



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you all; children, staff, parents and the wider community for the support you have given the school this term. I feel extremely proud of the achievements and talents that I have seen from our children and staff this year and I am excited for a bright future for us at Darlinghurst and for those children stepping out and beyond.

Our school production of Joseph added to a fantastic end to the term. Each and every child demonstrated talent and camaraderie. I can't praise the children and team enough.

I would like to wish all children and staff who are leaving all the best in your futures. Have big dreams and ambitions. For the children moving on I hope that Darlinghurst has prepared you to be resilient and equipped you with determination to succeed in your future learning. You are on an amazing journey that is as yet undefined; grab every opportunity that comes in your path.

It is with readiness that our year six children leave us as they continue on their journey. I know you will join me in wishing them every success and encourage them to dream big and shine! They are amazing individuals and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow as individuals and as a year group. Together they display a great sense of 'belonging' and team spirit and will always be fondly remembered.

I wish you all a safe and restful summer holidays, take the time to read, explore and grow. I look forward to inviting you all back in September when we will continue our journey together to excellence.

Mrs Nicholls





Well what can I say...I have had the most amazing time at Darlinghurst School. When I first joined Darlinghurst, nearly seventeen years ago, it wasn't quite even a two form entry school and now it has grown, in every way, beyond belief.

The children, staff and parents at Darlinghurst are the reason I have stayed so long, they are a very special bunch and I have loved being a part of the team. As you all know, my passion in education is about 'developing the whole child' and am proud of how our school has this at the centre of learning. Although I am extremely excited to take up my new role at Montgomerie, I am very sad to be leaving a school that will always have a special place in my heart.

I wish everyone a lovely summer and I will be back to visit!

Mrs Amran

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful warm wishes and kind gestures I have received. This is not just since my retirement was announced but also over the past years.

During the last fifteen years it has been a real privilege to be part of the brilliant Darlinghurst community and see so many children achieving their goals, both academic and personal. I will always have fond memories of you all.

I wish you, all our fantastic children and my great colleagues all the very best for the future.

Kind regards,
Mr Bird.

We are also bidding farewell to some of our LSAs – Miss Ali, Mrs Hopkirk, Mrs Jennings, Miss Neale and Mrs Walters. Good luck for the future.

News

This week we have had a Pirates and Princesses theme in **Nursery**, and what a fun week it's been!! The children have loved dressing up, building castles, getting messy and generally enjoying the last week of term.

We got to visit the ducks this week, who came out to say hello and show off their webbed feet and waterproof feathers in their pools and on Friday we had our end of term party, where both morning and afternoon children got together to celebrate the end of the school year. Face painting, dancing, winning prizes and letting their party outfits shine was the order of the day, and we think that everyone left, a little more confident of their new friendships and classes for September.

On a personal note we would all like to say a huge thank you for your generosity, support and kind words this year, we were overwhelmed! We love what we do and hope that this shines through in your children, seeing them happy, makes us happy. We can't wait to see what next term holds for the older children in their reception classes and for those returning to Nursery, we are very excited – The Nursery Team

Reception have had a fantastic end to the year, enjoying all of our favourite activities and toys. We enjoyed dancing and eating our party food, having a good time with our friends. The children are all looking forward to moving on to year 1, and we are looking forward to seeing them grow. We would like to thank you all for your support in their journey through Reception – The Reception Team



Orangutan class were the proud winners of the KS2 attendance award for this academic year. Our reward was the surprise visit of the Rossi's ice cream van and a free ice cream! Thanks you to Mrs Walton for organising this, we thoroughly enjoyed our prize



Year 3 wrote reviews after watching the cast of Joseph sing some of the songs in singing assembly. One child said, "I liked the singing and dancing." "I think the singing and acting is really good" said another.

Congratulations to our **kitchen team**, they have once again retained their five star hygiene award from Southend Borough Council.

We are pleased to announce that the **Healthy Schools Quality Assurance group** has recently approved our submission for the **Equality and Diversity Award**. They particularly loved the Young Carer work that we do with our children and the fact that the Junior governors wrote a child friendly Anti Bullying policy; special thanks to Matilda in this respect. An award ceremony will be held later in the year.

Calling all year groups – Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be eligible for the pupil premium grant if your annual household income is less than £16190 or you are eligible for a number of different benefits. This ensures that additional funding is made available to the school. Please see the website for more information.

If your child is currently in Year 2, and will be returning to Year 3 in September, they will no longer be eligible for the universal free school meals provided under the government scheme, and you will need to apply to ensure that you are still eligible for free school meals. Further details are available on the website. If in any doubt please contact the office or Mrs Grant.

A massive thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped out on Monday with the **Inflatable Fun** event. We would like to apologise for the late start that was due to unforeseen circumstances with the neighbours. Despite this, we hope everyone had a fabulous time. The committee would like to thank everyone for their support over the last couple of years. We shall be standing down and handing over to a new committee in the new term. Should you enjoy event organizing, the PTA could be right up your street. If you would like to express your interest letters will be coming out next term. Many thanks again, Lisa, Nisha, Claire and Sarah.

Attendance

Well done to Rabbit class, Squid class and Orangutan class for having the highest % attendance in their Key Stage. As a reward we were pleased to bring a Rossi Ice Cream van to school on Tuesday for them all to enjoy a treat. Today 36 children received their reward for having 100% attendance for the whole of the academic year. A fabulous well done to those children too. If we work together next year we can make our whole school attendance outstanding. Miss Walton

Reminder, Friday 1st September is INSET day. The children will return to school Monday 4th September