Dear Parents and Students

The informed interviews are taking place this week. Unfortunately we will have to re-schedule the Prep interview times as Sharon is away due to illness. I hope both parents and staff have found these interviews valuable for planning your child’s education in 2012.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL REMINDER:**
A reminder that nomination forms for School Council are due back tomorrow. We are seeking to fill one vacancy plus the following members are seeking re-nomination Murray Grigg, Wendy Kennedy and Lee Steenholdt.

**MT WORTH CLUSTER CAMP-- GR 4 TO 6 2012 - BALLARAT!**
The annual cluster camp for all grade 4 to 6 students from Darnum, Nilma, Ellinbank and Bona Vista will take place from Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd May. We will be staying at ‘Pax Hill’ Scout camp and spending 3 full days at places like Sovereign Hill, Ballarat Wildlife Park and Pax Hill activities areas. Travel will be via coaches with seatbelts.
The total cost of the camp is $230.00. Full details will come home in term two, however parents may wish to ‘pay off’ the camp over the next few month. Full payment must be made prior to 21st May. All children in grades 4-6 will be given a payment booklet with today’s newsletter.

**MARC NEWS:**
Rhonda would like to remind all parents and students that they need some form of library bag (such as a reader bag or supermarket bag) to take home their MARC books. This will avoid damage, especially from water, to the books.

**EASTER RAFFLE:**
Tickets will come home today fro this popular event. Please send your donation for the prizes to the office. More tickets always available

**MUSIC NEWS:**
A couple of musical ‘reminders’ - Choir will begin in term two on Fridays
- Instrumental music forms for Norm should be sent back by next Monday so that the lessons can also get started in term two. Thankyou

**BOYS BASKETBALL:**
Tomorrow night is the last round of the junior basketball summer competition. Good luck to our ‘senior’ teams (U/14, U/16) that have easily made the finals. Thankyou to all coaches (in particular Adam Ancilleri, who provided such a great opportunity for the youngest players). Thanks also to the parents who assisted with the score bench and to Trudie for the overall organisation.
- Those players NOT in finals should wash and return their tops to the office (or Trudie Wright).
- U/10 players and parents - please ensure you have fully paid for the Melbourne Tigers bus a.s.a.p.

Regards Chris & Staff
P.S. Have a great long weekend!
WANTED! HAY BALES
As part of our practice for the Aths Sports we need 2-4 square bales.
Please see Rob or Chris if you can help.

Hello, Hello, Hello,
Hope you have been practising for the Aths Sports on 21st of March.

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School Captains

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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Students of the Week
PHOEBE ATTWELL
LARA STEENHOLDT
BRYLIE ROBINSON
MALEAH DURRANT
LIAM ANCILLERI
CHLOE DAVIS

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Want to play Hockey?
Then the Gulls Hockey Club wants you!
Registration Days
Monday 19th March
5:30pm-6:30pm (U15-U17)
Wednesday 21st March
4:15 pm-6:30pm (U9,U11,U13)
at Bellbird Park, Drouin
Adult players Welcome
For more information Contact
Jenny Gilbert on 0417 118 120

GRADE 1/2 READING HELPERS
We are now looking for parent volunteers to hear children read in Grade 1/2.
Please catch up with me if you are able to help.
Thank you
Kris

DIARY DATES

MARCH
Monday 12th  Labour Day/ No School
Tuesday 20th  School Council meeting
Wednesday 21st  Athletic Sports
Friday 30th  Last Day Term 1

APRIL
Wednesday 16th  Term 2 Begins
A busy week in After School Care, with a few new faces in Hayley and Ryan. Our resident budding chiefs have created JAM DROPS this week, to great success!!!

Our creative sides were expressed through a different range of painting techniques, including sponges, fine brushes, cotton buds and hands, with some amazing results.

Hannah and Lachie have taken great delight in playing TWISTER and laughing at my futile attempts to move into the right places.

When the weather has allowed the children have experienced the outdoors in the play ground with basketball, ball games and sand play.

Regards Rhonda and Julia
Parent Reading Workshops
Want to help your children with their reading at home and at school?

We are holding three Reading Workshops showing some of the best ways to help develop your children’s reading skills as used in the classroom. This is beneficial for parents with children starting in prep through to grade six.

The following three workshops will include:

**Reading Workshop One: Tuesday 20/03/12**
- Helping Beginning Readers Beginning Readers
- What you can do to help your child in reading
- Book introduction-how important they are
- The 3 Ps
- Reading Behaviours

**Reading Workshop Two: Tuesday 27/03/12**
- Strategies in Reading Beginning Readers +
- What strategies do good readers use to get to meaning
- Meaning, structural and visual cues
- Rereading after working on a word or reading on
- Phrasing and fluency
- Finger pointing and when not to finger point

**Reading Workshop Three: Tuesday 24/04/12 (term 2)**
- Comprehension Thinking Hats for children in grades 2 to grades 6
- Your child has developed good reading strategies but needs a little help with comprehension
- What are these thinking hats and how can my child apply these to reading

All workshops:

**Starting time:** 9.00 am - 10.00 am

**Venue:** Multipurpose Room

Please indicate below which workshop would interest you and return the slip to the office.

Liz Berry
Reading Recovery teacher

Please return this slip to the office.

Name: _____________________________________________________

I would like to attend the following workshop/s:

**Workshop 1:** Yes / No Tuesday 20/03/2012 9.00 am

**Workshop 2:** Yes / No Tuesday 27/03/2012 9.00 am

**Workshop 3:** Yes / No Tuesday 24/04/2012 9.00 am
The Chocolate Festival

Sunday 25th March 10am to 3pm
At Bona Vista Primary School
Come and enjoy a fantastic family day of...

- Easter Egg Hunts
- Chocolate Fountains
- Art & Craft Activities
- Chocolate Sales & Raffles
- Face Painting & More!

- Mojo the Clown
- Baby Animals
- Jumping Castle

Find it all at Bona Vista Primary School
Parking is available on site
Worried about the weather? Don’t be, we have that covered!
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.

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Family name:_________________________________________

Student Name(s):______________________________

Instrument:____________________________________