

**Issue 2 2021**

**Darlington Primary School**

# NEWSLETTER

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K-7 School

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

It has been great to see families back joining in our celebrations in our COVID safe way. We thank all the families for using the QR Codes and maintaining our social distancing COVID safe practises. As the immunisation processes gather momentum we can only hope that we return to more normality in the near future.

In term 1 we have been able to celebrate our learning and who we are as a school and have had assemblies, Harmony Day, Come and Meet the Teacher and Sports Day. These events and parent support enrich the learning and schooling experience for all of us.

Congratulations to all out SWAT Team Leaders and Our School Ambassadors. These students are the school leaders. They are appointed to the positions based on an application process. The School Ambassadors self-nominated and were then required to undergo an interview. The School Ambassadors for 2021 are: Ameelia Stewart, Eden Sampson, Fran-Mari Nortje, Tony Asensterfer, Danah Alahmari and Sophie Van Dyk.

This is my last newsletter for Darlington Primary School. I have decided that I will retire at the end of this year. Prior to retiring I will be using up my long service leave for the remainder of the year. My last day at Darlington will be the last day of term 1. I have spent the last 40 odd years working in education; as a mainstream teacher, a teacher of the Deaf, as the principal and manager of services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in their local school, and as the principal of a number of schools in remote, country and metropolitan areas. I have been fortunate to have a range of experiences that have made my career interesting and one where I have never been bored. Now it is time to do some of the other things that I enjoy including family history, photography, walking in the daylight, reading and travelling both within Australia and overseas when the borders open up.

Darlington is a great school, the students are always keen and eager to share their learning. The Intensive English Language Program adds an extra dimension to the school. It is always interesting to see how quickly students develop their English over the 12 to 18 months they are in the program. Darlington embodies the concept of multiculturalism and a place where we all belong. This makes it a great place to come to school and also a great place to work. I would like to thank all the families and staff for their support over the past 4 years and wish you all well on your journeys.

Ms Lisa Sims will be the Principal for term 2 and Mr Michael Wilson will be the deputy. We are still filling the vacancy behind Mr Wilson. The principal's position will be advertised late this term and the new principal appointed for the start of term 3.

All the best for the remainder of the year.

Claire

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Principal - Claire Loades

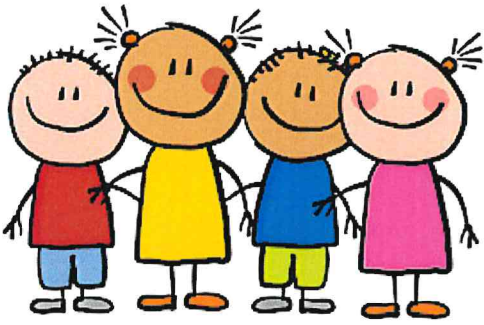
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# Wellbeing News

Dear Ms Tragaras and the Wellbeing SWAT Team,

My name is Elliot and I am the Childhood Cancer Association mascot and best friend to children with cancer.



Thank you so much for your wonderful efforts fundraising \$198.30 as a SWAT Team. That sound like fun!

Did you know that every child diagnosed with cancer in South Australia receives an Elliot plush toy to help them through their journey. I have sent Ms Tragaras a baby Elliot so that you can see what I look Like! You can see what other schools are up to on our website: <https://childhoodcancer.asn.au/how-you-can-help/schools/>

Thanks to donations just like yours, we are able to distribute many Elliots to children in hospital. You know, when you have to stay in hospital for a long time, it is great to have an Elliot you can talk to and cuddle!

Thank you again for helping us to make a real difference to the lives of children with cancer and their families.

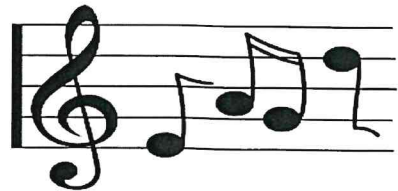
Your friend Elliot,

Elliot





# Performing Arts News



Choir has been busy this year already with a workshop and a performance. In week 3 we had a visit from Robyn from the Festival of Music to start us off learning the songs for the Festival. Kate wrote a special song for Harmony Week/No Bullying which we have been learning as well.

We did our first performance of the year for the school Harmony Week celebrations singing We All Belong (written by Kate) and I Have a Voice.

We are looking forward to learning the rest of the Festival of Music songs and preparing for the big concert in Term 3.



