Dear Parents and Students

The first day of March today - and that means that our prep students become ‘full-time’ at school. March is also the month of our school sports so we will all be out practising over the next three weeks. **Every** child will be in at least one team event and all children take part in individual events on the day. Please invite all your relatives and friends along to cheer us on! (March 21st).

**CAPE PATERSON:**
We certainly had perfect weather for our trip last Friday. Great to see so many parents and friends come along and help us with supervision. We also appreciated not having to use the second bus - a big cost saving for the school.

**INFORMAL INTERVIEWS:**
These are next week! Please ensure you are on time to avoid others waiting. Also, please check that you have returned the forms by tomorrow - see your child’s teacher if you need other copies. I encourage all parents to take this opportunity to discuss your children’s educational and social goals for 2012.

**EASTER RAFFLE:**
Each year our school runs a very popular Easter Raffle. Although Easter is in the middle of the next school holidays, we will still conduct the draw on the last day of term one, Friday 30th March. That means we have about one month to get it all organised!

How it works:
- All families are asked to donate easter items such as chocolate eggs, bunnies, etc to be used in a range of hampers.
- Tickets will be sent home to all families with more books available at the office.
- All school students will receive an easter prize on the day of the draw.
- We definitely need lots of donated items to make this work - please help.
- Donations can be left at the office at any time thanks.

**PAUL’S COLLECT - A - CAP:**
The Paul’s milk collect - a - cap program continues in 2012. Last year we made over $100.00. Money raised goes straight into student equipment such as sport gear, cameras, etc. Please ask all your friends to keep them for us - they can also be dropped into the Darnum Shop.

Regards Chris & Staff
WANTED! HAY BALES

As part of our practise for the Aths Sports we need 2-4 square bales. Please see Rob or Chris if you can help.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hey Captains here,
Hope you enjoyed Cape Paterson last Friday. Make sure you look in the lost property for anything that has been lost.

MYSTERY RIDDLE:
Answer from last week:
The horse’s name is Friday.

THIS WEEK’S RIDDLE:
I’m the beginning of the end and the end of time and space, and I’m in every place. What am I?

The School Captains

Yarragon Junior Netball Club
Information Night
Thursday 1/03/2012
4pm
Dowton Park Yarragon
Under 9, Under 11 & Under 13
contact Paula
0427 935 009
2012 Music Lessons: Norm Cottrell

Due to the increased number of classes at Darnum, there is no longer anytime on a Thursday for individual instrumental music lessons. Norm is, however, able to offer these on a TUESDAY afternoon, from 1.30-3.30pm.

He is currently doing a similar program at Nilma, Thorpdale and Yarragon.

There is a cost for this, however that rates are very reasonable. I would encourage children to take advantage of this opportunity.

Instrumental woodwind: (approx 20 mins)
**Flute:** Up to AMEB Grade One Level. $12 per individual 20 minute session if paid in advance for the term. $15 pw otherwise. The students will learn to sight-read and not rely on letter notes written above the music notes. Available for Grade 3 onwards. Hire/ buy plan available. $50 up-front for flute to take home and practise, if decide to buy at end of year, $100 final payment. Also comes with CD and book of 50 tunes which includes a sight-reading program.

**Clarinet:** (approx 20 mins)
Up to AMEB Grade Five level. $12 per individual 20 minute session if paid in advance for the term. $15 pw otherwise. The students will learn to sight-read and not rely on letter notes written above the music notes. Available for Grade 3 onwards. Hire/ buy plan available. $50 up-front for clarinet to take home and practise, if decide to buy at end of year, $100 final payment. Also comes with CD and book of 50 tunes which includes a sight-reading program.

**Saxophone:** Same as above. (approx 20 mins)
Available to Grade 5 AMEB level. Saxophone hire/ buy by arrangement. * Due to the investment involved in purchasing this instrument, would only be available to a suitably motivated student with a strong practise ethic, from Gr 5/6.

**Guitar:** Available for Grade 3 onwards. In small group of 3/4. $5 pw or $4pw if paid for term in advance. Students will learn to play a medley of songs using simple chord progressions.

*Please return the form below by March 8th to allow us to get the program fully started in term two.*

Family name:______________________

Student Name(s):__________________   _________________________

Instrument:_____________________  ___________________________