Dear Parents and Students,

Our 2015 Prep students had their second orientation at school today. We also held a parent information session as well as a small morning tea to welcome our new families. Thank you to all staff for assisting with the re-structure of the timetable to allow this to happen and a special thanks to Sharon Webster for her fantastic organisation. The final orientation day is on December 9th - the same day as the state-wide orientation for year 7.

**PREP - 3 GUMBUYA PARK EXCURSION:**
I am sure everyone in the prep to grade three classes are excited about the Gumbuya Park excursion next Friday, 5th December. Please ensure you have returned the permission form and money by tomorrow thank you.

**FIRE/EVACUATION DRILL:**
All staff and students were involved in an evacuation drill yesterday. We thank the Yarragon and Darnum/Ellinbank CFA for attending to assist with the drill and also providing activities with our P/1 classes.

**GRADE 6 SUMMIT EXPERIENCE:**
We wish our grade six students a fantastic day tomorrow as they attend the last Mt Worth cluster activity of primary school. Have fun everyone!

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER/RAFFLE:**
With December almost here, we are sending home the tickets for the annual Christmas raffle with today’s newsletter. Extra books are available at the office. Can we ask all families to please donate an item or two for the hampers? Drop them in at the office any time thanks.

**BOOK CLUB:**
Just a reminder book club orders are due back tomorrow Friday 28th November.

**WHOOPING COUGH:**
Our Active After School Sports Coordinator Rebecca has been diagnosed with whooping cough. If your child was involved in the netball program and show signs of whooping cough please seek medical advice.

Regards Chris & Staff
Dear Parents

At our Christmas Party, Thursday 18th 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-ALCHOHOL 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
Students of the Week

Hudson Ronalds
Jett Muir
Ruby Davie
Harvey Parke
Georgia Chapman (Absent)
Tyler Vagana

The St. Stephen's Darnum Uniting Church invites you to
our

CHRISTMAS EXPO

Christmas..... what does it mean?

Here is your chance for kinder and primary aged children to learn the true meaning of Christmas, through song, craft and story. The session will begin with afternoon tea. All children are invited to join in the fun.

When: Thursday the 11th of December, 2014
Time: 3.30pm-5.00pm
Where: St. Stephen’s Uniting Church, Cropley St, Darnum
Cost: Optional gold coin donation
RSVP: 8th of December

To register and for further information please call (Rev.) Chris Duxbury on 56 331047 or Dianne Sargeant on Ph. 56342 569. Arrangements can be made for children to be escorted from school to the church, but we will need to know in advance.

V.I.P. 3 DAY SALE
UP TO 20% OFF*

Weds 3 Dec - Fri 5 Dec 2014
9am – 5pm

Warragul Store
Shop 5-6
William Square
Warragul
(03) 5622 2930

*Conditions Apply. Only 10% discount for blazers & non-Beleza branded items. No further discount (including but not limited to the Belaza Club Membership discount) applies. No deposit.
Good afternoon everyone,
This fortnight our friends have been busy with indoor and outdoor activities.
Indoors - the board game ‘up words has been popular as well as our usual favourites of Lego, Kinnex and Draughts. Our friends have been using some stencils that have been used in our drawing table we have had some great portraits drawn of Kayla and myself. Our hair and nail beauty parlour is still a favourite. We have also had a couple of dvds that our friends have enjoyed.
Outdoors - Cricket, hide and seek as well as chasey, have been fun games.
We will be starting some Christmas activities, next week, so if you have any ideas we would love to hear about them. Have a great weekend.
Ange and Kayla
Darnum Primary School is inundated with strawberries!
We have had the best, juiciest and sweetest crop ever! We think our secret is the lovely worm juice from our worm farm. A big thank you to everyone who has helped to pick them during lunch times.

**Grade 3 News**
It has been an eventful week for Grade Three. On Monday we lost “Claws 2” and on Wednesday evening our faithful scarecrow “Tom” was destroyed by vandals who came to the school. We still have “Claws 3” and “Claws 4” and the Grade Three’s will rebuild “Tom” with his hat and shoes which were the only parts salvageable.
R.I.P

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**CFA Open Day**
Darnum & Ellinbank Fire Station, CLOVERLEA

30 November 2014 at 498 Darnum Allambee Road
from 11am – 3 pm

Come and meet the volunteers who work hard to keep your community safe and see practical demonstrations including:
- How to use a fire blanket and extinguisher to keep your home safe.
- See our new Fire Truck and Ultralight Tanker in action.
- Have a look at our new Fire Station and facilities.

We will also be happy to provide you with information, advice and literature on a range of topics:
- How to be a part of the CFA
- Fire Danger Ratings and warnings - what they mean.
- How to write a fire plan.
- Cleaning up in preparation for this summer season.
- Resources and Information to help you
- … and more

Sausage Sizzle & Cold Drinks available
Captain Koala and give-aways for the kids

For more information please call Paul Strickland on 0403051853
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