Dear Parents and Students,

A terrific first week back for term two and the students have settled in well to the regular programs. Our Japanese lessons started with Shiori and we are looking forward to grade three - six Winter Sports programs.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:**
Today your child will bring home their 2013 school photos. PLEASE NOTE - Parents who elected to have photos left at the office must arrange to collect them - they will not be sent home with students thankyou. Please contact us if you have any concern with any photo as the company, Spargo Photography, will assist you to fix any issue. The “whole school” photo looks fantastic!

**F.R.O.G.S. STICKERS:**
All children received a free FROGS bumper sticker last Friday. They would be good on lunch boxes, car windows, etc to promote our school motto. Extra stickers are available at the office for $1.00 each.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER:**
We have recently added some photos, history and documents (eg enrolment forms) to our school Website: www.darnumps.vic.edu.au
In particular, you can also access the weekly newsletter from the website. Gradually, each class will have photos/info on the site.

**ANZAC DAY:**
Tomorrow is ANZAC Day and our school Captains are representing our school at the Warragul Cenotaph. The ANZAC badges sold out last week - thankyou for your support of the R.S.L.

**PARENT READING WORKSHOPS:**
Please return your forms as soon as possible. These workshops have proved to be very successful for parents to assist their children with reading at home. Liz Berry, our Literacy specialist teacher, gives parents many strategies for helping their children, regardless of age level.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT:**
The P–2 Taekwondo is now closed - you will be notified if they are successful.
SOCcer: We desperately need more grade 3-6 students to put their name down or this activity may not go ahead. Please encourage your child to take part - there are even two local coaches coming along!

Regards
Chris & Staff
HINTS FOR PARENT HELPERS
FOR CHILDREN READING
BOOKS BETWEEN LEVEL
0 AND 2
At this stage of reading the children are developing an awareness of letters, words and sentences. It is important when they read that they match a spoken word with a written word and that they read from left to right and top of the page to bottom of the page so it is therefore recommended that the children finger point so that these skills can be monitored. Children at this stage read basically from memory and use prediction based on pictures and the discussion of the book. Ensure phrased and fluent reading - we often say to the children read like talking.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER
A is for Australia
N is for New
Z is for Zealand
A is for Army
C is for Corp
On Thursday Captains are going to Warragul memorial Service to lay a wreath in honour of the solders that fought for our country, so wear an ANZAC badge if you have one and there are services at Yarragon, Darnum, Warragul and a big one in Melbourne. From Jaimie and Alana your Captains

Students of the Week
LIAM JONES (Back)
L > R
ZAC MILLER
JACKSON ANCILLERI
AMY LEENHEERS
L>R (Front)
HARVEY PARKE
GEORGIA KEEBLE

DIARY DATES
APRIL
Thursday 25th Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
MAY
Friday 3rd Gr 3-6 Winter Sports starts
Friday 10th Mother’s Day Stall
Tuesday 21st School Council Meeting
JUNE
Monday 10th Queen’s Birthday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 18th School Council Meeting
Friday 21st Last day of Winter sports
Thursday 27th Report day - No School
Friday 28th Last day of term two
Here are some of the things we received from the Woolworth’s Earn and Learn Program in 2012

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR 2013 STICKERS!!

Playing with our new chess sets
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 21/05/13**
*Helping 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 28/05/13**
*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 04/06/13**
*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 reading workshop/s:

**Workshop 1:** Yes / No  Tuesday 21/05/2013  9.00 am

**Workshop 2:** Yes / No  Tuesday 28/05/2013  9.00 am

**Workshop 3:** Yes / No  Tuesday 04/06/2013  9.00 am