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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next Tuesday, our school team will meet with our architects to start the process for the planning for the future development of Dinjerra. We interviewed three different architectural firms and selected HEDE Architects as providing the best overall package. Part of their brief will be to speak with the Dinjerra Community to seek your input regarding the future capital development of the school. I will keep you informed as to how that will happen.

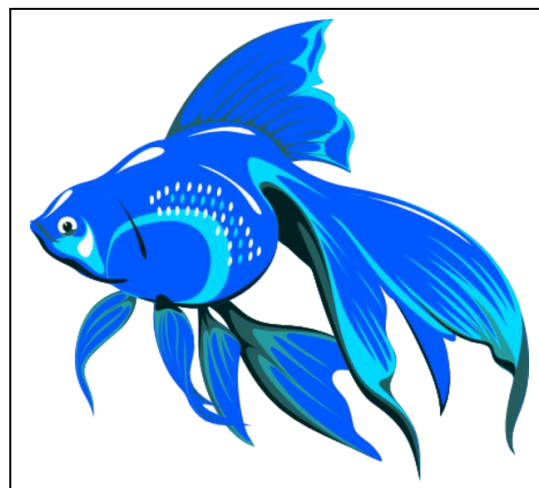
On the staffing front, we have employed two new Education Support staff, Ms Kerry Breeze and Ms Nancy Son. Both are well qualified and really nice people and they will be fantastic additions to our team. Rachel Rasmussen has picked up a teaching position at another school and has informed me that she will not be returning to Dinjerra. Rachel has taught at Dinjerra for about five years and in that time has held a number of different roles including Acting Assistant Principal. On your behalf I would like to thank her for all the work she did for your children and the children who came before.

The student Attitudes to School Survey results for 2016 have been released. Students in Grades 5 and 6 are surveyed about how they feel about their relationships with their classmates, their personal wellbeing and about the quality of the teaching and learning we provide. The data is not individualised but is collated and averaged. We can also see how students scored over the previous two years and how our scores compare to all students in the Region and also across the State.

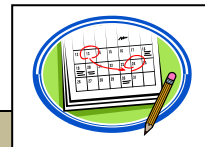
Pleasingly this year's results in the three key areas have all improved from last year and we are either at or above Region and State scores. We still have a way to go before we can feel that there are no issues but it is clear that we are on the right track.

If anyone knows of families who are intending to enrol students into Prep at Dinjerra for 2017 could you please ask them to do so as soon as possible as we need to make decisions about staffing and class structures very soon and we need accurate information to make the best decisions.

Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal



Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 12/08	Chocolates and money due back	
Mon, 15/08	Sunshine Secondary Travelling Science Show 5/6	10.30am to 12.30pm
Tues, 16/08	EcoLinc excursion for graded P-2	9.00am to 3.00pm
Tues, 16/08	Bringing up Great Kids – in Conference Room	9.30am to 11.30am
Tues, 23/08	Bringing up Great Kids – in Conference Room	9.30am to 11.30am
Tues, 23/08	Science Morning	9.00am to 10.40am
Mon, 29/08	Australian Girls' Choir tryouts in Health Room	9.15am to 10.00am
Tues, 30/08	Bringing up Great Kids – in Conference Room	9.30am to 11.30am
Mon, 05/09	Reptile Encounters – whole school	

National Asthma Week 1-7 September

The theme for National Asthma Week 2016 is Become a Better Breather. National Asthma Week coincides with the beginning of spring and as pollens are a known trigger for asthma, this is an excellent time to ensure your child's asthma is well controlled. Sections of the Asthma Australia website that can help with asthma management include:



- Take the [Asthma Control Test](#) to see if you could make improvements to help your child become a better breather.
- Manage [allergies](#) often linked with asthma, including allergic rhinitis (hayfever).
- Did you know? 90% of people with asthma use their medications incorrectly.
- Check your child's [technique](#) to see if they are getting full benefit from their medication.
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Regular review of your child's asthma with your GP and pharmacist will help them to become a better breather.

Need help with your child's asthma? Contact our Asthma Assist line on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) and talk to one of our friendly Asthma Health Professionals.



Science Morning

We would like to invite you to our **Science Morning** on Tuesday 23rd August, from 9.10 – 10.40.

Students will be in multi-age groups and rotating around classes participating a range of interesting Science activities.

Please come and share the excitement as we celebrate Science as an engaging and important part of our learning.

Patricia Mellusco
Science Teacher

Kelly Club Dinjerra

Get along to Kelly Club Dinjerra OSHC program for loads of fun, sport, games, cooking, craft, arts, structured free time and healthy, yummy breakfast and afternoon tea! This term we have a special month of OLYMPICS happening in August!

