



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using

School Ping and My Child At School.

In addition, we use [@DarlinghurstAcademy Instagram](#) to share what's going on within the Academy

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to parents and carers this week for coming along to celebrate learning, our art work and more this week. A hive of activity continues here and tonight we have our Bee Musical to look forward to. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching this take shape and helping here and there. I love a school musical! Any musical, in fact!



At this time of year we have a mix of emotions as we celebrate and also prepare for changes ahead. This includes productions, leavers assemblies, summer fetes and final goodbyes to our year six children. Although we love how they come back and say hi in their secondary uniforms and look forward to seeing their faces again in September. However, we also say goodbye to Mr Turner, Assistant Principal and part of the year 6 team. As Assistant Principal he has been responsible for Key Stage 2 outcomes and has been an important part in their educational journey. I know that at the year six leavers assembly it is going to be hard to say goodbye to the children and Mr Turner too.



A special message from Mr Turner

'After nine years at this terrific school, it is time for me to move on to a new adventure as Deputy Headteacher at Fairways. After being hired by Mr Knight in 2014, the little boat that is Darlinghurst Academy endured turbulent seas. I'd like to pay tribute to the staff and governors, past and present, who, through their excellent work, steered us back into happy waters and supported me in my own small part on board. Thank you to all the parents and carers over these years who have been so supportive: keep encouraging your children to play Numbots and then TTRS as often as you can and to read every day – it truly makes such a difference! Finally, thanks to the children for the countless memories – from pulling my hair out to fits of laughter and everything in between: the green, the red, the yellow and the blue. It has been a privilege to spend these years at Darlinghurst and I shall miss it terribly.'



Having worked with Mr Turner for the duration of his time at Darlinghurst I would like to say that I am forever grateful that he came to our school and was part of our journey. He is a magnificent teacher – a natural. He has been reliable, loyal and caring throughout his time here and a key player in making Darlinghurst a great place. He is committed to ensuring that children reach the end of their primary school years with both academic and personal success. He has been motivational in many ways, including in his love of sports. I am delighted he has achieved his goals and ambition, but also sad to lose him as part of our Darlinghurst family. He has also said that he loves the way our values and little boat analogy helps us to strive to be our best and I love that he has linked his own goodbye message to the boat as my final goodbye is called, 'Our Little Boat G'.



Little boat G

Oh little boat on the sea
where have you taken Mr Turner - our G?
On a voyage from Temple to Darlinghurst so bright
Employed by the one and only - Bob Knight!
An Assistant Principal joining the SLT and me
But also as part of the Darlinghurst family.

A Loyal sailor aboard the boat
Adjusting the sails to keep all afloat.
Part of our schools journey as he wanted to be
changing the course of our little boats destiny.

And oh how love he's been part of the crew
He travelled the journey from red to blue.
Helping our children and staff navigate their way
Sharing the right words, knowing what to say.

Now his compass points in a new direction
To Fairways, as a Deputy, I must mention.
As he charts his course to horizons new
We would like to say that we will really miss you.

Just look at the sun, the stars and the waves
To reminisce on your Darlinghurst days.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

Year 4 in the Spotlight

We can't believe we are just a few days away from saying goodbye to our lovely year 3's and 4's. We have been concluding all our topics and learning cycles this week with some final lessons planned for next week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our recent topic entitled 'How can we affect life below water?' and have commented how much they have learnt about climate change and how important it is to make changes to our lifestyles.

In writing, we have been completing a short story about 2 children who decide to campaign to clear up beach litter and improve the air quality around the Great Barrier Reef. Some of the stories have been great and lovely to see them putting their knowledge from our main topic into a narrative story.

In maths, we have been learning about patterns and sequences in numbers through problem solving. The investigation making increasing sized cube dogs was so much fun and they didn't realise how much maths was involved.



It was lovely to see so many of you come to our 'Celebrating Together' session on Thursday afternoon. I hope you enjoy looking at all your children's books in the coming days too and celebrating how far they have come this year. It has been a real pleasure to teach your children this year and we wish them all the very best moving into year 5.



Children's Art Trail

You are invited to view a selection of our children's art work that is being displayed at St Pierre's on Saturday 15th July 11am – 4pm and Sunday 16th July 11am – 3pm. Budding artists from local primary schools have interpreted their idea of 'My Favourite'. Visit this exciting exhibition to view artwork of all media, shapes and sizes. With about 1,500 artworks on display, this is one not to be missed!



A message from the PTA

Darlinghurst Academy PTA is proud to announce their summer fete!

We look forward to seeing you all on the 20th of July. We have lots of fun arranged from bouncy castles and rides to games and food!

We will be pre selling wristbands for the bouncy castles and rides. These are now available via your child's ParentPay account.



If you have some spare time, we would love for you to volunteer on the day. If you are able to help, even for half an hour, please pop our Facebook page a message. Thank you

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What have you missed on Instagram this week?

