



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been wonderful meeting the new intake of reception children this week. They have all settled well into their new routines and the staff and children have been happily getting to know each other. I had the pleasure of enjoying my first lunch with some of them. I look forward to seeing how the children grow with confidence through the coming months.

We also welcome our new Senior Vice Principal this week, Miss Faddy. I look forward to working alongside both Miss Faddy and Mrs Hahn. They are a great asset to the school and are determined to make a huge impact. Along with other members of the senior leadership team we will be on the playground before and after school, please feel free to come and have a chat with any one of us.

I have really enjoyed visiting all of the children in their classrooms this week and talking about their learning. This week the teachers have been focusing on encouraging the children to use their presentation best whilst promoting high standards in work books and learning. Children and teachers have started the year positively to achieve excellence together.

Enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

Shaping the Future – Monday 18th September

Reminder, our second Shaping the Future event will take place on Monday 18th September. Shaping the Future is the starting point of the year when children and staff are welcomed to another year at Darlinghurst through a formal presentation event. The day also establishes our belonging value within each of our school houses with a mixture of competitive team building activities involving children and staff from within each house. A trophy will be presented to the winning house to be held for the year.

All children will need a packed lunch on Shaping the Future Day and no hot meals will be available.

All children will require a water bottle, and should come in wearing full uniform.

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	97.7
JELLYFISH	97.3
SEAHORSE	98.0
STARFISH	98.3
ALBATROSS	98.7
PELICAN	96.8
PUFFIN	99.7
SEAGULL	96.7
CRAB	95.9
LOBSTER	96.3
OYSTER	95.1
SHRIMP	97.7
DUNE	92.4
PEBBLE	99.0
ROCK POOL	98.1
SEASHELL	98.9
PORT JACKSON	95.6
REEF SHARK	97.6
SAND TIGER	97.6
WHITE SHARK	96.0
NEPTUNE	99.1
POSEIDON	96.9
SUSANOO	99.3
TRITON	97.4
BEMBRIDGE	99.2
MAYFLOWER	99.8
WILTON	97.1

Achievement News

Congratulations to Sanaa, Sand Tiger Shark class who achieved her Yellow belt in Karate passing with credit.



News

It has been a pleasure welcoming back all of the existing members of **Nursery** and finding out about all of their adventures from over the summer holidays. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and have been ready to learn from day one. It has been a new adventure, so far, for the children and of course us, as we have begun taking children for the Government funded 30 hours per week. This is a new experience including lunchtime which the children taking part have fully embraced. Miss Gue

The children in **Nursery** and **Reception** are making friends and showing staff that they are having fun. To support staff please leave your child swiftly, even if they are a little upset, so that we can settle them quickly into morning routines. We will always phone you if there are any concerns. Thank you to parents who have provided PE kits (or plimsolls for Nursery) and water bottles as it helps children settle if they know they can independently sip water whenever they wish to and have their kits ready for PE sessions. Jan Dutton, Raising Standards Leader for Early Years.

Mrs Dennis and Miss Slade have enjoyed welcoming the new children into **Starfish Class** during the last two weeks. The children are having fun getting to know each other and are engaging with all of the new experiences on offer at school. The children have already met and been taught by many of our specialist teachers, as well as the Reception team staff. Well done on a great first two weeks and we are looking forward to seeing you again on Monday with your lovely smiley faces! Have a fantastic weekend! Mrs Dennis

The children in **Seagull Class** have settled in really well, they are getting to know each other and forming new friendships. They are starting to familiarise themselves with the Year 1 routines and expectations and are already proving that they are going to be 'Super Seagulls'. Miss Adams

Shrimp Class has settled really well, we are all enjoying planning a healthy party for the Mad Hatter. Miss Plummer

In **Reef Shark Class** we have been exploring how light affects what we see for our topic "How do we hear"? "How do we see?" We have been learning about the way in which our pupils react to light and how some materials reflect light such as white paper. The children discovered some materials are opaque and do not allow light to travel through whereas others are translucent or transparent. The children enjoyed hypothesising which materials would fit these definitions and investigated using torches in a darkened classroom. Mrs Rott

In **White Shark Class** we have been producing some art work based on how music makes us feel. We listened to the music and then used oil pastels on paper. Ronny

In **Sand Tiger Class** we have been doing some science experiments. We put a torch up against material to see if the light would pass through or bounce off. Scarla-Lu

In **Triton Class** we have been learning about place values and in science we have learnt about mysterious materials. We have been reading Toms Midnight Garden and answering questions about it. Faith

In **Neptune Class** we have been learning about Kandinsky in art, changing states in topic and rounding numbers in maths. Emma



In **Wilton Class** we have been looking at missing numbers with subtraction and addition. We had to find the missing numbers in columns. We have also worked on reasoning questions, which is when you have to explain your answer. Lily

In **Mayflower Class** we have been learning about space and all of the planets in our solar system. We created a fact file, it included facts about how hot the planets were and their distance from the sun. Chloe

Reading at Darlinghurst

At Darlinghurst Academy we enjoy whole class reading every day. This means that your child will benefit from an adult listening to them read every day. Please encourage your child to read to you at home every evening and record this in your child's Reading Record. Your child's class teacher will add comments once a term.

IMPORTANT SPORTS CLUB INFORMATION

Sports club confirmation letters will be coming out with the children today. We have been overwhelmed with the amount of children who want to join a sports club this term. However, this will mean some clubs will have a waiting list and therefore we would appreciate your patience in this matter. The confirmation letter will tell you if your child has secured a place or if they are on a waiting list. It will also give you times, venue and the day of the club. If for any reason you no longer want the place in the club, please let us know so it can be offered to another pupil. Children must wear appropriate sports clothing or a PE kit to clubs, hair must be tied back and no jewellery is to be worn. Shin-pads are compulsory for Year 2 – 6 football clubs and can be picked up from local sports stores for just a few pounds. Sports clubs will commence the week beginning 18th September. All outdoor clubs will finish at 4.30pm until half term and then 4.15pm thereafter due to fading light.

Parents please supervise your children after school as damage is being caused to our well-resourced outdoor learning areas.

PTA News

The PTA would like to invite you to join with us to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer research on Friday, 29th September. Posters have gone up around the school for "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning" in support of Macmillan Cancer Research and we would love your support in whatever capacity you can manage whether it be baking something to eat, donating something to eat or simply popping along and to have a cuppa and a chinwag or even handing in some spare change on your way to work after dropping off the children. This is a fantastic opportunity to support anyone you know who has had cancer, recovering from cancer or who is going through it at the moment. We look forward to seeing you on the 29th in the side hall from 9.00am.

The Annual General Meeting for the PTA will take place in the training room on Thursday 5th October. This is an important meeting for us as this is when we take on new members and casual volunteers and then vote in our new committee. As we mentioned before we broke up for summer, the current elected committee will be moving on and nomination letters for the following roles will be coming out shortly: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. You can also nominate to be a member or go on our mailing list for any volunteering on a casual basis. The current committee will continue to support the PTA as elected members. So if you love organising events, meeting new people or want to support the school with extras that aren't covered by the budget but give your children a broader experience while at school for example; Christmas present and Santa visit, School Disco and end of year fun day, then this could be right up your street. Anyone with a child at the school can come along to the AGM and vote in your next PTA committee, you don't have to be a nominee. If you have any questions and would like to speak to someone please email us at darlinghurstpta@hotmail.com or please speak to Mrs Smith at the office

Thanks, Lisa, Claire & Nisha