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## Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been another week for celebration across the curriculum and the academy and **we are delighted to share with you the Good result of our recent Ofsted inspection, validating that Darlinghurst Academy is a good school.** You will receive a copy of the report and a letter today, via email. I am sure you will join us in celebrating and sharing our good news.



Since the last inspection all members of staff have worked collegiately to provide a quality education, here at Darlinghurst. Ofsted recognised the transformation of the academy, **'since the previous inspection to raise standards in the school. As a result, the school's overall effectiveness is now good'.**

We are all passionate about the education and experiences that we provide for our children. Every member of the community plays a vital role in shaping our school I would like to thank the board of trustees for their support and challenge during our journey, the staff for their dedication and hard work, the parents for their support and engagement and last, but no means least to our children, who make us proud and make every day worthwhile. They truly are the stars!

**Ofsted recognised that Darlinghurst Academy has a strong ethos and culture and that our curriculum is focused on the whole child.**

*'The school's curriculum and ethos are strongly committed to promoting equality of opportunity and all pupils are valued and treated equally'.*

*'High expectations and aspirations are clearly embedded throughout the school. The focus is firmly on providing pupils with the best possible life chances'.*

*'Leaders and key staff are tenacious in their approach to supporting the children'.*

**Ofsted recognised that teaching and learning is effective and that 'outcomes have improved since the previous inspection'.**

*'Pupils make strong progress from their starting points and are well prepared for the next phase in education'. 'they get off to a good start in Early years. They are happy and settled and make good gains from their starting points'.*

*'Teaching is characterised by positive relationships and high expectations... as a result, teaching over time is effective. Pupils engage well in their learning and make good progress'.*



*'The quality of teaching and learning is good. Leaders provide staff with effective training and support'.*

**Ofsted recognised that there is a 'strong culture of safeguarding throughout the school. Pupils behave safely and act with respect for the safety of others'. 'Pupils are polite and respectful'.**

*'Pupils understand the different forms that bullying can take, including cyber bullying, and are confident on how to stay safe. They say that there are no incidents of bullying, but if they have concerns they know that they would be addressed quickly. The school has very clear guidance about staying safe online, and pupils explained the risks clearly, showing good understanding'.*

*'The behaviour of pupils is good. Pupils conduct themselves well, raising to adults high expectations of them, they are polite welcoming and respectful. This creates a calm atmosphere in the school'.*

**Ofsted recognised that our curriculum provision is 'rich and varied', enhanced by a wide range of extra-curricular activities'.**

*'Pupils enjoy the curriculum and talk enthusiastically about the trips and enrichment activities available'.*

*'There is strong provision for sports and PE... children enjoy taking part in competitive tournaments and are proud of their success.'*

Over the last few weeks we have been able to engage in sporting events together, including this week's KS2 sports day and 'mini sports'. I would like to thank the PE department for their time and energy. In other celebrations, we have also enjoyed celebrating together, with parents joining staff and children in their classrooms this week. I am sure you will agree that the standard of work produced by our children is excellent. Our staff and children have enjoyed learning together this year. So many great memories!

I am looking forward to the coming academic year, continuing to work in partnership with you, remaining committed in achieving excellence together.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	94.8
STARFISH	95.2
PELICAN	95.8
PUFFIN	95.7
SEAGULL	93.6
LOBSTER	95.7
OYSTER	96.6
SHRIMP	96.5
DUNE	96.7
PEBBLE	93.4
ROCK POOL	95.4
SEASHELL	96.9
PORT JACKSON	96.9
REEF SHARK	96.4
SAND TIGER	95.9
WHITE SHARK	96.2
NEPTUNE	95.1
POSEIDON	96.2
TRITON	94.8
BEMBRIDGE	95.3
WILTON	97.4
MAYFLOWER	93.3
ENDEAVOUR	94.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95.6</b>



