Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back to Term two, 2012. We hope you enjoyed the Easter break and the lovely autumn weather. This week we welcomed a new prep student, Jack Clancy, to our school. Jack is a member of the McTighe family who have a long association with Darnum. Have fun, Jack!

**SCHOOL SPORTS:**
Let’s hope the fine weather holds out for the re-scheduled sports on Friday 27th April. All details will remain the same, however final reminders will be sent home on next Thursday’s newsletter.

**“TASTE OF DARNUM” MARKET (Darnum Store):**
This is scheduled for Saturday 28th, the day after our sports. We will need donations of cakes, slices etc and also volunteers between 9am and 2pm.

In regard to Safe Food Handling requirements, could all people making items for this stall note the following requirements:-
1. Please provide a list of ingredients or a photocopy of the recipe. This can be just ‘stuck’ to the plate/container.
2. Please avoid perishable items (such as cream)
3. Please include your name under plate/container

We have included another form for this - please consider making an item for the stall.

**GRADE 4-6 BALLARAT CAMP:**
All students in grade 4-6 received information handouts about this exciting event (May 21 - 23rd). Please return the expression of interest form by next week. Money can be paid off using the payment plan but all money must be paid prior to departure thankyou. Please see Rob, Leona or Chris for any further information.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL:**
Anna Nauta has once again purchased gifts for our popular Mother’s Day Stall. Which will take place on Friday morning, 11th May. This year, children may purchase a maximum of two gifts at $4.00 each. Please return the attached note (including money) a.s.a.p.

**HATS:**
Hats are no longer compulsory in terms 2 + 3 however, please encourage your children to be ‘Sunsmart’ on hot days thankyou.

**WINTER SPORTS GRADE 3-6:**
Winter sport for grade 3-6 children starts on Friday 11th May. Children will receive full details soon, however note that all grade 3-6 students should NOT order shop lunches on Fridays from that date due to early bus departure times.

**AROUND THE GROUNDS:**
Our solar panels are currently being installed. This is a large system (14.25 kw) so should hopefully cut our electrical costs considerably. The solar system was provided by a Federal Government Grant.

Our gardens are growing well but need some weeding and tidying if anyone has a spare hour or so.

Regards Chris & Staff
Hope you enjoyed the holidays and hopefully the Easter Bunny came and gave you heaps of chocolate.

Students, please bring back the sports equipment especially the tennis balls, because there is hardly any left.

Last term’s riddle answer:
A. Race car
This week’s riddle:
Why do bees hum?

From Bridgette, Jarrod and Bailey

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GUINEA PIGS
Free to good home.
2 males, 1 female
Black in color, wormed and vaccinated
Contact Heidi on 0438 637 751

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Instrumental Music with Mr Cottrell will begin next Tuesday 24th April.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL - FRIDAY 11TH MAY
Please return the form below by Friday 4th May. All gifts will be $4.00 each and children may buy a maximum of 2 gifts each.

“MOTHER’S DAY STALL 2012”

Family Name: _______________________________

Children’s Name/ Grade: _______________________________

Total No. of gifts required: __________

Amount/ total enclosed: $_______

SHOES NEEDED
Grades 1, 2 and 3 need different types of unwanted shoes for their classroom art project. These could include gumboots, high heels, sandals, runners etc. Thankyou.

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Our school has been invited to take part in the Taste of Darnum Food Fair on Saturday April 28th.
This event will be held at the Darnum General Store from **9am - 2.00pm**.
Our school has been asked if we could do a home made cake and biscuit stall.
We would also need some volunteers to be able to be at the stall for an hour or so on the actual day. If you can help in any capacity, please return the attached note to the office.

Name:____________________________
Yes, I can make a ______________________________________
(i.e. Small batch biscuits / cake for the event.

I am able to assist on the stall from __________am to _____________ am/ pm

You will be informed about your time on next Thursday (26th April) newsletter.