We're open **Monday – Friday** for **Before School Care 7am – 8.45am** and **After School Care 3pm – 6pm**, **providing breakfast and afternoon tea.**

Our programs are approved with subsidies available, prices start from \$3.00 per session with your CCB rebate!

Ask at the office or contact Lara for more information and to book:

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On the Noticeboard

1. Koorie Emergency Relief Program
2. Playgroup Timetable at various locations
3. Panda Squad – free Hip Hop classes
4. Bringing Up Great Kids – MacKillop Family Services
5. Yoga For Kids, Maidstone
6. Fathers Day at Braybrook Library
7. Sunshine School History
8. Victorian Gender Equality Strategy Consultation

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is **closed on Wednesdays**, but is open every other day of the week for your convenience.

Students, please do not use the Office area as a short cut to your classrooms. This is a quiet area and we are trying to work!

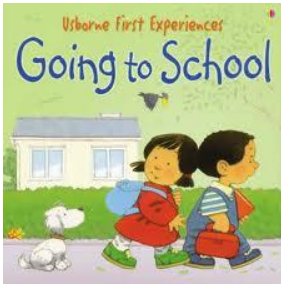
School Banking Reminder

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!

Prep Enrolments for 2017

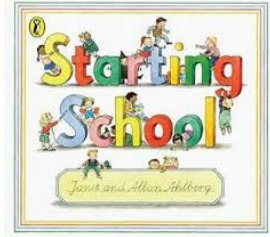
Dear Parents,
We are now taking enrolments for **Prep, 2017**.



If your child turns **5 before 30th April, 2017**, please come to the school office and fill in an **enrolment form** and receive an information pack.

Please bring with you a birth certificate and a completed immunization form.

Any questions about the enrolment process please don't hesitate to visit our Office.



School Tours:

School tours operate every Tuesday morning at 10:00am.

If you wish to attend the Open Days or a School Tour please assist us by phoning the office to register.

Contact details:

If you need further clarification or any other information please do not hesitate to call the office or speak to our Assistant Principal Bobby Kotevski.

Thank you,

Transition Coordinator and Prep Teacher

Ivy Leach

Fundraising News



All unsold chocolates and money should be returned to the school by tomorrow, Friday, 12 August, 2016.

Thank you from the Fundraising Committee.

Did You Know????

- The dot on top of the letter "i" is called a tittle.
- You can't fold a piece of paper in half more than seven times.
- "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" was originally designed to test telegraph transmissions, and uses all the letters in the English language.
- It is said that a goldfish has a memory span of only three seconds.
- The Hundred Year War actually lasted 116 years.
- The shortest sentence in the English language is "I am".

From the Assistant Principal

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING

Sorting out our differences

Dear parents/guardians,

I hope you found my last article on 'How to be a good friend' informative and useful. The feedback I have received from parents in regards to these articles has been very positive. Please take the time to read these each fortnight and set aside some time to talk to your child about some of these issues.

This week's topic is: **Sorting out our differences.**

Is it OK to disagree with someone?

Of course it is. When two or more people see things differently this can lead to a disagreement or an argument. A disagreement or an argument happens when people want different things or when they think someone is being unfair. We all have our own opinions and there will always be times when we won't all agree on something. What is important is that you have the courage to speak up when you think that things are not fair or when you don't agree about something. Speaking up is really important but you must remember to do it in a way that doesn't hurt someone else. Don't forget it is always a good idea to try to see things from their point of view as well. It is important to find a way to disagree that lets you find a solution to the problem and still be friends. It's OK to just say, "We don't agree on this issue but we can still respect each other's opinions and be friends".

You can't sort things out until you are in control of your own feelings.

The main reason why people try to hurt other people when they disagree is because they get angry. They seem to forget the right thing to do to sort out the disagreement. You have to try really hard to control your feelings if you want to sort out arguments in a way that lets you still be friends. When you have arguments with friends remember to always:

- Stay calm
- Remain in control
- Try and see things from their point of view
- Think before you act
- NEVER resort to violence
- Walk away if you can't agree
- If you're wrong, quickly admit it and take responsibility
- Let the other person do the talking
- Talk to an adult

What can you do at home?

As a family discuss what it means to be in control of your feelings? How do you resolve your issues? What strategies do you use when dealing with conflict? What are the dangers if we become physically violent?

Again, I hope you find the articles useful and if you have any questions or feedback I would love to hear from you.

Mr. Bobby Kotevski
Assistant Principal

