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Darlington Primary School

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to our last newsletter for the school year. As a school, over the past couple of years, we have been learning to do things differently. We have been communicating with families more through emails and texts as well as Class Dojo and Teams. These tools have been important in this COVID world and will continue to be as we move forward.

The pandemic has meant that much of our family involvement at assemblies and performances has not been possible, entailing a move to online production. The end of year concert is nearly ready for streaming and all families will receive a link that they can view the performance on. The students will view the performance at school as well. Ms Kate is very happy with the production and the students all did a great job. Thank you to all staff who have been involved in this work.

A normal end to the school year is a flurry of report writing and tasks. We have seen the year 6 & 7 students prepare for their transition visits to high school and we wish them all the best with the next stage of their education. Our 2022 receptions have been visiting school over several Mondays. They have been busy learning how school life is and have spent lots of time meeting teachers and students while familiarising themselves with their new school. Thank you to all the staff involved in supporting the 2022 reception students.

Thank you to all the staff for their work in 2021, it has been a challenging year but one we have succeeded and survived. We have a number of staff changes for 2022 and are currently working with HR to fill some vacancies. Sue Swan, Helen Clarke and Helen Magarey have decided to retire at the end of the school year. They have a long history with the school and have worked with a wide range of classes and students in the school. They will be greatly missed. Katie Evans will be returning in 2022 after taking some time off to build her business along with becoming a parent. Congratulations to Michael Wilson who has won a leadership position at Roxby Downs Area School and to Ruth Busby who has won a permanent position with the Engagement and Wellbeing Directorate in head office. A big thank you to our contract staff: Ms Amy, Miss Jeffrey, Mr Manning, Mr Trumble, Mrs Smith, Mrs Walker, Miss B, Miss Sarah, Miss Lucy, Mrs Tragaras, Rosemary and Alex for their contribution to Darlington Primary School. We wish them all the best for the future.

Lastly thank you to all the students and their families for your commitment and involvement in Darlington Primary School. We have a strong community feel within the school that is reflective of all the different cultures who are members of the school. Our ability to respect each other is a core strength of the school. Have a wonderful summer holiday and enjoy your family celebrations over the festive season.

Linda Fox

Reminder: school finishes at 2:05pm Friday 10th December 2021!

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MU03 Poetry

During term 4 MU03 has been working on poetry. We have been learning about different poetic techniques and applying these to a writing piece.

Here are some examples



Trees

Five little trees dancing in a jungle,
shaking their green leaves.

RUSTLE, RUSTLE.

Suddenly one of them stopped.

He waggled wiggled, wiggled all
around like an octopus.

The tree stopped again and stretched
her branches.

To pray like a god .

After a few hours she saw a little girl
walking by.

With her parents with her.

She looked at the tree and said.

I should never chop a tree and smiled.

And then hugged the tree she said
goodbye.

By Rokhshana

Willow the dog

She bites

Black and white

Poo's everywhere

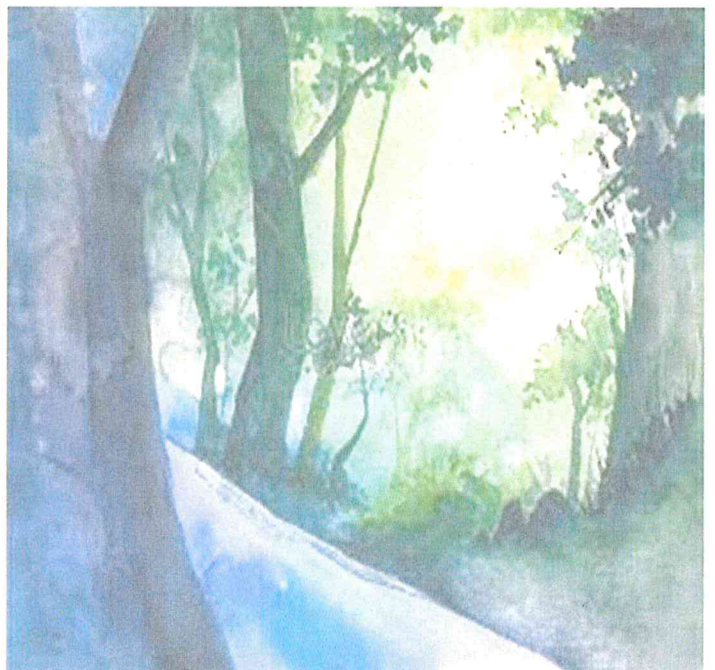
Puppy pool for training

Makes me happy

Barks when we go out

Cries for me the most

By Levi



MUO3 Poetry

Summer life with froggy!

Boom crash! Waves crashing on the rough rocks.

The soft sand crunching beneath Froggys feet.

