Dear Parents and Students,

Winter Sport started off well last week. It looks like tomorrow is also going to be another nice day for this program. A reminder that no shop lunches are available for grade 3-6 students on Fridays this term.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS**

On Thursday 16th May (next Thursday) SP Ausnet have advised us we will have NO electricity on the day. This means we will have

* No heating
* No lighting/power
* Limited sewerage capacity.

The Education Department policy is that schools should not close on the day, however parents should consider whether it is appropriate for their children to attend. We have also cancelled our specialist programs and are currently working towards emergency lighting, especially in the toilets which have no external lighting sources.

The Darnum Store have also advised us that they will be unable to provide school lunches on that day and may only be opened for a limited time before 9am.

A special newsletter will come home on Wednesday 15th to advise of any changes.

**MOTHER'S DAY STALL TOMORROW!!**

It’s the big day tomorrow at 9am. Anna would like helpers from 8.40am please. Please ensure you send along both the money and the order forms - it’s not too late to bring them tomorrow! Our helpers always try to ensure that children from the one family select a range of gifts too. Happy Mother’s Day to all our Darnum school mums on Sunday.

**TAEKWONDO (ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS):**

We are pleased to advise you that the Junior Taekwondo activity will now take place AT THE SCHOOL in the Multipurpose room every Thursday evening.

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS: PART 2!**

The first weeks of soccer and taekwondo have gone very well and our supervisor, Maria is doing a great job. Please help her by ensuring that:

1. You collect your children by 4.45pm
2. You sign your child out.

*Note that if your child cannot attend one of the nights, you need to sign them ‘out’ at the start (ie 3.30pm) or inform us at the office during the day!

**GARDEN REDEVELOPMENT:**

We were very excited to see work started this week on the front garden areas of our school. The plan is to create an area that is both practical and attractive. After the major work is complete we will plant out the area with hardy Australian plants.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL:**

Our May meeting is on Tuesday 21st. School Council members please note that in your diary (7.30pm start).

Regards Chris & Staff
DIARY DATES

MAY
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

Students of the Week
(Back L > R)
KURTIS VAGANA
MICAH CAMERON
ASHLEE TYRRELL
L>R (Front)
BAYLIN ROURKE
WILL BATTLEY
KAELAN ABLETT (Insert)

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Please return the form below. All gifts will be $4.00 each and children may buy a maximum of 2 gifts each.

“MOTHER’S DAY STALL 2013”

Family Name: __________________________
Total No. of gifts required: ______________
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HOT LUNCH ORDERS 2013

On Wednesdays during winter, our school will again be providing a hot lunch service. Our first HOT LUNCH day is JUNE 5th.

Order forms will be given to all children soon. Parents are asked to check their children’s order forms to ensure that correct totals are achieved. Change, if required, will be given back to your eldest child in an envelope with their name on it.

To fill in the forms first place the child’s name and their grade on the top line, then place a number in the box along side the items that they want (not ticks or crosses), write the total for each item at the end of the row, then the total of the order at the bottom. PLEASE ENSURE EACH ORDER IS PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE OR ZIP-LOCK BAG.

Please note that as a service to our school, the Darnum General Store will not provide lunch orders to Darnum Primary School students on Wednesdays once our program starts.

To make sure that this program can continue I need the help of parents to cook and deliver to rooms the lunches. If you can spare time on Wednesdays (2 or 3 times per term, from 11.30 am till 2.00 pm) could you please return the slip attached to this notice or contact Irene Crawford.

Thanking you,

Irene Crawford

HOT LUNCH DAY ROSTER

NAME:___________________________________

Yes I can help on the hot lunch roster on Wednesdays in 2013 ☐

Comment:_______________________________________________________________

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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
This week the grade four to sixes have been focusing on combating cyberbullying

**Common Sense on CYBERBULLYING**

**What’s The Issue?**
Cyberbullying is defined as repeatedly sending or posting cruel messages, images, or videos about someone else using the Internet, mobile phones, or other digital technologies. Kids may call each other names, spread rumours, post threats, or purposefully make others feel uncomfortable or scared. Cyberbullying is especially disturbing because it is constant, inescapable, and very public. It can happen anytime — at school or at home — and can involve large groups of kids.

**Why It Matters!**
Younger kids are starting to use online communication and at the same time they are exploring ways to test other people’s reactions. For instance, kids who send a mean message might not fully understand how the person might react to it and they are not there to witness this reaction. Cyberbullying behaviour also usually happens when adults aren’t around. Parents and teachers often see only the anxiety or depression that results from their kids being hurt or bullied. Adults can help by becoming aware of the issue, learning to identify the warning signs of bullying, and helping kids to understand how to be respectful to others online.

**Common Sense Says**
* Make a list together of how talking online is different than talking face-to-face. Help kids consider why it might be easier to say things online you wouldn’t say in person, and how this may be good sometimes and problematic at other times.

* Model for your child how to be kind and polite when using mobile phones or the Internet. Discuss how to read the “tone” of a message before you send it, and how to avoid mean language or behaviours.

* Encourage your children to tell someone (even if it’s not you) if they are being harassed online. A child should tell a parent, teacher, or trusted adult if he or she is being bullied online. Tell your child that this isn’t dobbing; it’s standing up for him- or herself.

* Have children use the internet in one of the public spaces in the home, rather than in their own rooms.
* Advise them on how to handle cyberbullying. Even though they might be tempted to, your child should never retaliate against a cyberbully. Remind them to save the evidence rather than delete it and encourage them to block future messages from offenders. They can stop the cycle by not engaging with or responding to the bully.

* Point out that it’s important to stick up for others, online as well as in the real world. Discuss ways they can support friends who are bullied and report bad behaviour they see online.