Dear Parents and Students

**CAPE PATERNSON PICNIC:**
We are all looking forward to our beach day tomorrow. It is important that parents read all the information below and check with staff in the morning if you have an enquiry.

1. There are two buses booked for students & staff only
2. Staff will arrange times throughout the day whereby all students will re-apply sunscreen
3. We have repeated our safety message below - this must be strictly followed, thankyou.
4. Please double check that your child/children have sunscreen, food, drinks, hat, bathers and spare clothes and a bag suitable to contain wet towels & bathers for the trip home.
5. Children are most welcome to take buckets & spades, small beach toys, snorkels & masks, but no large items such as boogey boards, etc. (These are available from the life savers).

We look forward to a wonderful day and we hope to see you there!

**SAFETY NOTICE:**
Each staff member will take a student list and contact details for the students in their class. *All children must be ‘signed off’ by a parent or guardian with their child’s teacher before we depart Cape Paterson at (approx) 3.00pm.* It is also important that all parents assist with the supervision of their children, esp, pre-schoolers, throughout the day.

There are a couple of important reminders about the excursion:

1. The bus is due back at Darnum at about 4.30pm.
2. Ensure a staff member knows if you are either leaving early or staying later and that your child/children are signed off as not coming on the bus.
3. All adults are asked to assist the staff to supervise all children, regardless of age, so that we can have a safe and happy day.
4. After School Care IS available after we return.

Finally please check all details on the ‘Cape Paterson’ note regarding what to take, map etc

I encourage everyone to attend this great event. We especially love to have grandparents etc join us on the day. As mentioned, please help us with supervision to ensure everyone has a safe, stress-free day and please be ‘Sunsmart’!

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN:**
We were excited to recently receive the items we won through last years ‘Earn & Learn’ program:- Lots of maths equipment, games, construction sets etc. We will add some photos over coming newsletters

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS:**
Nice to see our 2013 Captains in the Warragul Gazette this week. They will be introducing themselves in this newsletter and I hope they enjoy the year ahead.

**HEAD LICE:**
We've had terrific support from parents and students to our checking program. In the near future, Nadine will return to check on how effective the treatments have worked. Please note, however parents MUST sign & return forms to indicate that they have treated their child/ren.

More news over the page >>>>>>
SCHOOL COUNCIL:
The annual (election) meeting of the Darnum School Council will be held on Tuesday 19th March.
The following parent members are due for re-nomination:
* Steve Pompei
* Naomi Robinson
* Amanda Barton
* Mary-Rose Cawcutt

In addition, we are seeking to fill one position being vacated by Mr Murray Grigg, whose children have completed their education at Darnum Primary School. The School Council, staff and students would like to thank Murray for his long membership of our school council and his major contribution to the development of our school. Nomination forms are available from the office over the next two weeks. Parent members must be nominated by other parents. The school council consist of ten members (8 parents / 2 staff). We encourage you to consider joining our school council - it’s a friendly group that work together to improve our school. There are 8 meetings per year, 2 per term. Meetings are held at the school from 7.30 to approximately 9pm.

Regards
Chris & Staff

CAPE PATERNSON
Those travelling by car may either go directly to Cape Paterson or follow the bus. It is strongly recommended that sunscreen is applied at home and that children have a rash vest or spare T-shirt to swim in. We will be getting all children to re-apply sunscreen at lunchtime.

Broad brimmed hats and plenty to drink are a must.
We will be leaving school at about 9.10am so could all children be at school by 9am.
We expect to leave Cape Paterson at about 3.00pm to arrive back at Darnum close to 4.30pm.
* No boogy boards can be taken on the bus.
  ♦ To avoid winding roads, we will be travelling down Westernport Road (via Drouin), then along the South Gippsland Highway to Wonthaggi.
  ♦ Note that we are going to the first bay beach NOT the surf beach of Cape Paterson
  ♦ Please take picnic rugs and shade shelters if you have them
  ♦ Lots of sunscreen, hats and drinks must be taken
  ♦ Children & families need to provide all drinks and food.
  ♦ Children are NOT to take spending money and we ask attending parents not to buy extra items for their children (eg. ice-creams) during the day.
  ♦ Please assist us with supervision! All attending are asked to assist the staff and lifesavers with supervision of all children throughout the day. Staff must be informed if you leave earlier than our scheduled departure, thankyou.
**DIARY DATES**

**FEBRUARY**
- Friday 22nd: Cape Paterson

**MARCH**
- Monday 11th: Labour Day/ No School
- Friday 15th: Aths Sports
- Tuesday 19th: School Council meeting
- Wednesday 20th: School Photos
- Thursday 28th: Last Day Term 1

**APRIL**
- Monday 15th: Start of Term 2

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**Students of the Week**

Back L > R
- Jaimie
- Alana
- Liam
- Brent

Front L > R

Hey Captains here
Hi my name is Jaimie, I am 11 years old and my hobby is basketball.
Hi my name is Alana, I am 10 years old and my hobby is horse riding.
Hi my name is Brent, I am 11 years old and my hobby is footy.
Hi my name is Liam and I am 12 years old and my hobby is soccer.
Tomorrow is Cape Paterson, remember to be sun smart.
Bye

[Image of School Captains]