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From the Principal's Desk

As Term 3 rapidly draws to a close, we reflect on all the wonderful things that have taken place across this term. Luckily we have been able to hold our Book Week celebrations, thank you to Mrs Symes and all the teachers for their work leading up to this. Thank you to the Parent Fundraising Committee for organising the Father's Day Stall. The students certainly enjoyed the opportunity to purchase something for their dads/carers.

In sports news many of our students participated in SAPSASA Athletics for the South-West district with 3 students making the finals. We wish them all the best. We had a team of year 5, 6, 7 boys that were able to participate in the SAPSASA boys netball competition in what was a very wet game of netball at Stella Maris Parish School. The boys did exceptionally well having not played as a team before the match. Again this year we had teams in the South Western District Netball competition, thank you to all the staff and parents involved in making this happen for our students.

On Saturday 11th September our choir students performed at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre for the Festival of Music. It was a wonderful evening, thank you to Miss Kate for all her work leading up to this.

This week students in reception to year 5 have had the opportunity to undertake swimming lessons. This is a great opportunity for all students to learn to swim. We know in Australia that children drowning was a common occurrence during the summer months prior to the introduction of school based swimming programs. The uptake of the lessons has been great. Water safety is an essential skill in Australia.

At this time of the year we begin looking to the next school year. We need to plan our classes so we have some understanding of our staffing . To do this we need to know from all families what you are planning for 2022. Will your children be attending Darlington PS, do you have a child who is starting school in 2022? Does the school know what you are planning? A questionnaire was sent home 2 weeks ago, we are seeking more returns to help with this planning.

As the weather is warming up there are lots of great activities that you will be able to do around the community. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page - Darlington Primary School South Australia where we will post ideas as they become available. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 11th October.

Linda Fox



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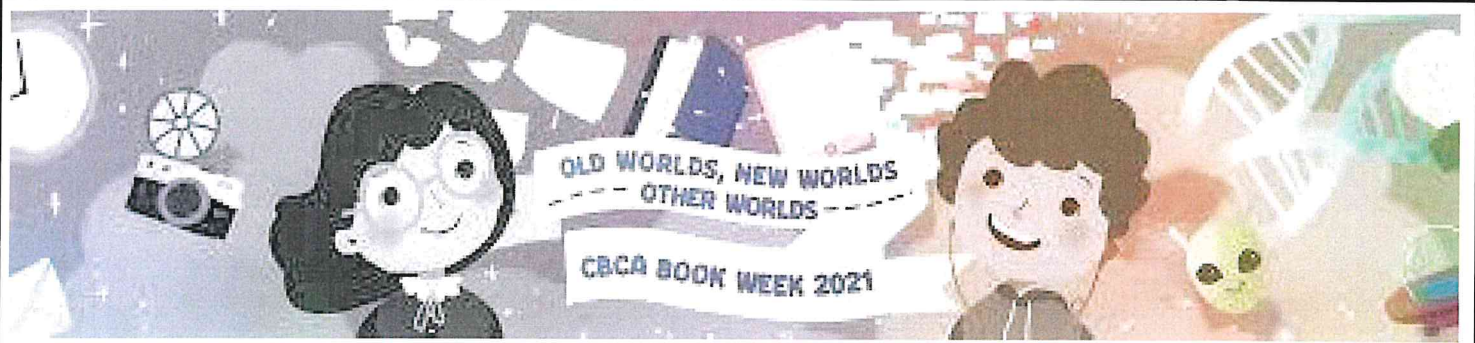
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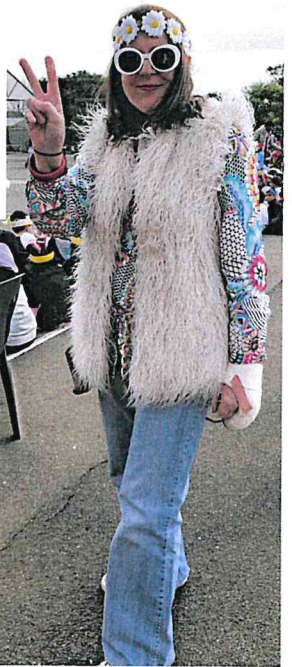




