Dear Parents

Congratulations, your Child ____________________________________ has been selected by their school to be part of the 2014 Year 6-7 Writers’ & Illustrators’ Camp being run at the Daradgee Environmental Education Centre. This will be run over 4 days and 3 nights in Term 3 Week 6, Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd August 2014. Camp details are outlined below.

Students
This camp is aimed at students with special interest, abilities and skills in English and in the Arts and who will benefit from the extension of working with high quality authors/illustrators.

Schools Involved
Alexandra Bay SS, Bentley Park College, Cairns School of Distance Educ., Dimbulah SS, Edge Hill SS, El Arish SS, Flying Fish Point SS, Goondi SS, Hambledon SS, Julatten SS, Kairi SS, Kuranda State College, Mirriwinni SS, Mission Beach SS, Port Douglas SS, Silkwood SS and Tolga SS.

Program
The 2014 Program is focusing on students writing, illustrating and publishing a Children’s Picture Book. The Theme is “If I were a farmer” linking to the International Year of the Family Farmer.

Program Presenters
Alison Lester and Elizabeth Honey are returning to Daradgee for their 7th combined Children’s Writers’ & Illustrators’ Camp. Both ladies have participated individually on another 6-8 occasions. They are great to work with and most significantly continue to have publishing success. Alison has been shortlisted this year in the Children’s Book Council of Australia, Book of the Year Awards for ‘Kissed by the Moon’. - http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm

Pre Camp Preparation Tasks
To ensure that all students are able to get the most out of camp, they are encouraged to undertake some pre-camp tasks. Please note, it is hoped that students will enjoy these tasks, they are not intended to be onerous. The more students immerse themselves in the preparation, the more value they will get from the program.

2014 Pre Camp Preparation Tasks are outlined on the attached flyer. Additionally, it can be accessed from the DEEC website: www.daradgeeec.eq.edu.au.
The students are not required to do significant amounts of work, however they are required to:

1. **Research** - Research Alison Lester and Elizabeth Honey through their websites, through their biography posts on the DEEC website and wherever else students would like to look.


   *Start over the holidays.*

2. **Read** - Discover and read as many Australian picture books, novels, short stories or poetry as students can which explore our theme, 'If I were a farmer'.

   See attached Reading List in 2014 Pre Camp Preparation Tasks.

   *Start over the holidays.*

3. **Connect** - Connect with a farmer by interviewing them or by reading the profiles (to be listed on the DEEC website).

   *Start Term 3 Week 2.*

4. **Create** - Build a portfolio. Students gather as much information as they can - stories, photos, sketches, cartoons, ideas, jokes - to do with our theme.

   *Start over the holidays and bring to camp.*

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**Knowing Daradgee EEC & your Presenters - Alison Lester and Elizabeth Honey**

Please access the DEEC website for both specific and general information you may require. All information specific to this camp can be found under the tab **Parents and Students/Yr 6-7 Writers' and Illustrators' Camp 2014**. Please check this tab periodically for any updates.

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**Camp Dates**

Term 3 Week 6 - Tue 19 - Fri 22 August 2014

**Camp Venue**

Daradgee Environmental Education Centre - 76 McAvoy Street Daradgee. See attached Contacts and Directions to DEEC.

Phone: 40 633858   Fax: 40 633743

**Transport**

School arrangements - Please organise for students to arrive at Daradgee on **Tuesday 19th August at 9.00 a.m** for registration.

Program begins at 9.30 a.m.

Students' pick up/departure at **1.30 p.m**. Friday the 22nd August.

**Camp Fees**

Students only - Meals, Accommodation & Art Equipment per student - **$200.00 GST EXCL**. (Please note this is an educational program and GST is not required to be paid.)

**Camp T-Shirt**

There will be a camp T-Shirt. For ease of management, we will be pre-ordering a range of sizes and students will be given their shirt on camp.

**Art Equipment**

While the basic equipment for camp will be supplied, students are asked to bring along their usual school stationery i.e. pencils, rubber, ruler, colour in pencils, felt pens etc. Those who do have special art materials and would
like to bring them along, may do so. Please have all items labelled etc.

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<th>Digital Cameras</th>
<th>We will be utilising Daradgee’s class set of 34 digital cameras as part of the illustration process and to record the various procedures required to publish a Children’s Picture Book. Students may also bring their own digital camera which could be very useful (but by no means compulsory). Students will be responsible for their own cameras. <strong>Please label your cameras.</strong> Remember chargers/spare batteries.</th>
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<td>Student Disco</td>
<td>On Thursday evening there will be a disco. We invite students to bring their favourite music on CD or USB compatible device. Please just pick the best.</td>
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<td>Mobile Phones</td>
<td>Students have no need to bring mobile phones to camp. However if families strongly believe their child should bring a mobile phone, this is permissible providing they are handed in on arrival. They will be kept in a secure place during activities and overnight and will be available for students to use between 6.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. If parents wish to contact students, or in case of emergency please phone 40 633858.</td>
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<td>Camp Organisation</td>
<td>Please access the following information and copy and distribute the accompanying forms as soon as possible. Action regarding this material is also listed below.</td>
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<td>Informed Consent</td>
<td>Please consider all details outlined with particular attention to the attached <strong>Draft Camp Program</strong> when completing <strong>Medical and Informed Consent – Student</strong>. If there are any concerns, please contact the D.E.E.C. Principal on 40633858.</td>
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As well as this letter, you will have received a number of forms - please act as directed.

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<td>Student/Parent Camp Package</td>
<td>Access the following documents from <strong>Student/Parent Camp Package</strong> and act on as required.</td>
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<td>Support your child in undertaking <strong>Pre Camp Preparation Tasks</strong></td>
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<td>Medical Form and Informed Consent–Student/Adult</td>
<td>Please complete <strong>Medical Form and Informed Consent–Student/Adult</strong> and return to school by <strong>Monday 21st July, 2014</strong>.</td>
<td>Parents to complete and return to school.</td>
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Ensure students arrive at Daradgee by 9am, Tuesday, 19th August, 2014, as arranged with your school. Please take care to pack and bring along all personal gear and completed Pre Camp Preparation Tasks.

Some of the activities being carried out during this camp are similar to activities carried out in physical education classes. All of the activities will be conducted under the supervision of registered and experienced teachers.

Yours sincerely

Noel Cristaudo    Steve Cutuli    Amanda Matthews    Tania Simmons
PRINCIPAL    Teacher    Teacher    Teacher
27th June, 2014

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