Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of the 2013 school year. We currently have 20 students at our school but we would love to welcome some more new students. This term we will be studying flight. We are extremely pleased to have two students, Montanna and Aaron, start their school life at Darraweit.

Sun Smart

First term is a sun smart term. All students must wear an approved hat while in the school yard. Children who do not have an approved hat at school will be required to remain under the covered area. We will not lend hats to children for health reasons.

Clothing

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with the name of current owner. This assists us to return items and also helps us settle disputes as to who is the real owner.

Lost Property

Even after distributing all of the labelled clothing our last property was still over flowing at the end of the year. Any clothing that is not claimed by Friday 15th February will be free to a good home. Clothing not adopted by the 22nd of February will be disposed off.

Assembly, Front Office and Newsletters

The weekly school assembly will again be on Thursday mornings at 9am. Mrs Kalinski is at school every Monday and Wednesday. Our newsletter will be distributed on Thursdays.

MARC VAN

The Mobile library is timetabled to be at school each Monday afternoon. The children have been given a shopping bag to care for the books they have borrowed.

Stop Work

The Australian Teachers Union has indicated that Thursday 14th February will be a stop work day as part of their industrial campaign. On the last two stop work days all of our teaching staff stopped work and the school did not offer any classes. Further information regarding the stop work will be provided closer to the date.

Tap, tap, tappity, tap goes the sound of the keyboard clicking, except I am the policeman stopping burglars from nicking.

The burglar nimbly sprints away from the scene, but soon I’m hot on his heels. He bolts up a tree, but suddenly he struggles, and bumps his knee.

The robber screams as he falls to the ground.

I call for backup and to bring the hounds.

While I am waiting I get kind of bored.

I hesitate a lot and try not to taunt.

The backup has come, the dogs are alert.

The robbery is over.

The criminal is caught.

By Liam Hewitt

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 or by BPAY Biller code: 87361 Ref: (listed 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.

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 Early Childhood Development (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.

Newsletters

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please advise Jeanette. Hotmail is not accepted by the DEECD mail system. Thanks.

For Prep Parents

If you have not already done so, please provide the school with a copy of your child’s ACIR Immunisation certificate or Council Immunisation Certificate.

Also, your child’s birth certificate must be shown to Jeanette (Mon/Wed) to complete enrolment. Thanks.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent. i.e. – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as 29th Jan 2013 (1st instalment) and 15th July 2013 (2nd instalment).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28th February 2013 (1st instalment) and 2 August 2013 (2nd instalment).

If you are eligible for this allowance please see Jeanette on either Monday or Wednesday to collect an application form. The current card must be presented when collecting a form. Please read the forms carefully before signing. Thank you.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please advise Jeanette (in office Monday and Wednesday) of any changes to phone numbers (home, mobile and work), places of employment, emergency contacts, or medical information as soon as possible. Thank you.

IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATES

Please note that students without immunisation certificates 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.

BOOK CLUB

Order forms for Issue 1 have been distributed. Please return orders with correct payment by 15th February.

Cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia.

For Credit card payment option– please read the order forms carefully.

Payment for orders from multiple clubs are to be covered by one lump sum payment only.

If your students are completing their own order forms we ask that parents check them before handing them in. The name is to be written clearly and please check that if extra details are required that they are correct.

Welcome back to School Banking for 2013

Wednesday is our Banking Day.

Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child’s teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.

All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips MUST be completed.

Save from as little as 5c per week.

Each deposit earns a SILVER TOKEN this should be kept safe at home….when they collect 10 tokens they can redeem for exciting rewards!

If your child would like to join the program please visit your local Commonwealth Bank with photo ID for yourself and your child’s birth certificate – too easy!

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Some of the great rewards of the Student Banking Program

See Jeanette for further information.

Darraweit Fair

Saturday, 16th February 11am – 4pm

in the school grounds.