Dear Parents and Students,

**PREP - 3 GUMBUYA PARK EXCURSION:**
I hope everyone enjoyed the P-3 excursion to Gumbuya Park last Friday. We had a fabulous day and the activities they arranged were very exciting. Thanks to Anita Farley for her overall organisation too!

**The BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY:**
This newsletter contains important information about our popular Christmas Party next week. Somehow the times were missed on previous notices, so here they are:

- 6.30 - 7.30pm  BYO Picnic dinner
- 7.30 - 8.15pm  Raffle Draw & Student Presentations
- 8.15 - 9.00pm (approx.) Santa
- 9.00pm Clean up & close

**GRADE 5 STUDENTS:**
Students who are currently in grade five and ordered a graduation garment for grade six, 2015, can now collect them from the office. Full payment must be received prior to collection thank you. We are really pleased that we have been able to order and obtain these items ready for the start of next year!

**FINAL DAY INFORMATION:**
The last official day is Friday 19th December - however there are no formal classes on that day as teachers plan for 2015 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.

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTS:**
It is essential that you pay all outstanding accounts prior to the end of the school year. Sharyn sends out your invoices regularly so please check with her if unsure about any outstanding balances thank you.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER/RAFFLE:**
Lots of tickets being sold for this popular raffle. More available at the office. Donations are looking great - please drop yours in when you can. We need helpers to do up the prizes on Thursday 18th from 9am.

**STUDENT REPORTS:** These will be sent home on Tuesday 16th December. There are no interviews at this time of year but of course you are welcome to make an appointment if you have any immediate concerns.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE INFORMATION:**
ASC finishes at 6pm next Thursday 18th Dec. This is also the same night as our Christmas Party but please ensure you collect your children at or before 6pm thankyou. Congrats to Angela & Kayla for their work in 2014.

More news over the page>>>>>
NEXT WEEK:
- Monday night 15th—Grade 6 Graduation Party 6.30 - 9.00pm
- Tuesday 16th - Reports are sent home with all students.
- Thursday 18th - Christmas party from 6.30 - 9.00pm
- Friday 19th - No formal classes operate (Staff moving & Clean up day) School closes at 1.30pm.

2015 SCHOOL DATES:
All students begin school for 2015 on Thursday 29th January

Regards Chris & Staff

KITTENS: Free to good home, 7 weeks old Phone Kerryn 0457671980

Students of the Week

Soah Potts
Tess Steenholdt
Kaelan Ablett
Lachie Morrison
Mathew Straatman
Lara Steenholdt
Melissa Kennedy
Harlow Dowel (absent)
SPECIAL NOTE:
Dear Parents, At our Christmas Party, Thursday 18th December 6.30 - 9.00pm, we will be having a visit from Santa Claus’ helpers. If you wish your child/ren to receive a gift from Santa (this is for children of any age, including those not from Darnum P.S.), 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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday 18th December - 6.30 - 9.00pm
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

A word from the School Council about supervision and behaviour at the Christmas Party:-
School council reminds everyone that parents, NOT staff, are responsible for the behaviour of their children and guests.
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
1. Children attending (of any age) must be accompanied by an adult.
2. Ensure your children use appropriate manners and behaviour, especially when Santa arrives and departs.
3. Everyone must remain inside the school grounds throughout the event.
4. Please park in the Vic Roads land and laneways where possible.
5. For safety reasons, NO BIKES/SKATEBOARDS or other wheeled toys at the Christmas Party. Thankyou
Darnum Primary School Grade 2/3 Chess Champions 2014

Congratulations Aiden Cameron (winner) and Zak Kenny (runner up), both in Grade Three, on reaching the final of our Grade 2/3 chess tournament.

Recently several students from D.P.S. were successful in placing at the Cheerleading Championships in Queensland. Congratulations to these students from all of us! Hayley Beale, Georgia Chapman, Mia Ancilleri & Annabella Walsh.
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