He felt ice cream melting on his hands.

Birds chirping louder and louder.

The sun was a big as a boulder.

He smelt fresh flowers on a field.

Waves crash on the big sand castles and making them topple.

The sun winked at him.

The wind rushing through Froggys face.

Froggy stared at the ice cream.

The ice cream was as tall as a bin.

Let the summer begin with funny Froggy!

By Parmis



My winter poem

In the winter the snow fell.

Crack! The ice was breaking.

Creek! My dog was slipping outside on the ice.

Woof woof !He was barking like an angry dingo.

Kids were running through the snow like cheetahs.

Aaa! I heard kids screaming. The snow was very cold.

Everything was white.

I drank a cup of cocoa on a cold night.

The cup of chocolate smelt great, it tasted very sweet.

By Emilie C



Wellbeing News

Dear parents,

Thank you all for your support, involvement and cooperation with our school this year. I would like to provide some information that you may find helpful. Take care and stay safe.

eSafety will be running an expanded free education program in 2022 on online safety training to parents and carers, giving them the knowledge, skills and tools to help keep their kids safe online. Please refer to the flyers to register.

Here is a list of some important support services that you may like to keep in mind. These services may be contacted after hours.

- Life-threatening emergency: 000
- Child Abuse Report Line (CARL): 13 14 78

Phone Counselling:

- Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
- Headspace 1800 650 890
- Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
- Regional Access 1300 132 186

Online Counselling:

- www.kidshelp.com.au
- www.headspace.org.au

[headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation](http://www.headspace.org.au)

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www.headspace.org.au

Pip Tragaras

Student Wellbeing Leader
Darlington Primary School





Parent and carer webinars

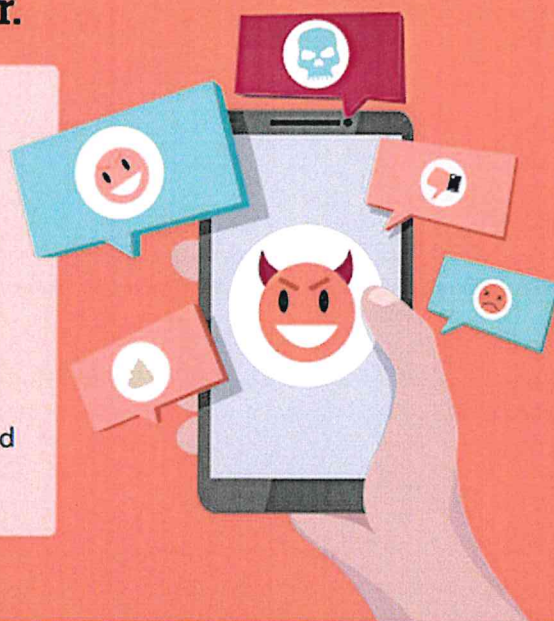
2022

Join eSafety's expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar.

Cyberbullying and online drama.

This webinar will give parents and carers the tools to support young people to have safe and respectful online relationships. Our team will provide advice about how to deal with online bullying and help to manage harmful online behaviours.

It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old.



Register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



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Parent and carer webinars

2022

Join eSafety's expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar.

Helping kids thrive online.

This webinar will give parents and carers the strategies they need to help their kids identify risks and develop skills to stay safe online.

It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 5 to 12 years old.



Register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



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

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property bins for any
items of clothing etc.



DIARY DATES TERM 4

Monday 6th December

Students to Visit 2022 Classes

Thursday 9th December

Early years Fun Day

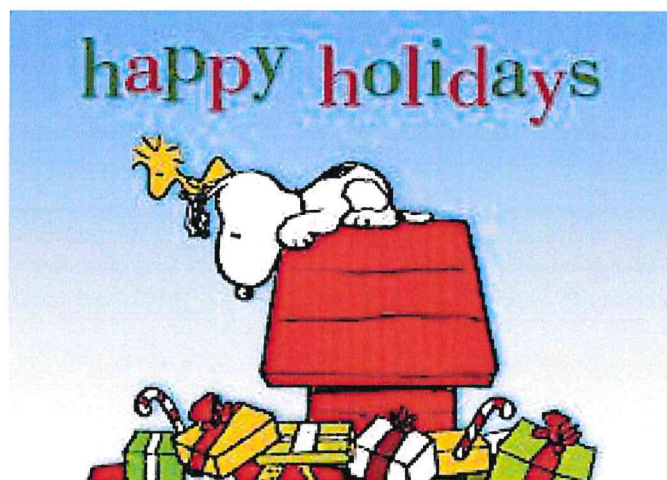
Senior Graduation

Friday 10th December

Assembly

Last day of Term

Early Dismissal at 2:05pm



**School Starts
Monday 31st
January 2022**



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