Dear Parents and Students

Everyone has settled in quickly to the 2014 school year and all our specialist programs started this week so things are running along really well. I have been especially impressed at how quickly our new Foundation students have adapted to school life - they have been wonderful!

ICY POLES:
During term one we sell ‘Zooper Dooper’ icy pole tubes for 50 cents each. There is a limit of one per day. (Children cannot buy icy poles for others unless they are family members thank you).

NEW PARENTS MORNING TEA:
The school council invite all new parents to an informal morning tea from 9.15am next Monday 10th Feb. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other, swap contact numbers etc. Venue: Multipurpose room. Babies and Toddlers welcome.

JAPANESE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM:
In the last week of March (Friday 28th March to Sat 5th April) we are once again hosting students and adults from Kyushu, Japan. There are 6 adults and 6 children coming for the week. Several of our grade 5/6 families have volunteered to host them, however the invitation is open to any family who would like to host (one adult and one child) in their home for part of the week. It’s lots of fun and we have all activities planned for the week, including transport. Please let Chris know if you are interested!

HOST WANTED:
Our 2014 Japanese Language Assistant, Miss Ayaka Soejima will arrive in late April. As usual, we are seeking families from Darnum, Nilma and Ellinbank schools who could host her for a period of 4-6 weeks. The school pays $100.00 per week for board and you would need to provide her with her own room and meals. This is a great experience for everyone so I hope you can help! Ayaka is a friendly, outgoing girl with great English skills. Contact: Chris Eeles for further details.

BOOK CLUB:
Michala Chapman (Mum of Georgia, grade 2 and Jamie grade F) will be organising the Book club orders for us this year! Book club orders will be handed out to students on Monday and due back (with payment or payment details) by: THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2014 to Sharyn at Office! If you have any questions please see Michala.
ANNUAL SCHOOL PICNIC:
As you may already be aware, the annual school picnic has been moved to Glen Cromie (near Rokeby) on Friday 21st Feb. We invite all students, parents, family and friends to join us on this day. We have booked two shelters and also a bus for the students that are not coming in private cars. The basic plan is:
9.15am  Bus departs from Darnum School
9.45am  Bus and private cars arrive at Glen Cromie
10am-12pm  Games, walks, splash in the river, etc.
12pm  Lunch (BYO)
12.30pm - 2.30pm  More fun, relax, enjoy - free icy - poles!
2.30pm  Bus departs back to Darnum PS
3.00pm Dismiss - Note: No ASC available.
All those attending will need lunch, snacks, drinks, hat, towel, bathers, change of clothes. COST: There is a $2 entry cost for anyone over the age of two. Private cars will need to register/pay at the kiosk (entry) and staff will collect the $2 on the day for students travelling on the bus. School Council will pay for all other costs. Children should not bring extra money and parents are asked not to purchase extra items from the kiosk for their children.
SAFETY: As usual, staff will have student sign off forms for each class so that we can account for all school students at the end of the day. All other children MUST be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian Thank you.
Please return the attached form by Friday 14th Thankyou.

Regards Chris & Staff

DIARY DATES

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Education Maintenance Allowance in 2014
To be eligible for the EMA:
You must on 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014, for the second instalment:
be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or be a temporary foster parent.
Submit your application to the school by the due date:
• 28 February 2014 for the first instalment*
• 1 August 2014 for the second instalment.
If you are eligible for EMA please come to the office and fill out a form. If you apply for EMA you will need to bring your Health Care Card with you to the office. Thanks Sharyn
Dear Parents,

The School Council has adopted the following process for the 2014 requisite levy. This follows recent Department Education Guidelines regarding parent contributions to the purchase of student requisite and stationary needs for the school year (eg. pens, books, glue, diaries etc.). Most schools, including ours, have done this for many years by organising bulk purchases so that all children receive the correct number and type of each item, at a reduced cost. The school also freely provides (or heavily subsidises) many other activities throughout the year. This includes sports association fees, picnic/ excursions, M.A.R.C. Van levy, visiting performances subsidy and special art/ craft items to take home.

As a result of this levy, School Council will **NOT** ask families to pay a ‘Voluntary Contribution Levy’. (Most schools have a booklist which parents need to purchase for their child, as well as a Voluntary Levy, and both are usually substantially more than our levy). We are committed to provide a top quality education but keeping costs to an affordable levy.

As all students have already been supplied with their requisites, it would be appreciated if the Student Requisite Levy could be paid by the end of Term One.

The 2014 payable fee is $80.00 for the first child and $70.00 for subsequent siblings.

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**STUDENT REQUISITE LEVY**

Oldest child -$80.00  Subsequent Children -$70.00

Family Name:____________________________________

I have included payment for the 2014 Student Requisite Levy of $ ________ for my child/children.

Banking Details:  Darnum Primary School Council
                 Commonwealth Bank Warragul
                 BSB 06 3532  A/C NO 10082108

On behalf of Darnum Primary School Council

Steve Pompei
School Council President

Chris Eeles Principal
GLEN CROMIE PICNIC DAY - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
PERMISSION FORM

FAMILY NAME:__________________________________________________

I give my permission for my child/ren to attend the above excursion.

In the event of illness or injury to my child/ren whilst on the excursion I authorise the Teacher in charge of my child/ren, where the Teacher in charge is unable to contact me or it is otherwise impracticable to contact me to:

- consent to my child/ren receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner.

- administer such first aid as the Teacher in charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.

TRANSPORT:

My children will travel: From Darnum Primary to Glen Cromie by bus    ☐

 From Glen Cromie back to school by bus    ☐

 Home from Glen Cromie in private car    ☐

I will be taking a private vehicle and will be meeting DPS at Glen Cromie    ☐

There will be approximately ______ people attending from our family or friends (not including Darnum School students).

Comment (if required):

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Signature of Parent/Guardian ……………………………….    Date   /   /2014