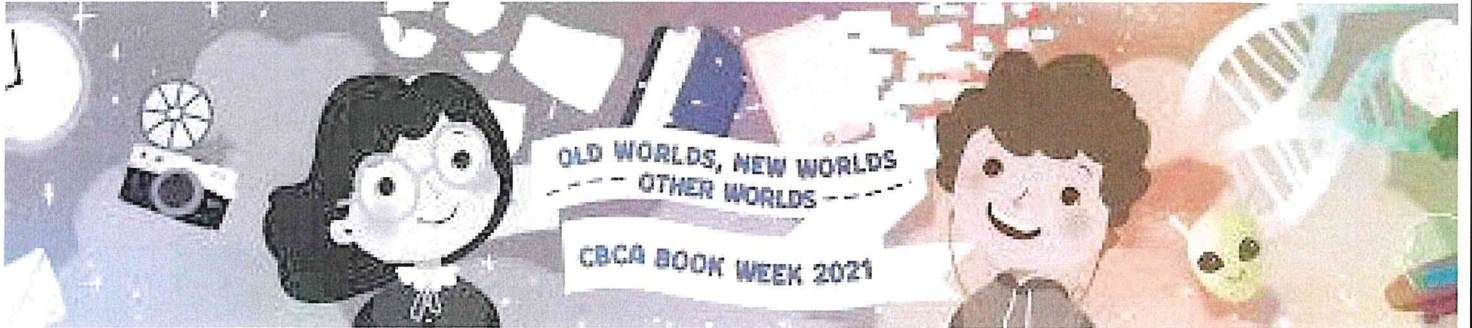
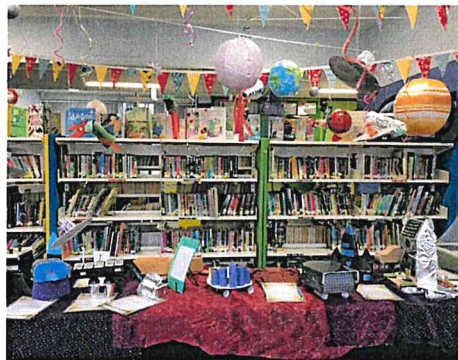
BOOK WEEK

Book Week is an event that happens each year and during this time schools spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. The theme for 2021 was Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds. At Darlington this year colourful displays were created by students, and stories were told to highlight the importance of reading and books. Students dressed as their favourite book character and made colourful hat creations for a Book Week costume parade. Staff also wore costumes with the SSOs looking especially colourful in "Flower Power" fancy dress. Families were invited to the parade to see the fabulous hat creations that students designed and made. After the parade students enjoyed eating BBQ sausages for lunch. The day was filled with lots of enjoyment and participation.





BOOK WEEK



WB5 Term 3 History

This term in WB5 we have been investigating toys and comparing old and new toys. Ms Symes bought in some old toys for Book Week and we were able to learn how to play some of them.



We learnt how to play croquet and elastics.



We also learnt how to play quoits and bowls.



Finally, Rosemary taught us how to make Pioneer rag dolls.



SAPSASA

Over Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September, I was able to play Hockey for my district (South-West and Southern Valley). While I was over playing at Grange I was able to make quite a few new friends in my team. We had two games for the first day, our team hadn't really played much together so it was still a learning experience for our first game. Thanks to our amazing coach Todd he was really able to make us a proper and challenging team.

It was also fun seeing a lot of people I already knew at the competition, making it a more enjoyable time. It was really good because I could see our team getting better over the tournament and even our new players that had never played before improved, becoming such strong players that were fun to play with.

It was nearing the end of the tournament on Friday and we were doing well for the first two games against Tee Tree Gully and Hills. In the end it was down to the last game which got us really nervous, we started getting off track. It was a thrilling game to watch. After all the games and effort our team had put in, it payed off because we beat East Adelaide putting us in first, our teams all shook hands. My team and I were all happy, this being the first time our district had ever won a hockey tournament, I was very proud. We all started high fiving each other yelling "YES!".

