Dear Parents and Students,

Despite the rain, last Friday’s Japanese Cultural day was a great success. The Arts Council performance of ‘Hachiko’ was terrific for all age levels and our activities ran really well. Special thankyou’s to our Japanese guests from near and far who volunteered on the day. Congratulations also to the students for the excellent behaviour, patience and for making students from other schools feel welcome at Darnum P.S.

**STUDENT ILLNESS:**

There appears to be a bit of a stomach ‘bug’ going around the district as well as many students having colds and congestion. We have appreciated parents letting us know if children are away or ill thankyou, and we hope all the children get over their sickness quickly.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE:**

We welcome Ms Melissa Nicolopoulos to our staff team. Angela Hull will now direct the program, replacing Jenny Gibson.

**SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING THE 2013 SWIMMING PROGRAM:**

The 2013 swimming program will operate for students in grade Prep to grade four. It starts in the last week of August and runs for eight sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays. Rob has sent details home for students involved, however there will need to be special arrangements regarding shop and ‘hot’ lunches:

- On Monday 26th Aug, Sept 2, 9, 16th students from grade P, 1, 2, 3, 4 will not be able to order a Darnum Shop ‘hot’ lunch.
- On the Wednesday of those weeks, we will make arrangements to have our popular hot lunch orders at differing times for the various classes, so orders can go ahead as usual!

**CAMP “RUMBUG” GRADES 4-6:**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the grade 4-6 cluster camp is at ‘Rumbug’ near Foster in South Gippsland (www.rumbug.com)

Ian Frost from Ellinbank is organising the camp for all of us. Ian will send us all notes and forms at the end of August. The camp takes place from Oct 21st - 23rd. The full cost is $220.00. As usual, parents are most welcome to make payments up until October 14th.

**FEDERAL ELECTION:**

Darnum P.S. will be a voting booth for the Sept 7th Federal Election. This will take place in the Multi - Purpose room and has full disabled access.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL:**

Reminder School Council is Tuesday 20th August at 7.30pm.

Regards

Chris & Staff
**DIARY DATES**

**AUGUST**
- Tuesday 20th  School Council Meeting
- Wednesday 21st  Dress up day - Book Week
- Monday 26th  Swimming Prep-4

**FATHERS DAY STALL**

Fathers day stall is to be held on the 6th September all gifts will be $4. More information in future newsletters. Helpers needed.

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Thank you to everyone who brought in shoe boxes for our art program. We have enough at this stage, but keep the egg shells coming. The vegie garden is looking fantastic, and not a snail in sight. A big thank you to Beylnda and Zak for covering books for our library and reading program. From Grade 1/2 and 2/3.
Students of the Week
Lisa Straatman, Zane Milton, Joshua Hanson Bow Maxwell Neisha Ablett Maddy Mullen (From Last Week)

Could all parents and children please check at home for any books that belong to Darnum Primary School and return them as we are trying to do a stocktake of all our books. Thank you

SWIMMING PREP-4

Our very Important Swimming Program begins on Monday August 26th. It is compulsory for all students in grades prep - 4 unless a medical condition precludes a child from participating. The program is limited to the lower grades because of group sizes, availability of instructors, pricing and timetabling issues. Yesterday the children in grades Prep - 4 should have bought home swimming notes. The permission form and ‘indicative class placement’ form need to be returned as soon as possible. Returning money will depend on the method you choose to use - Full payment ($48 per child), part payment or payment by session ($6).

Below are a list of the dates your child will need to bring their swimming gear (Bathers, towel, goggles - if applicable) Children also need to bring a cloth type shopping bag or a good quality swimming bag (not a plastic bag please)
August 26th , 28th Sept 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, & 18th
Grades 2,3,4 in pool from 1pm– 1.45pm
Grades prep - 1 in pool form 1.45pm-2.30pm
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Thankyou to everyone for a great day!