From The Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to another exciting year at Dinjerra. It is great to see new student faces as well as welcome new staff to our school.

Term 1 is a very busy term as we have the **Leadership Camp** for Grades 3-6 happening on 13th and 14th March @ YMCA Bacchus Marsh camp-site. We also have **School Council elections** happening shortly. I encourage you to be an active member of the school community and nominate for the School Council this year as we have a number of vacancies.

Have the BEST fortnight.
Leanne Sheardown
PRINCIPAL

**EDUCATION MAINTENACE ALLOWANCE (EMA)**

Parents and carers who are eligible to receive the Education Maintenance Allowance and have not come into the school office this year, need to complete the application form available at the office **before Wednesday, 29th February**. You must bring your current Health Care / Pension card with you when filling out the application. You must apply for EMA at the start of every year. If you want your payment to be deposited directly into your bank account, please bring details of your account number, including bank and branch BSB, the correct name of the account and the location of the branch. Your EMA may be used to purchase the Book Pack.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

We have vacancies due to the normal end of a Councillor’s office (which is two years). Information about these positions will be out soon.

The role of the School Council is one of helping to set the long term future of the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school’s operation. It is not about running the school—that is the job of the principal.

If you are interested in being a part of the 2012 School Council, please keep an eye on updates through the newsletter and the school’s website.

**Leadership Camp**

Our leadership Camp for Grades 3-6 is booked for **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March**. It is an overnight camp at the YMCA Bacchus Marsh site. The cost of the camp is **$135** which has been subsidised heavily by the YMCA. Any student in Gr 3-6 not attending the overnight camp will participate in a day camp program here at school. Information regarding camp payment and details will be sent home next week.

**Assemblies in 2012**

Our assemblies will be running every fortnight starting from **Monday 20th February** where I will be presenting the elected class captains and school captains their badges. Our assemblies will be held in the **Multi Purpose Room** (MPR). Classes have been rostered to present at each item……wait for your invite and I look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible. After assembly parents are invited to go to their child’s room to meet with the teacher.

**Coming up…………………**

- Monday 5th March @ 2.20pm Grade 5/6A
- Monday 19th March @ 2.20pm Grade 4/5A

**Parent/teacher Interviews**

Information about parent/teacher interviews will be out soon………keep **Wednesday 22nd February** free so you can meet your child’s teacher and hear about what is happening this year for your child.
Playgroup

I encourage parents and community members to come along to our playgroup on Wednesday mornings from 9-10.50am. Lots of fun activities and events are planned and we need you to help make it the BEST playgroup!

Bilingual Story Time is on again.

All preschool children and their carers are welcome to join us for stories, songs and rhymes

Bilingual Preschool Story Time gives you…
- a chance to meet other families and children
- ways to help your child develop language and motor skills
- information about books and libraries
- a chance to hear and practice another language

Information @ School Office

Parent Survey

Please detach and return to school as soon as possible.

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Our staff for 2012 is as follows:

Principal Leanne Sheardown
Assistant Principal Sharon Higgins
P/2A Catherine Leahy
P/2B Ivy Leach
P/2C Rachael Taylor
P/2D Christine Barnes
3/4A Joy Dunstan
4/5A Rachel Rasmussen
5/6A Seaneen Watts
Health & PE Debbie Domas
Art Sharon Higgins
Reading Recovery Patricia Mellusco
Office Staff Jenny Smith, Felicia Schmidt, Fiona Nguyen
Primary Welfare Officer Carla Olea
Integration Aides Sue Pearl, Jenni Edwards, Tamara Scales, Meni Thomaidis, Karen Jones, Sharon Murphy, Fiona Nguyen.
Library Jenni Edwards
Multi-Cultural Ethnic Aide Fiona Nguyen

Sunsmart

We are a Sunsmart school which requires all students to wear a Sunsmart hat in Terms 1 and 4. These need to be full brimmed or legionnaire style. Any student without a hat will be required to sit in the shaded area as part of our “no hat no play”

Do you think expanding the Student Wellbeing program is a good idea?
- YES  - NO

Would you prefer a chaplain OR extra time for the Primary Welfare Officer?
- CHAPLAIN  OR  PRIMARY WELFARE OFFICER