Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a very busy and exciting time celebrating events such as NAIDOC with the other small schools in our area to set the tone for another great term at Darlington State School. At Hillview, the children participated in activities that helped them to have a better understanding of our indigenous culture and gave them the opportunity to socialise with other children in our local area. In science week, Miss Steph and Miss Page took our seniors on two excursions, one to the science centre and art gallery and the other to Beaudesert State School where they joined other schools in conducting science investigations. The children have also performed their poetry repertoire at the Kerry Hall Charity Luncheon and for the filming of World Teachers Day with our Regional Director Ms Sharyn Donald. Ms Donald was very impressed with our lovely school and enjoyed speaking with the children about their learning goals and what they enjoyed about coming to school at Darlington. She took lots of photos of Charlotte the pig and has asked Sophie White to send her updates of Charlotte’s progress.

The Beaudesert Show was also a lot of fun and the children are very proud of all the prizes they won in the art work, designing a show poster, pottery, cooking, gardening and of course winning second and third place for our lettuces!

This week the Royal Life Savers came to our school to talk to the children about beach safety which we thought was a timely reminder with our own school camp in just a few weeks! Next week we look forward to the African Drumming display, the Dance Fever concert and our end of term parade. Also next week we will be completing our end of term testing in reading, writing and maths so please ensure that your children attend school every day so that they do not fall behind in their assessments.

Next term in week one I would like to catch up with each parent to discuss your child’s progress so far this semester.

Thank you to everyone for working tirelessly to make our school look so fabulous for the World Teachers Day filming. I am very grateful and very proud of your efforts and cannot thank you enough. One of the things that I love most about this school is the way everyone pulls together and gets things done, not as a chore but as an opportunity to make a difference to the school and to each other. Thank you.

So, let’s celebrate another lovely term, our great school and our fabulous community with a great bush dance!

Claire Roberts
NAIDOC Celebrations over at Hillview State School
RSPCA Cup Cake Sale to raise money for neglected animals. The children donated $105 to the RSPCA – Well done everyone!
Meet Charlotte the PIG
Filming World Teachers Day

Regional Director Sharyn Donald with the children as the recite their poems

The seniors at the Kerry Charity Luncheon
IMPORTANT DATES

White Balloon day 9th September – normal school day but we are recognising the importance of child safety.

African Drumming Attached is a permission slip to be returned by no later than Tuesday 13th Sept for your children to attend African Drumming at Hillview.

Last day of term 16th September all parents are invited to come watch your children perform their Dance Fever routine at 2pm and then following that at 2.45pm we will hold a parade. For the parade can you please send any $5 vouchers that your children have at home so I can update them so they can receive any reading awards owing to them.

Camp: Invoices to parents have been issued with the due date for full payment being the 4th October 2016 otherwise you will not be able to attend camp.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS TO BE RETURNED BEFORE END OF TERM PLEASE

P and C NEWS

Thanks to everyone for attending the P & C meeting on Wednesday the 7th September.

Keep an eye out for the roster on the fridge and please volunteer your time wherever possible to help contribute for our last fundraising event for 2016 – The Bush Dance on Saturday night 17th September 5pm-8pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19th October.
Fish Awards for Term 3:

- **Play**: Sophie White & Madison Loweke
- **Make Their Day**: Patrick Overell & Sally Cameron
- **Make Their Day**: Sophie White & Max Hohl

Reading Nights: From Term 2

- **25 Nights**: Chevy Agafonoff, Jaxon Hohl, Madison Loweke, Mia Loweke, Alex McGhee & Sophie White
- **50 Nights**: Chevy Agafonoff, Hudson Agafonoff, Jaxon Hohl, Max Hohl, Preston Hohl, Oscar Martens, Tommy Martens, Coby McBreen, Aidan Overell, Patrick Overell, Louis Scott, Lilly Stephens, Nicholas Stephens & Sophie White
- **75 Nights**: Tylar Rogers, Albie Watt & Mikiesha Watt

BIG Thank You to Mrs Sue Groat, our religious education teacher for helping the children create this magical garden which they entered in the Beaudesert Show and received 2nd prize for.