Dear Parents and Students,
This is the final newsletter for 2013 so I am taking this opportunity to thank everyone from our school and community for your support for us throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Party tomorrow (Thursday) night - please check all the newsletter details carefully. You definitely need to bring your own chairs, rugs, food and drink as these are not provided by the school on this night thankyou.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION:
Last Monday we celebrated our grade six students with a graduation dinner at the school. It was great to see how they have matured into lovely young adults ready to tackle secondary school in 2014. We wish them all the best!

TOMORROW NIGHT - CHRISTMAS PARTY:
We have reprinted the reminders about our party in this week’s newsletter. Please note:
Once again we will hold the (BYO) picnic on the grass near the front of the school. Please remember to bring EVERYTHING you need, especially chairs, rugs, all food and drink.
A word from the School Council about supervision and behaviour:-
Our Christmas party is designed to be a fun - filled and relaxed night for everyone. With our increased enrolment, we expect approximately 350 people of all ages on the night. Please help us in the following ways
* Children attending (of any age) must be accompanied by an adult.
* Staff are NOT responsible for supervision or behaviour of any children.
* Sorry (for safety reasons) no bikes, skateboards or scooters on this night
Ensure your children use appropriate manners and behaviour, especially when Santa arrives and departs.
* Everyone must remain inside the school grounds throughout the event.
* Please park in the VicRoads land and laneways where possible.
* Raffle tickets can still be returned when you arrive
* 6.30-7.30 BYO (everything) meal and drinks.
* 7.30-8.00 Presentations & raffle draw
* 8.00 SANTA!!
The night concludes around 8.45pm Please assist with the clean up.
Due to DEECD regulations, smoking and alcohol are NOT allowed in the school grounds - please respect this.

More news over the page >>>>>>>>>>
**FINAL DAY INFORMATION:**
The last official day is Friday 20th December - however there are no formal classes on that day as teachers plan for 2014 and tidy up for the annual holiday cleaning. If your child is at school on that day, please note the school closes at 1.30pm and there is **NO** after school care available.
So that wraps it up or another year!
On Behalf of the staff I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.
Enjoy your holidays and see you in 2014.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE INFORMATION:**
ASC finishes at **6pm tomorrow** night Thursday 19th Dec. This is also the same night as our Christmas Party but please ensure you collect your children **at or before 6pm** thankyou.

Regards:
Chris & Staff

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**THURSDAY 19TH - NEWS FLASH**

IT is Free Dress tomorrow, YIPPY!!!!

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**A BIG THANK YOU** to Cherryn and Narelle for helping Grade 2/3 with our garden fence mural.

It looks **FANTASTIC!**

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**UNICEF News**

Congratulations Darnum Primary School for raising over $240.00 from the junior and senior school discos on Friday 13th December. It will all be donated to UNICEF to help children in the Philippines who are suffering from the devastating effects of Typhoon Haiyan.
Congratulations also to the Grade 5/6’s for organising and running both discos. A fantastic effort!
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
ZAK KENNY
SOAH POTTS
ARCHIE MARTEL
PETER BROWN
MIA ANCILLERI
NEISHA ABBOTT

A special thankyou to all the parents that helped out in the classrooms and for doing the jobs left in the tub throughout the year. It is very much appreciated by all Teachers.

DIARY DATES

DEC
Thursday 19th School Christmas Party 6.30-9pm
FREE DRESS DAY
Friday 20th Last day Term 4 1.30 finish
(NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE)

JAN 2014
Tuesday 28th Teachers Resume for Term 1
Wednesday 29th Grades 1-6 Resume for Term 1
Thursday 30th Foundation (Prep) Resume For Term 1
Dear Parents

At our Christmas Party, Thursday 19th December, we will be having a visit from Santa Claus’ helpers. If you wish your child/ren to receive a gift from Santa, could you please provide the school with a well wrapped, clearly named, including grade level, inexpensive present. IT MUST BE UNDER $10.00 in value please.

Gifts can be left in the Principal’s office.

The joy is in seeing the children greet Santa and receive a gift, not the size or cost of that present!

Thank you
School Council.

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School council reminds everyone that parents, NOT staff, are responsible for the behaviour of their children and guests.
All children should remain within the school grounds throughout the night.
Please assist us to ensure we all have a safe and happy party.

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please bring ALL your own picnic items, chairs, rugs, card tables etc. **IT IS A NON-ALCOHOL EVENT**…please respect this.

The Darnum Shop are offering a range of meal options, and we have included their menu with this newsletter. Please note that all items ordered through the shop must be ordered prior to 2pm.

**MENU**

- Hamburgers * Fish * Chips * Potato cakes
  - * Dim Sims * Schnitzel Sandwiches
- Schnitzel/Chips + gravy * Chicken Strips * Spring Rolls * Chiko Rolls
  - * Seafood Basket

* Baked Potato –Butter/ sour cream, cheese, coleslaw/ onion, bacon
  * Wedges– salsa/ sour cream