## EYFS

This week in **Nursery** our topic has been under the sea. We revisited the topic of recycling and how fish and other sea creatures were effected by plastic in the oceans. We enjoyed watching the key stage 2 sports from the safety of our fairy garden and joined in with dancing and shouting for our team colours and siblings. We also had our Nursery open evening which was a great success, and if you love nursery as much as we do, pass the message around to your friends and mother and baby groups that there are still a few spaces available for September 2019! **The Nursery Team**

On Monday **Reception** visited Sealife Adventure and learnt lots of new facts about different sea creatures as well as other animals that live there. We made sure that we all saw the jellyfish and starfish! The children were really sensible and we all thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to our parent helpers. **The Reception Team**

*I liked touching the starfish because they are my favourite.*

**Lucy, Starfish Class**

*I like the monkeys because they swing in trees.*

**Nikolai, Jellyfish Class**

## KS1

**Year 1** have been recreating art work in the style of a variety of artists across the year. This week we were learning about Andy Warhol and his Pop Art technique. Using a black and white photo of their faces, the children created there own Pop Art self-portrait. Here are some examples Willow, Tazmeen and Dorothy's fabulous work. **Miss Adams, Seagull class**



On Wednesday, **Year 2** had a super exciting visit from Barleylands. They showed us some amazing animals including an enormous tarantula, two incredibly long boa constrictors and a bull frog that was 10 years old and already huge but would be as big as a football when it was fully grown. We all had to be really quiet so that we did not scare the animals which was not easy when their owners walked around with them and showed us what they looked like really close up! The children were asked lots of questions and all of the adults were really impressed with their knowledge. **Mrs Scott, Oyster class**



## KS2

Recycle, Reduce and Reuse has been our mantra this week. We have been looking at how we use these three words in our homes and how we can improve using these three words. It would be great if parents can share the children's knowledge and action some of it. This will really ensure that our children will be ambassadors of the future allowing the planet to be around a bit longer than planned. Taking time to ensure we are listening to each other, we have been practising summarising what someone has said. Play a game with your child by seeing who is the best listener – best to 5. Excited about our sports day, the children were practising their chants and preparing for their races. Unfortunately, I needed more practise as I army rolled through the finish line. My focus to the children was the value of Determination as I got back after my fall and sprinted (hobbled) through the finish line. Maybe you can share a time when you were determined to finish something with your child!!! Preparing our final piece of writing for year three, the children have been thinking about their year and writing a letter about their successes. Next week they will write to year 2 so that they get a feel for the expectations of year 3. Finally, we had a Rockstar party celebrating those children who were 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in their class and also two children who had showed great effort in improving their Times Tables. What a FUN packed week. Have a lovely weekend. **Mr Cauchi, Rockpool class**

**Year 6** have had a very busy week: maths lessons continue in earnest every day and the children had a great time competing in their final Darlinghurst sports day. They also enjoyed themselves on Thursday at Kids



Kingdom, a reward for their hard work and for exemplifying our school values. Every spare minute has been spent frantically putting together the leavers' assembly. Please be reminded the assembly will be at 9.30am on the last day and tickets (up to 2 per child) will be with you soon. **Mr Turner, Mayflower class**

What a couple of weeks of activity and fun our children have had! Sports days for all year groups have now been completed with the children showing all of our school values whilst working together to accumulate points for their house teams. Highlights of the days included a water obstacle relay, traditional egg and spoon races and of course Mr Cauchi falling over but styling it out in the teachers race! Many of our children also took part in the Eastwood Academy Mini-Games this week. The mini-games are run with the Olympic values in mind, determination, honesty and trust, respect, and friendship to name a few. Our children, as always, showed all of these values during the games with many of them making new friends from other schools and above all having fun. At the end of the day, our children were nominated by the event organisers to receive a special Honesty and Trust award, which they could not wait to get back to school to show Mrs Nicholls. Daniel in year 4 summed up the day when accepting the award on behalf of our school by saying 'This has been the best day EVER!'

Well done everyone involved you make me proud to be a teacher at Darlinghurst.

