

Darlington Point Public School



Striving for Excellence

Term 4 – Week 2

Monday, 20 October 2025



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for what promises to be a busy and exciting end to the school year.

I'd like to take a moment to remind all families about the importance of wearing a helmet when riding scooters, skateboards, or bikes. Unfortunately, one of our students, Rowan, was recently involved in a serious accident at the Griffith Skatepark and sustained a significant head injury. Rowan was rushed to hospital and is now in Sydney where he faces a long road to recovery. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Rowan and his family during this difficult time. Please encourage your children to always wear a helmet—it's a simple step that can prevent life-changing injuries.

Last week we wrapped up our Footsteps Dance program with a fantastic disco on Thursday evening. The students had an absolute blast showing off their moves, and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces. A huge thank you to Caitlin from Footsteps Dance for sharing her expertise and enthusiasm with our students throughout the week—it was a brilliant way to start the term!

This Friday is our much-anticipated **P&C Fete**, and excitement is certainly building. It's shaping up to be a great afternoon for the whole community, and I'd like to thank our amazing P&C and staff for all their hard work in preparation. We can't wait to see everyone there.

With the warmer weather upon us, please ensure students are wearing their school hats each day and applying sunscreen before school. Hydration is also very important—students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and refill it regularly throughout the day.

Next Friday, our **Public Speaking Finals** will be held for Kindergarten and Stage 3 (Years 5/6). The topic is *"My Favourite Animal"*, and we look forward to hearing some creative and confident speeches from our students.

Finally, I'd like to let our families know about a small change to our **School Behaviour Support and Management Plan**. The *Bidgee Bonus Awards* will now be presented once per term rather than weekly. Recipients of this award will be invited to participate in a special celebration event, such as a movie afternoon. This change allows us to recognise and celebrate positive behaviour in a more meaningful way.

Thank you all for your continued support as we head into the final term of 2025. I look forward to another great term of learning, growth, and community spirit.

Term 4 Week 2

Fri 24 Oct

Assembly
School fete

Term 4 Week 3

Fri 31 Oct

Public speaking KH & 5/6B
Assembly

Term 4 Week 4

Fri 7 November

Assembly
Public speaking 1/2C & 3/4C

Lunch orders are available this Friday.



MERIT AWARDS

TERM 3 Week 10

KH

Braxton – for a wonderful effort and improvement with his speech.

Saima – for working hard on her maths learning with Mrs Wood.

1/2C

Victoria – for capturing great spring flowers during our photography art lesson.

Bellamy – for practising his fractions of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ in shapes.

3/4C

Kobe – for working well collaboratively during maths rotations.

Lucy – for working well collaboratively during maths rotations.

5/6B

Liam – for determination and effort in finishing set tasks and showing perseverance when the work is difficult. Well done!

Maggie – for being a responsible role model in and out of the classroom assisting her peers and teachers. Great Effort!

Mrs Guests awards

Evelyn – for producing lovely bookwork in Science and Geography with Mrs Guest.

Maddison – for excellent engagement in Science, Geography and handwriting lessons with Mrs Guest.

MERIT AWARDS

TERM 4 Week 1

KH

Rory – for doing a great job explaining his strategies and thinking in maths.

Beji – for trying hard to maintain focus during guided reading lessons.

1/2C

Indi – for showing courage when trying new and tricky learning especially in Maths.

Zane – for displaying an eagerness to predict during guided reading sessions.

3/4C

Harper – for showing resilience and not giving up when facing a challenge.

Penelope – for showing a positive attitude and resilience when facing challenges.

5/6B

Brady – for leading by example when participating in our footsteps dance program. Awesome effort!

Layhnee – for amazing attention to detail in her visual representation of culture. Fantastic work!

Mrs Guests awards

Braxton – for a cooperative attitude and improved cutting skills.

Tylen – for great contribution to class discussions in science.

PLAY LEAGUE STARS:

WHEN: 30/10/2025 - 4/12/2025

TIME: Thursday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

WHERE: Recreational Ground
King Street
Darlington Point



LEAGUE STARS



The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. Each week, your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. Each week they'll unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

REGISTER FOR LEAGUE STARS
LEAGUESTARS.COM

WHEN: 30/10/2025 - 4/12/2025
TIME: Thursday 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm
LENGTH: 6 sessions
AGE: 5-12 Years
COST: \$89

YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS:

WHERE:
Darlington Point Recreation Ground
King Street
Darlington Point
NSW 2706

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2026 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Orientation Program Timetable

- Wednesday 22 October: 9:30am – 10:30am (1hr)
- Wednesday 29 October: 9:30am – 12:15pm (½ day)
- Wednesday 5 November: 9:30am – 12:15pm (½ day)
- Wednesday 12 November: 9:30am – 12:15pm (½ day)
- Wednesday 19 November: 9:15am – 3:15pm (full day)
- Wednesday 26 November: 9:15am – 3:15pm (full day)



GRIFFITH JUNIOR CRICKET 2025/2026 SEASON

Registrations are now open!!

Griffith Junior cricket will start their 2025/2026 season in October. All games/sessions will take place on Saturday mornings.



All registrations will need to be made online through PlayHQ
<https://www.playhq.com/>

Search for Griffith District Cricket Association



Cricket Blast:

- Group #1 - Kinder - Year 1 (5-7 years old)
- Group #2 - Year 2-3 (7-9 years old)

Senior Binks/Tucker:

- Year 4-5 (10-11 years old)

Games and Blaster activities start on Saturday 25th October

If having trouble registering, please come along to our assistance evening on the 15th October at the Exies Sports Club from 5-7pm.

A coaching and team information session will be held on Sunday 19th October from 9:30 to 11:30am at the Exies.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Roy Binks on 0490 534 707. Also please check out our Facebook page (Griffith Junior Cricket Club) for updates.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMESTER 2 2025

Our Public Speaking competition is happening again! Students will be preparing speeches **AT HOME** ready to deliver them to their class and teacher in weeks 3 & 4 of term 4.

Students will prepare their speeches **AT HOME** and bring them to school by the required date. Although **ALL** students are **REQUIRED** to write a speech as part of their talking/ listening assessment, only a handful of students from each class will present their speeches at our school assembly.

The theme for the speeches, for ALL classes is...

'MY FAVOURITE ANIMAL'

Students should include in their speech what their favourite animal is and why; is this animal helpful to humans; can it be a pet; features of the animal; where can it be found; is it extinct or endangered, etc. Speeches will **NEED** to be written before they are required for assembly.

Classes will present at assembly in the following weeks:

- **week 3 Friday 31st October** Classes Kinder **H** and **5/6B**
- **week 4 Friday 7th November** Classes **1/2C** and **3/4H**

*As usual, students will be scored on their speeches at assembly and the students with the highest scores will receive a small trophy for their efforts.

* If parents **OR** students have any queries, you should see your class teacher.

