Dear Parents and Students,

Tomorrow is our annual walk and ride to school day. Several staff members are once again walking all the way from Yarragon. Families are welcome to meet them at the Darnum Musical Village at approx. 8.15am to walk the final leg to the school. Please re-read the details below and we look forward to your participation in the morning. We also hope this will encourage you, where possible, to consider your children walking or riding to school regularly.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT:**
Both programs started this week and will continue for seven sessions in total. All children who applied were selected. Please check your phone or pick up contact details directly with Maria Elbers, our coordinator. Please be prompt at collecting your children at 4.45pm.

**2014 WRITER’S CAFÉ:**
Our annual writers café is coming up on Friday 7th Nov. Here’s how the event works:
The students have spent the year on a variety of writing topics, themes and stories. They then invite guests (ie grandparents, parents, other relatives, etc.) to come along and share a Devonshire tea and read the stories including those by other students together. Guests should arrive at 11.20am and the official opening is at 11.30am in the multipurpose room. The café then operates until 1pm with an official closure at that time.

All families are asked to provide 1/2 dozen scones on the morning. Darnum Primary will supply the jam and cream for the scones. (These may be home baked or bought). Please return the attached form as soon as possible to assist us with catering.

**MELBOURNE CUP ‘LONG’ WEEKEND:**
Parents are reminded that there is no school for students on Monday 3rd or Tuesday 4th November. We hope families enjoy the four day break before the Christmas rush sets in!

**THANK YOU:**
D.P.S would like to thank Mr Gary Stapnell for his assistance in concreting our goal post bases and the new garden shed slab. We certainly appreciated his expertise.

**BOOK CLUB:**
Book Club orders are due in on Friday 24th October.
Next Tuesday seven boys from Gr 5/6 will be competing in the senior regional Hoop time finals at Traralgon. Good Luck to Chris Piko, Liam Ancilleri, Cameron Tweddle, Blake Tyrrell, Peter Brown, Jack Davie and Lachie Morrison.

GO DARNOS.

SWIMMING PREP-3

Our very Important Swimming Program begins on Monday October 27th. It is compulsory for all students in grades prep - 3 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. The children in grades Prep - 3 should have bought home swimming notes. The permission form and ‘indicative class placement’ form need to be returned tomorrow if not already returned. 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, hair ties, goggles - if applicable) Children also need to bring a cloth type shopping bag or a good quality swimming bag (not a plastic bag please)
October 27th, 28th 29th, November 6th, 10th, 11th, 12th, & 14th
Grades Prep &3 in pool from 9.30am-10.15am
Grades 1 & 2 in pool from 10.15am –11.00am

FARM ANIMALS

The Preps are learning all about farm animals this term and would love for some farm animals to visit them. If you have any friendly farm animals that you would be willing to bring to school for the preps to pat and learn more about, can you please contact Sharon Webster.

POM POMS FOR SALE

Dear Parents & Students
We are making Pom - Poms and selling them for kids with cancer and kids with cleft palate who can’t afford to have operations. I (Ruby) am lucky to have my cleft repaired! So I would love to help the people who do have one!
Small Pom Poms 50c
Medium Pom Poms $1.00
Large Pom Poms $2.00
From Ruby, Halle and Maleah.
**Students of the Week**

BLAKE TYRRELL  
JULIAN SINGH  
MAKAYLA SHURDINGTON  
LINCOLN SHURDINGTON  
ELYSE KERR  
ASHWYN SINGH

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**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to Lisa Keeble and Jodie Ballantyne who have put in many hours of copying, laminating and cutting to help set up resources for our spelling program. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated by all!

From the staff.

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**WRITERS CAFÉ 2014**  
**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH**

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### Special Event Details

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- **22 October**: AASS P-2
- **24 October**: Walk to School Day
- **27 October**: Swimming P-3 AASS 3-6
- **28 October**: Swimming P-3 AASS 3-6
- **29 October**: Swimming P-3 AASS 3-6
- **31 October**: Bandanna Day
- **3 November**: Swimming P-3 AASS 3-6
- **4 November**: Melbourne Cup (No School)
- **6 November**: Swimming P-3 AASS 3-6
- **7 November**: Writer’s Cafe
- **9 November**: School Council AASS 3-6
- **10 November**: Swimming P-3 AASS 3-6
- **12 November**: Swimming P-3 AASS 3-6 2015 Prep Orientation AASS P-2
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