**Mr Felton, PE Subject Lead Teacher**



WOW, after a fun packed year with Times Tables Rockstars, we have achieved great results by increasing everyone's ability to recall their Times Tables quicker which in turn supports all other areas of Maths. Thank you to all parents who have supported the controlled use of Times Tables Rockstars for 15 mins a day. On Tuesday, I hosted a celebrating success party for 60 children where we Rocked On for an hour. The children consisted of the top two children in each class that were the best in learning their Times Tables and we also had two children from each class that showed excellent effort through the year and as a result improved learning their Times Tables at a faster rate. We can all achieve this success as we practise in a FUN way which makes these important facts permanent in our memories. **Remember Practice makes Permanent – not perfect.** I look forward to having another successful year where we strengthen our Maths partnership with parents, children and teachers to achieve great success. **Mr Cauchi**



### Celebrating Excellence

Alix, Dune class will be performing at The Village Green in the musical 'I Wish'. The full musical will be at The Palace Theatre 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August

Samuel, Dune class achieved his 50 metre swimming badge



**Year 6 Leavers'** – The Year 6 leavers' disco will take place in the school hall Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 5:30pm-7:30pm. In addition, the Year 6 leavers' assembly will be held in the school hall Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July from 9:30am.

You are cordially invited to

# D-Fest

*Celebrating 50 years of Darlinghurst*  
Join us for an afternoon of nostalgia, games and entertainment. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day.

**MONDAY 22ND JULY  
3:40PM-6:30PM**

**Darlinghurst Academy,  
Pavilion Drive,  
Leigh on Sea**



On the 18<sup>th</sup> July we are having a plastic free school day! In school we are doing different activities for the day and we need your help!

If your child has packed lunch, please try to reduce the amount of single use plastic in their lunchbox.

Some of the things you can do are:

- Use Tupperware boxes to hold fruit and crackers.
- Don't use cling film to hold food
- Buy food that has minimal plastic
- If your child has crisps, please encourage them to place it in the crisp box!

At home, try to challenge yourself to use less plastic:

- Use Eco-bricks
- Visit the refill room for ideas
- Buy your fruit and vegetables from a farm shop, not the supermarket
- Recycle as much plastic as you can

**The Eco Team and Mrs Powell**

Sat 13 Jul	Summer Production Rehearsals ( <i>Belfairs Academy</i> )
Mon 15 Jul	Year 2 Celebrating Together 8:40am-9:00am
Wed 17 Jul	School Uniform Pop Up Shop 3:00pm-4:00pm ( <i>Sports Demountable</i> )
Wed 17 Jul	Year 5 Hanningfield Reservoir Trip
Thu 18 Jul	PTA Bounce Day
Fri 19 Jul	Summer Production ( <i>Belfairs Academy</i> )
Mon 22 Jul	D-Fest
Tue 23 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Disco ( <i>School Hall</i> )
Wed 24 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:30am ( <i>School Hall</i> )
Wed 24 Jul	Year 6 Celebrating Together 11:00am-

## PTA Inflatable Day

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 4pm – 6pm

**Early Bird (£6) and Online Booking ends on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July!**

Inflatable day is nearly here and we know that the children are getting very excited! We hope you will find the following information helpful when planning for the event.

Burgers & chips, gourmet Pizza, donuts and drinks will be available to purchase. You do not need a wristband for the food stalls although it's always good to know you might need a little extra cash on the day if you want to enjoy these delicious foods.

Glitter tattoos will also be on offer for 50p

Wristbands can be bought on the day for £7 from 3.30pm. For those who purchased through Parent Pay- wristbands will be sent to classrooms on Thursday afternoon. Pre ordered toddler bands (for children not at Darlinghurst Nursery on Friday afternoon) will be available for fast track collection from 3.10pm on the main playground. Please note that this event is only open to children from Darlinghurst Academy & their pre-school siblings. Children are advised to bring suitable bouncing clothes in a named bag and change, in class, at the end of the day.

We look forward to seeing everyone!