When the tournament was over all the teams sat down waiting for the results. They started announcing the teams placing last to first, ..."and in first place South-West", our whole team cheered as we were all very happy. We all received our medals from Todd, then we gave Todd a big thank you and a card for his work. On the way out, I got a massive double chocolate ice-cream and I was very happy.

By Oscar Freeman - MU01



HOCKEY





Wellbeing News

We make time to ask
RUOK?TM

Dear Parents/Carers on Thursday 9 September is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs.

The four steps to start a conversation are:

1. Ask RUOK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check in. Your conversation could change a life.

At Darlington we had a RUOK? Pancake breakfast. Here are some photos of our staff and students.



Festival Choir



On Saturday Festival Choir performed at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre in a choir of 1300 students. It was very exciting to be part of such a big event. There was an orchestra (with Tony Asenstorfer playing cello) and dance troupe performing with us. There were also Assisting Artists from Department for Education schools around the state.

The dance troupe danced to a number of the choir songs and the dancing and lighting effects were amazing. Darlington took a total of 25 students to the event and everyone had an awesome time singing and watching.

Parents of choir students will be able to purchase a copy of the video of our performance. Details to follow next week.

Choir is now choosing songs to sing at the end of year concert next term.

Congratulations on a fabulous performance.

Kate White - Performing Arts

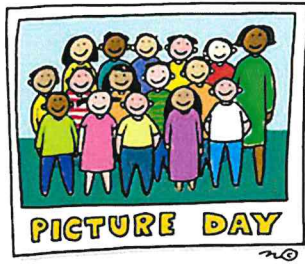


Darlington Primary Production Of



This year's musical is Moana Jr, based on the Disney film. MU03 have been rehearsing all year and are looking forward to performing early in Term 4. A note with the details will be sent home as soon as we have confirmed the performance date.

School Photo day



Monday 20th
September

Catch up day is Thursday 23rd September

**Please ensure to send
correct money on the day
as no change is available**

Friday 24th
September



End of Term
Early Dismissal
2.05pm

Thank you



A big Thankyou to the Salvation Army and Wendy Sudron for their donations towards our lunchtime activities with Deb Smith Pastoral Care worker. The students have loved using the new stationary at lunch times and the extra Kimochi merchandise is well used throughout all classes.





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.**



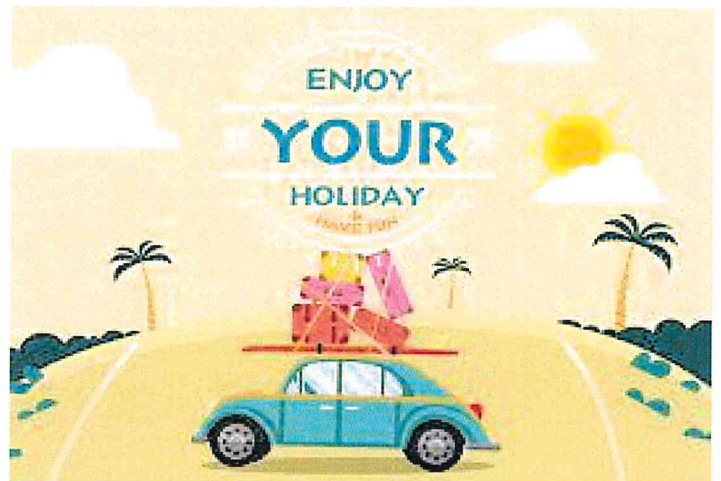
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NOW
FOR 2021**

DIARY DATES TERM 3

Monday 20th September
School Photos Day

Thursday 23rd September
School Photos Catch up Day

Friday 24th September
Assembly
Last Day of Term
Early Dismissal 2.05pm



DIARY DATES TERM 4

Monday 11th October
School Starts

Friday 15th October
Assembly

Friday 5th November
Pupil Free day (No School)



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