Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term 4 has started with the usual excitement and everyone has settled down to work very quickly. For our grade six students, it is their last term before graduation to secondary school. This can be both exciting but also quite daunting as they move from being the ‘big kids’ to being the ‘little kids’ once again. It is also when we welcome in our new ‘preppies’ for 2013. If you know parents who are still looking for a place at a great local primary school for 2013 for their five year olds, please let them know that Dinjerra would be very happy to have them enrol. There are really great things happening at Dinjerra Primary and we want to share that with our neighbourhood families.

Our Community Market on Friday October 26 from 4.00pm till 7.00pm is a great chance for the Dinjerra School Community to come together to celebrate our wonderful school. There will be fun activities; great food, excellent shopping and we really want to see you there. Opportunities are also available for community members to set up a stall. If you need more information, please contact our Primary Welfare Officer, Carla on 9311 1598 or by email at olea.carla.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Don’t forget that hats will be needed for all students in term 4. The school’s Sun-Smart policy makes the wearing of broad-brimmed hats compulsory for all outdoor activities including PE, lunch and recess breaks. Suitable hats are available at a modest price from the school. Please make sure that all uniform items have some sort of identification marking on them so that we can get lost items back to their owners.

Stop Work Half Day on Friday 19 October. A half day stop work has been called by the Australian Education Union for Friday 19 October. I have been informed that all staff will be taking part in the stop work so no classes will run on that morning and the school will be closed. Lunch will run from 12.30pm till 1.15pm when classes will start for the afternoon. School will be dismissed at the usual 3.15pm. We are very sorry for the inconvenience that this will cause families.

It was with great sadness that a number of School Council members, current and past staff and some students joined friends and family to farewell David Blake at Altona Memorial Park on the last day of the school holidays. David was a well-known and highly respected member of our school community and was a current parent representative on School Council. Our sincere thoughts and condolences go to David’s family at this difficult time.

Graeme Smith – Acting Principal

EMA

The cheques for the 2nd half of the year have arrived. Please bring in your Health Care or Pension card when you collect your cheque.
School Banking Reminder

Students should bring their weekly deposit in the yellow wallet and hand it to their teacher or at the Office on TUESDAY mornings.

Your child will receive a silver token for each deposit and when they have 10 tokens they will receive a cool prize!

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Star of the Week 15/10/2012

5/6A Phoenix Kaiwahia-Tunui You were an awesome group leader for the 3/4s.

Parents and Friends Group

A friendly get-together will be held at 9.00am in Room 13 on the 1st Monday of November Monday, 5th November

SPARKS – Commonwealth Bank Mentors

Each Wednesday for this term, 5 volunteer mentors are visiting our school to work with 5 Year 3 and 4 students. This is a great opportunity for these children to practise their reading – and to read to another adult and be read to.

Fundraising News

Braybrook Masters Sausage sizzle...
The next sausage sizzle will be at the new Masters complex on Ballarat Road on December 16th. We would love to have volunteers to help at this event so stay tuned for more information soon.

End of Year Raffle...
Each grade will begin collecting items for a basket which will be raffled at the end of the year. We will let you know the theme that your child’s grade has chosen soon so that you can begin sending things along to school.

Playgroup

Parents and community members are welcome to come along to our playgroup on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am-10.50am in Room 13, near the front office.

Lots of fun activities and events are planned.

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Physical Education News...

Upcoming Events for Term 4...

- Touch rugby clinics from the Melbourne Storm school coaches for grades P – 6.
- The Dinjerra Sports Carnival will be held on Wednesday 21st November. Green and Gold Houses will compete in a day of good, fun competition. Mark this date into your calendar. We would love to see the parents, guardians and grandparents of the school coming along to join in the fun and cheer for their children.
- All children from grades Prep to 6 have participated in 2 more weeks of soccer clinics. These clinics took place on Thursday 11th October and Thursday 18th October. Students from SEDA (Sports Education) secondary college organized the clinics and taught Dinjerra children soccer skills, techniques and playing small sided games.

Swimming 2012...

The swimming program was a wonderful experience for 70 Dinjerra children at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre this year in September. These children gained confidence in and around water, learnt survival skills and stroke technique.

The swimming program for 2013 will take place in November.

School Canteen

The school Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday every week this term. Why not check out the great menu and reasonable prices.

Incursions

Dear Parents,

The P -2 Area have some exciting visitors coming to our school to share their wonderful knowledge.

On Thursday 25th October a person from Public Transport Victoria will be discussing and helping our students learn about travelling by train, tram and bus safely and responsibly. This incursion will be held between 12.00pm and 3.00pm.

On Monday 29th October we have organised a Mini Beast incursion which will support the student’s learning about plants and mini beasts.

Mini beasts such as beetles, stick insects and leaf insects will be among our very special visitors. The students will get to observe these creatures and understand the important role they play in our world.

The sessions will take place between 8:50 to 10:50 am.

There is no cost for these special events.

Parents are most welcome to come along and be involved. Please see your child’s class teacher.

Thank you

Catherine Leahy, Christine Barnes and Ivy Leach

P-2 Team
## Calendar of Events

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### Care Monkey and Asthma Australia

CareMonkey is a safe and free web app for sharing health care information. Asthma Australia has partnered with CareMonkey in order to contribute to the safety and well-being of people with asthma. Parents can create a profile for their child in CareMonkey which can be shared with trusted carers, including family, friends, teachers and sports coaches. Vital information such as emergency contacts, health and safety alerts, medications, allergy details, asthma plan and more can be easily shared.

Consider creating a profile for your child with asthma (or other medical condition) and share this with others including the staff at your school or preschool. Go to [caremonkey.com](http://caremonkey.com) for more information.