In week 8 we were visited by Co-Opera who performed an original opera called Listen to My Story. It was about how each person finds out their story by living it and engaging with others. The students were very engaged with the performance.

Our annual school musical is underway and the cast has been decided. We will be learning Moana Jr. and performing it in Term 4. Rehearsals are going well and the students are very excited.

Kate White - Performing Arts Teacher





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## S.W.A.T. Teams 2021

(Students working actively together)



Sophie-MU01  
Ameelia-Mu01  
Danah-MU01  
Ana-MU03

Amna-MU05  
Nooria-MU06  
Faustin-MU06  
Valentina-MU06



Josiah-wb2  
Kayden-WB2  
Dayala-WB3  
Ungwa-WB3  
Nirmanani-WB3  
Mohammed-MU01  
Charlotte-MU03  
Emily-MU03  
Laily-MU03  
Adam-MU05

Sadeq-MU05  
Abdullah-MU06  
Kerelos-MU06  
Anton-MU07  
Blake-MU07  
Zacary-MU07  
Isabelle-MU07  
Sam-MU07  
Selena-MU07



David-WB2  
Reyhana-WB2  
Avah-WB2  
Saeeda-MU06  
Muntazir-MU06

Parmis-MU03  
Hadia-MU07  
Hayden-MU07  
Waseela-MU06



Cooper-MU01  
Tony-MU01  
Maddi-MU01  
Zak-MU01  
Bea-Mu03

Georgie-MU03  
Eden-MU05  
Ali-MU07  
Farkhanda-MU07

# Coffee morning



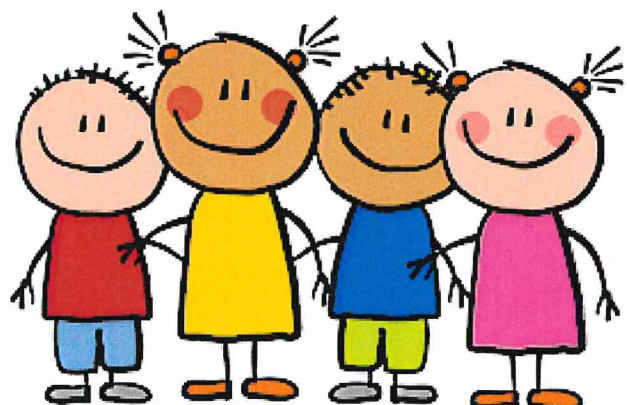
Coffee mornings on  
Tuesday & Thursday at  
9.00am until 10.00am in  
the Community Room



# Congratulations to our 2021 School Ambassadors



Head lice happens often in schools. We ask that families check their child's hair regularly. If you find eggs or lice please treat and also wash all bedding and clothing. Please inform the school so we can let other families know.

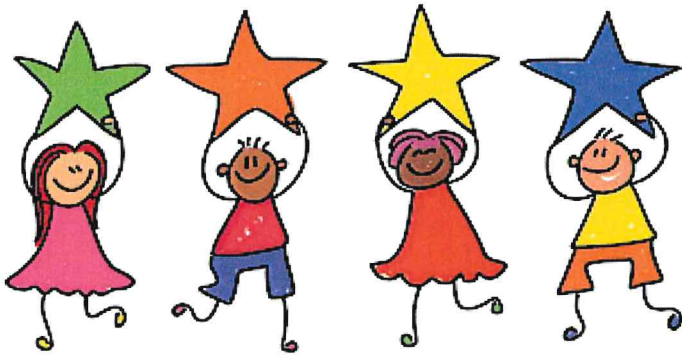






Come and join us for a  
**FREE BREAKFAST!**

Every  
**TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING**  
8.10am to 8.40am  
in the Hall



**Please check the lost  
property bins for any  
items of clothing etc.**



**Don't  
FORGET!**

**SCHOOL FEES  
ARE DUE  
NOW  
FOR 2021**

## DIARY DATES TERM 1

Friday 2nd & Monday 5th April  
Easter long weekend (**No School**)

Friday 9th April  
Last Day of Term  
**Early Dismissal 2:05pm**

## DIARY DATES TERM 2

Tuesday 27th April  
First Day of Term

Friday 30th April  
Assembly

Thursday 6th May  
Mother's Day Stall

Friday 7th May  
Pupil Free Day (**No School**)

Tues 11th May to Friday 21st May  
NAPLAN

Monday 24th May  
Principal School Tour



**FACEBOOK PAGE:**

Darlington Primary School South Australia