to have their say about our great school.

Kind Regards

Claire Roberts
FROM the ADMIN DESK

The children preparing for the Easter egg hunt!

The Prep’s busily building.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Preps, grade 1 & 2’s learning science with Miss Steph.
Christmas Creek Sports Day June 16th & 17th July 2016

Darlington students singing the National Anthem

Gooooooo Darlington!
NAIDCO: Please return all permission forms by Thursday afternoon so your children can participate in the celebrations at Hillview on Friday 29th July 2016. 
There will BBQ morning tea provided for the Preps, 1,2 & 3 then a BBQ lunch provided for the 4,5 & 6’s by Mununjali House.

TENNIS: Tennis commenced again this term with Tash and Paul offering the same great deal of $10 per lesson so with 10 weeks in term 3 if your child/ren are participating in tennis on Monday mornings then you need to organise payment ASAP to Pro Performance Tennis or see me for their details.

Camp: Please see the attached page about camp details as there is some new information and things I require by MONDAY 1st AUGUST 2016. There are no second chances with this and the date cut off is strictly Monday.

FURNITURE: The school has a piano that can no longer be tuned but may do someone if they wish for their child/ren to learn on it otherwise we are looking at getting rid of it to create more space in our library. We also have a good quality desk. If anyone is interested in any of the above items please see myself or Claire.

SCHOOL SURVEY: A reminder that the school survey closes tomorrow 29th July. We value and appreciate your feedback so we encourage everyone to please take part in this.

FROM ADMIN

P and C NEWS

I just want to thank everyone again for all their hard work for the markets. It was a great success with nearly $4000.00 raised as profit.

Next meeting reminder: August 3rd at 3:15pm
Country Fun Day – Darlington Community Markets 2016!
Fish Awards for Term 2:

Be There: Madison Loweke & Hudson
Play: Jaxon Hohl & Fred Cameron
Choose Your Attitude: Coby McBreen & Tommy Martens
Make Their Day: Louis Scott

Principal Award for Term 2: Chevy for being an independent learner
Nateisha and Khalim for their great academic achievements

Fish Awards for Term 3:

Choose Your Attitude: Tylar Rogers & Nicholas Stephens