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Newsletter

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ACTING PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome back to school and I trust you have all had an enjoyable break. A special welcome to Jameson, Aidan, Katie, Jack, Charly and Sienna who are commencing school for the first time this year. A reminder to Foundation/Prep families that Foundation students are not required to attend school on Wednesdays for the month of February, however, during this time Mrs Nixon will be conducting early years testing with all Foundation students which will require families to book three appointments on the form sent home with this newsletter.

Welcome also to Jude, Bella, Sophie and Deegan who have recently enrolled at our school.

STAFFING

I am pleased to advise that Mr Boxall will be the full time senior class teacher for 2017. Additionally, I would like to welcome Mrs Ivory who will be assisting in the junior classrooms.

BACK TO SCHOOL BARBECUE

A welcome back to school barbecue will be held next **Friday 10th February** commencing at **6:00 pm**. Sausages and hamburgers are available for all families and it would be appreciated if a salad could be brought along to share.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

Our school is in the process of adopting an allergy awareness policy to protect students who have severe allergies, particularly those allergic to peanuts and penicillin. In relation to peanuts, whilst banning particular foods and declaring schools to be nut free is not recommended, it is recommended that as a school community, we work collaboratively and attempt to refrain from sending peanut and nut products to school. It is important that families impress upon their children the importance of following this request. Additional information relating to allergy awareness will be distributed to families throughout the year.

NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF AN ABSENCE

If for some reason your child is absent from school please telephone the school to inform us. When students are absent from school, the school must be provided with a reason for this absence. Our Attendance Policy is available on our website. Absent notification forms will be sent out shortly.

Absences will be followed up during the year.



STUDENT SIGN IN/OUT REGISTER

Our new sign in/out book is kept at the office along with the visitors book. Parents are requested to complete an entry when dropping their students off when school has already started and when collecting students early. This is a requirement of the Department of Education and Training. Thank you for your co-operation.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

AFL Player visit—Tuesday, 7th February TBC

Labour Day—Monday, 13th March

End of term 1—Friday, 31st March

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Class times – 9.00am to 3.30pm

Hours of supervision – 8.45am to 3.45pm

IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATES

Please note that students without immunisation certificates (ACIR) will be excluded from school during outbreaks of serious illness/ infectious disease cases as prescribed under Regulations 13 and 14 of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001 – Schedule 6.

FOR PREP/NEW PARENTS

If you have not already done so, please provide the school with a copy of your child's ACIR Immunisation certificate and birth certificate to complete enrolment.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Forms to update any changes to phone numbers (home, mobile and work), places of employment, emergency contacts, or medical information will be sent home next week. We ask that it be completed and returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY, FRONT OFFICE AND NEWSLETTERS

The weekly school assembly will be on Thursdays at 3-15pm.

Mrs Kalinski is in the school office on Monday morning & all day Wednesday.

Our newsletter will normally be distributed on Wednesdays. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please advise Jeanette.

WELCOME

I would like to welcome all the students back to Darraweit Guim Primary School for what I'm sure is going to be a fantastic year. I will be teaching Grades 3-6 throughout the year. I'm very pleased to see that I have wonderful students with beautiful manners. The effort shown throughout the past couple of days has been phenomenal and I expect such high standards during the year. Thank you to the community for my warm welcome and I can't wait to meet everyone at the Darraweit Primary School BBQ.

Simon Boxall

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

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 Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

- Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

If you believe you are eligible for the above, please request a form from school, complete and return by Monday, 13th February.

LOSS OF/DAMAGE TO PERSONAL GOODS

Private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors (such as mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises etc) is not insured and the Department of Education and Training (school) does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Council elections will be commencing shortly and must be completed before 31st March.

There are 2, 2 year parent vacancies & 1 DE&T, 1 year vacancy to be filled.

More information to follow.

PAYMENTS/RETURN OF FORMS

Parents are asked to make payments to school in a sealed and clearly named envelope. Invoices will be sent out when money is owed to the school if necessary.

Foreign coins cannot be accepted as they will be refused by the bank. Please check before payment.

Payments may be made to the school by direct funds transfer (BSB: 633-000 A/c 157206426) or by BPAY using details on school statements.

There is a box at the office door where payments and completed forms are to be placed if Jeanette is not in the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL FEES

\$120 per student Invoices will be sent home on Monday.

This fee covers all student stationery and requisites.

UNIFORMS

A uniform order will be sent home shortly.

SUN SMART

All students have received their new hats which will remain at school. Hats are compulsory during terms 1 & 4.

STUDENT BANKING

This year the banking program will be with the Bendigo Bank. For all queries please contact Bronwyn Kolotelo.

PHOTO/LOCAL EXCURSION CONSENT FORM

Please sign and return the form as soon as possible. Some families have already done so for this year.

CLOTHING

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with the name of current owner.

Darraweit Guim Primary School
PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays from 9.00am to 10.30pm

For ages 0-4

Tea, coffee and water provided.

Parents are asked to bring a snack and drink for their children.

All welcome

Co-ordinator: Bronwen Kolotelo