From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hopefully, many of you will have seen our new sign on the South Road fence. We are often told that people think we are part of the Western English Language Centre further up South Road. Now everyone will know who we are and where we are. We also have a new advertising brochure that members of the school will be letter-boxing in the neighbourhood. Once again, people only see the administration wing from South Road and the brochure shows the new building and our extensive playgrounds. This school is a wonderful place to learn and we want the rest of Melbourne to know.

The year is rapidly coming to an end and soon students will be graduating to their next grade or onto secondary school. Due to the on-going dispute between the Government and the Australian Education Union, student reports will be much shorter this time. Teachers will only be reporting on the student’s Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) progression points. There is a ban on any written reports. However, the VELS progression points will still give you an indication of whether or not your child is improving.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our canteen operator has informed us that due to poor sales, he will not be able to keep the canteen going next year. We are still investigating other options but it is highly unlikely that we will have a canteen operating at the start of next year. This will mean that parents will need to ensure that their children bring their lunch and snacks to school each day.

We very recently had two visitors from the Western Bulldogs spend a morning in the school as part of the Principal For a Day Program. Bridget Lodge and David Cameron who work in the administration section of the Bulldogs spent the morning speaking with Ros Mancer and me, sitting in on classes and then meeting with members of the Student Council. Ros even got them to do some yard duty at recess. I was so proud of the way our students spoke with them, discussing leadership and where sport figured in their lives. After meeting with the Student Council members, both Bridget and David expressed how impressed they were with our students. Bridget and David go to lots of schools, both primary and secondary, and they commented that the students they met at Dinjerra were some of the most articulate and thoughtful students they had met in their travels.

We are almost finished finalising our staffing and determining our class structures for next year. Once this process is finished, we will be able to let you know who your child’s classroom teacher will be in 2013.

Regards,
Graeme Smith – Acting Principal
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!

Planning for 2013
We are busy planning the best education possible for your children next year and to do this we need to know the numbers of children who will be attending Dinjerra.

Classes for our Prep grades are filling quickly. If you have, or know of, children who will be ready to begin school next year (they must turn 5 by 30 April) and haven’t yet enrolled, please do this as soon as possible.

If you have plans of moving house and your children will be attending another school, could you please contact the Office and let us know as this information helps up with our planning for next year.

Parents and Friends Group
A friendly get-together will be held at 9.00am in **Room 13 on the first Monday of December** Monday, 3rd December

Lots of fun activities and events are planned.

Braybrook Community Centre BBQ
Come and be a part of the first community dinner at the Community Garden on Wednesday, 5th December. **Bookings are essential**, so see the noticeboard near the Office for more information.

Fundraising News
Braybrook Masters Sausage sizzle...
If you would like to help between 10.00am till 3.00 pm at the Masters BBQ on Sunday the 16th December then fill in the time slot on the forms that went home or notify the office. It has been wonderful to see names with the timeslots they can help already coming in.

**End of Year Raffles** …
The grades are collecting items for the end of year raffle. Your child’s grade has decided on a theme to collect. Small raffle ticket booklets have gone home. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for a dollar. If you can sell more than one booklet please ask at the office for extra booklets. There will be at least 6 baskets of goodies to be won plus other items eg. A family pass to swim at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre valued at $150 and a bedding package. Ticket butts with name, grade and phone numbers and money need to be back to school by Friday December 7th. The raffle prizes will be drawn at assembly 2.15 on the 10th December.
Thanks everyone from Debbie Domas.

Star of the Week 26/11/12
P2B Lillian Keeping You wrote wonderful captions for our Sports Carnival photos.
Michael Olamijulo You built a fabulous structure during Reward time AND had a wonderful day.

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**Physical Education News...**

**Sports Carnival...**
What a wonderful day was had by all at the annual Sports Carnival. It was lovely to see parents supporting their children as they participated in good, fun competition and social games. The children looked wonderful dressed up in their green and gold house colours as they cheered on their team mates and the opposition. Everyone heartily enjoyed their special lunch orders. The grade 4/5/6 relay races were spectacular as the P/1/2/3 children, teachers and parents cheered them on. Green team were the eventual winners of the House Cup for 2012. Congratulations to everyone involved. I bet you all slept well that night!

**Soccer and Basketball Goals....**
We officially opened our new basketball/netball rings and soccer goals at the Sports Carnival opening ceremony. These are fantastic additions to our school grounds for use throughout the whole day. It is wonderful that we can now play these games on the soft surface area on the oval. The children are thoroughly enjoying using these new goals working on their skills, techniques and good sporting behaviour.

Debbie Domas  
PE Teacher

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**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.

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**Royal Children’s Hospital Study**

**Participants needed: FREE study for overweight teens looking for help!**

Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is doing a study to find a better way to support overweight young people aged 12 to 17 years to make healthier choices about weight management. Participation involves completing online questionnaires and having height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measured at the beginning and then at 3, 6 and 12 month follow-ups. Parents are also invited to take part. Every 3 months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those who have kept their appointments. The results will help us to find out a helpful way to teach young people about weight-related behaviours during adolescence. We need overweight young people aged 12-17 living in metropolitan Melbourne to join in!

Enquiries: Karly Cini 03 9345 6954 or stayingfit@mcri.edu.au

For more info: [www.rch.org.au/cah/research/The_Staying_Fit_Project/](http://www.rch.org.au/cah/research/The_Staying_Fit_Project/)
A reminder about our School Uniform Policy

At Dinjerra we believe a school dress code will promote our school and present our children in a positive manner. The wearing of a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of belonging to the school
- Develops pride and school image
- Is readily identifiable on school excursions and sporting activities

All students are expected to wear uniforms when attending school. The **wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Dinjerra**. The school uniform consists of:

- Navy blue track pants
- Navy blue shorts
- Maroon polo shirt with school logo
- Navy blue windcheater with school logo
- Navy blue bomber jacket with school logo
- Blue and white checked gingham dress
- Hats – peaked cap – (legionnaire design) – navy blue with school logo / or wide brimmed navy blue. Please note the wearing of hats is compulsory in terms 1 and 4.
- Appropriate footwear – school shoes / runners

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