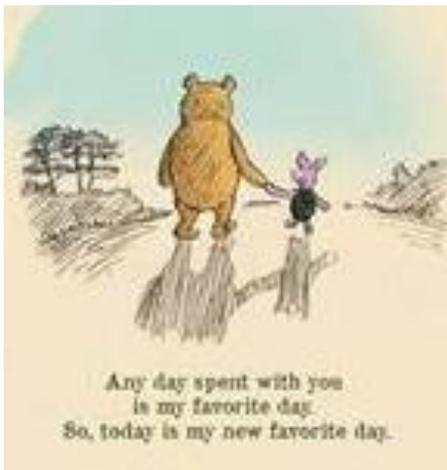




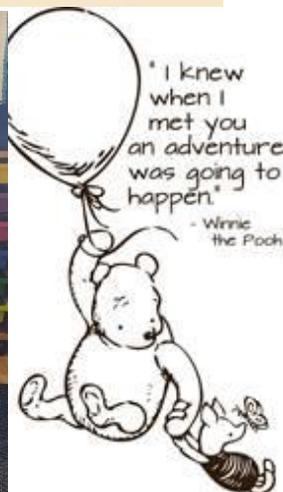
## Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

It has been wonderful, this week to welcome everyone back to our Darlinghurst community. The classrooms and playgrounds have become alive again, with a great buzz! This includes lunch times with children choosing to participate in our play zones, playing alongside our specialist teaching team and midday assistants. Children have shared their stories of summer and their excitement about their first day activities. During the holidays, one of my family activities was a visit to the cinema to watch the film, Christopher Robin. This film shared some good messages about life. I thought I would share some various quotes from our loveable wise old bear within N & V today.



We have welcomed new members of the community, including our nursery children who have enjoyed walking around the school grounds with a visit to our fairy garden. Some of our new reception children started school too. I know the first day of school can be hard for parents and carers and our supportive team were fantastic during the morning handover, receiving children with welcoming smiles and handing over goodie bags to parents in exchange. Our children didn't leave empty handed, carrying their balloon.



### A poem

The first day of school,  
Can be hard for mum and dad,  
Part of you feels excited,  
The other part feels sad.  
For many years you've held their hand,  
And have been their loving guide,  
Know you know the time has come,  
To leave them by our side.  
But it is only for a little while,  
As your child will learn and grow,  
And at the end of every day,  
They will share will you all they know.  
So as you walk away,  
Don't worry anymore,  
We'll take care of all those precious gifts,  
When you pass them through our door.

Please take a look at our photo gallery on our website and visit our twitter @darlinghurstsch to see an array of activities that our reception children have engaged in.



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I particularly liked participating in a phonics lesson with Mrs Dutton, learning that, 'the ants march round, up and down.'

All around the school, children have been active and engaged, demonstrating positive learning behaviours. Their voices were 'bursting' from the hall, singing together, 'this is me' from the greatest showman on the first day back! So empowering!

During my welcome assembly, I shared with the children the vision for the new academic year, our readiness and commitment to them, promoting our partnerships. The children discussed their part as active citizens along with what we are working towards together. I also had the pleasure of introducing our year 6 prefect team to the children. I look forward to working closely with them all.

## The Darlinghurst staff are ready to ...

- Follow our values **A – E**
- Care for you, keeping you **safe and happy**
- Teach the **British values**
- **Teach you and help** you learn
- Help you to **do your best**
- Build your **independence**
- Help you make **positive choices**
- Help you **grow**

## Your parents are ready to ...

- Bring you to **school every day**
- Be **on time**
- **Call us** if you are sick
- Make sure you wear our **uniform**
- Help you to **be ready**
- **Set a good example**
- **Come to school** meetings and **learn together** days
- **Support you** in your learning at **home**
- **Talk** about learning
- Eat a **healthy lunch**



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## This year we will be ...

- Be **healthy and active**
- Have **fun at lunch times**
- **Solve our problems**
- **Make positive choices**
- **Learn our numbers in maths**
- **Know what to do next in our learning**
- **Share our experiences and be happy**

## So that **everyone** will ...



achieve excellence together



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Please refer to the email in relation to home – school agreements. A copy is available from the school office if needed.

WE DIDN'T REALISE WE WERE  
MAKING MEMORIES. WE JUST KNEW  
WE WERE HAVING FUN



It has been delightful to hear children walk past the gate, readily sharing with parents and carers their daily experiences, taking their learning experiences home in their hands, their heads and their hearts. We look forward to making memories with them.

