30 March 2015

We have had a wonderful start to the year. Our end of term summative assessments have shown that the children have made great progress with their reading, maths and spelling. These subjects form the main focus of our Annual Improvement Plan for the curriculum. From the evidence that has been collected, we will develop individual learning goals for each child and these goals become the target to which the children work towards for term two. Individualised learning, is a real strength of being part of a small school as we are able to discern the strengths and weaknesses of each child and progress their learning towards a shared goal.

The toilet block is almost complete with the sealing of the floor being the last stage of the renovation. The shade over the playground has been replaced and soon we will have the basket-ball backing boards replaced in the tennis court. These three areas have been our priority for our school maintenance program for the last few years and it is great to finally have them fixed. However, since we have had so much rain the veranda across in front of the classrooms is now badly worn and desperately needs a coat of paint, I feel that this would be a great working bee job some-time soon please!

The twilight markets and bush dance were a wonderful success despite the weather. The grounds, lights and bunting made a very festive atmosphere and everyone needs to be congratulated for the hours of hard work that goes into these events. The community spirit that this school displays is truly remarkable and I am very proud of what we have been able to achieve. It is in events such as these that memories are formed for our children so that later in their lives they will recall - “This is what we used to do at Darlington”.

We finish this term with the cross country event at Rathdowney and I would like to congratulate the team on their efforts in training and wish them all the best in their events on Monday. On Wednesday, we have an Easter Hat Parade followed by a treasure hunt so I am sure that we will have a lovely time. Thursday is prize day. Prize day, is the day where the children are rewarded for their positive behaviour throughout the term. Each week their Dojo points are collated and in addition to their attendance and homework for the week the children receive money towards their bank accounts. This reward system for behaviour works extremely well and has the added advantage of giving the children an understanding of the value of money – income, expenses and savings.

Finally, I would like everyone to keep Tylar in their thoughts as he is still in hospital and will not be back at school for some time.
FROM THE ADMIN DESK

ICT with Kate

Bush dancing with Miss B

Learning about World War Two with Mara

This is fun!

Are you concentrating Fred?

So this is how it goes!

Maths in the river!
Our Winning Cross Country Team!

FROM ADMIN

- Please return any outstanding student details and medical information forms to the office. It is essential that we have the correct contact details for your child here at school.
- We would really appreciate some more help with covering our new books in the library so if you are able to spare a few minutes please see Rhonda Franklin.
- Easter Hat parade will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm with Miss B. The children will need to bring along a hat – a funny hat if you have time. This will be followed by a treasure hunt in the playground.
- Thursday will be reward day. On this day the children are allowed to spend the money that they have earned in their bank accounts to buy special prizes from the prize box. This is also the day where we bring a plate to share for morning tea and lunch, but please be aware that we must have no food that contains nuts or coconut.
- Cooking lesson with Miss Mia in LOTE on Wednesday (all food items will be provided on the day).
- Up-coming events: ANZAC Parade 23rd April, Senior Leadership Parade 28th April.
The AGM for the P&C will be held on Tuesday the 31st March after school. We are looking forward to everyone participating in our last meeting for the term.

Book Club is a wonderful fund raising activity for our school that raises around $600 a year with many bonus books given to the school to use as book awards throughout the year. This year, Emma-Lisa would like to make a few changes to the way we order our books to help make the running of this service a little more streamlined. There will be more about this next term. So please encourage your children to save their pocket money to purchase books from book club – every little bit helps!

Fish Awards for term one:

- Jemi Lindner for **Being There**
- Lily Webster for **Play**
- Max Hohl for **Make Their Day**

Reading Awards for twenty – five nights reading:

James Trembath, Jemi Lindner, Fred Cameron, Sally Cameron, Max Hohl, Alex McGhee, Ylva McGhee, Oscar Martens, Tommy Martens, Aidan Overell, Lilly Stephens.

**Dragon Award for Term One:** Sally Cameron