As always, enjoy your family time together

Mrs Nicholls



## News

### EYFS

What a fantastic start to the new academic year! We have welcomed back some of our children from last term who have settled in so well, its as if they've never been away and we can't wait to meet lots of new faces over the coming weeks! Exciting! **Team Nursery**

**Reception** have been making new friends and talking about things that are important to us. We have continued with our phonics, learning new sounds and we have had fun. **Mrs Dutton, Jellyfish class**

### KS1

What a fabulous first few days we have had in **year 1**. All the adults are so impressed with the way that the children have settled and quickly become focused and ready to learn after such a long break. The children have been excited to demonstrate all the skills that they have acquired in Reception. Counting, reading and writing numbers up to 20 and beyond. Writing independently, about what they did and how they felt when they were on their summer break. Also discussing rules and expectations on how to behave in school and in class towards each other to make Darlinghurst a happier place. We would also like to welcome all the children who are new to our school; they seem to have made themselves at home and are adjusting quite nicely. Happy to see you all and we look forward to an exciting and successful year. **Year 1 Teachers & LSAs**

A fantastic first week back for all the **year 2** children. The teaching staff have enjoyed welcoming so many smiley faces through the door each day. This week the children have been learning about place value in numbers up to 100 and have been showing off their writing skills. We have also started to think about healthy and unhealthy foods. Watch out for a tea party next week during which something peculiar happens...**Miss Lynch, Lobster class**

### KS2

*In **year 3** we have been looking at the book A Bag of Worries. If we have worries, we can throw them in the bin, kiss them goodbye, leave them at your nanny's house, take them out one by one to show them to other people or give them to the right people. We have been making postcards about something we have done. I drew a picture and wrote about when I was on holiday. **Emma G, Rockpool class***

*In **year 4** we have written a letter to our future selves and we have started drawing anti bullying posters. In topic we have researched 'how do I hear?' and 'how do I see?' **Megan C, White Shark class***

It has been lovely to see so many excited faces this week, ready to start their journey into **year 5**. The children have been enjoying learning about 5 digit numbers and reading the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. In Writing, we have been preparing a brochure about the school and the children have enjoyed taking photos of key locations and asking questions to members of staff. It's been a great start to year 5 and the year 5 team look forward to the exciting learning and activities we will complete this year, as well as getting to know our new classes. We can't wait to see every single child flourish through their confidence, determination and achievement this year. **Mrs Powell, Poseidon class**

We are delighted to have our new **year 6s** with us and we are really looking forward to a packed year of learning, fundraising and activities before the children move on to their next adventure in Key Stage 3. It never ceases to amaze us how quickly this year flies by and we are welcoming you to the Leaver's assembly in July! Of course, it is a SATs year and we hope to see as many of you as possible at the SATs parent workshop at 6pm on September 27<sup>th</sup>. **Mr Turner, Mayflower class**



## Notices

After a successful launch day of **pick & mix** we are pleased to offer the 4<sup>th</sup> lunch option of pick & mix trialing from this coming Monday. This option will include a roll, a savoury snack, a desert and a fruit or vegetable pot. Pick & mix is £2.20 and children will order it in the usual way during morning registration. Main meal, vegetarian and jacket potato option will still be available.

If you are sending your child to school with grapes, please ensure these are cut as they can prove to be a choking hazard.

Please move safely around the school grounds remembering that you should dismount any bikes and scooters outside of the gates.

**The PTA** would like to kick the year off with an invitation to our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning, which is on 27 September in the side hall after drop off. All donations of cake and refreshments will be gratefully received and can be donated through the office, to help the event go off with a bang. For all new parents and carers we will also do an introduction to the PTA so you can find out what fundraising activities we have undertaken in the past and to see if you'd like to help out. The PTA can only exist with the assistance of the parent and carer community within Darlinghurst and we really need your help.

The deadline for discounted panto tickets is nearly upon us - if you haven't already done so please purchase your tickets through ParentPay. The tickets are for the 7.15 performance of Aladdin, with Diversity, at Cliffs Pavilion on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Looking forward to meeting you all on 27<sup>th</sup> September,  
Sally, Mike, Sarah and Jen

Mon 17 Sep  
Shaping The Future Day  
Wed 26 Sep  
KS2 Table Tennis (*Thorpe Hall*)  
Thu 27 Sep  
PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning (*Side Hall*)  
Thu 27 Sep  
Reception Drop In (*Reception Classes*)  
Fri 28 Sep  
EYFS Penguin Waddle  
Fri 28 Sep  
Healthy Lunchbox Workshop (*Side Hall*)

Please visit [www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar/](http://www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar/) for future dates

Reminder, if your child is unable to attend school please ensure that you ring on the first day of absence and any subsequent days on 01702 509205.

Holiday requests during term time will necessitate a meeting with the principal.

Please visit our website where you will find details of upcoming events, term dates, lunch menus, parent letters, curriculum information and much more.

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