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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week the Department released the outcome of the 2016 Dinjerra Parent Opinion Survey. A random group of families are sent a copy of the survey and they fill it in prior to them being sent to the Department. This is done in all Government schools at the same time. The survey seeks information about three key areas: School Climate, Student Behaviour & Student Engagement. These are then compared to all other primary schools in the state.

I'm very glad to say that the results are extremely positive. With the results in the 12 areas surveyed under School Climate, you judged us better (in some cases much better) than the average for all other primary schools in 10 of the 12 and equal in 2.

In the 2 surveyed areas of Student Behaviour, you judged us better in Classroom Behaviour but not as good in Student Safety.

In the 4 areas surveyed in Student Engagement you had us better than other primary schools in 2 and equal to other primary schools in 2.

We are in the process of developing our Annual Implementation Plan for 2017 and these results will help us in that process. A very big thanks to the parents who made the effort to fill in the survey.

You may have noticed that two very large pencils have appeared at the front of the school. The pencils are emblazoned with our three positive behaviour values, 'We are Learners', 'We are Safe' & 'We are Thoughtful'. The pencils are the initiative of our Positive Behaviour's Team and are made by the men at the Braybrook Men's Shed. Four more are on their way so look out for them.

I have spent the last couple of days at home looking after my 9 year old daughter who has been sick. I know it can be very difficult but please don't send sick children to school. We don't want other children and teachers to get infected plus it is very unpleasant for the sick child.

Regards,
Graeme Smith

Uniform Free Day

Dinjerra's School Council has agreed that there will be a *Uniform Free Day on Monday, 31 October.*

There are three themes for this day: **Halloween, Crazy Hair Day and Pyjama Day.**

If you child would like to join in the fun, all it costs is a gold coin and the money will go to State School's Relief who provide uniforms and books for children who can't afford them.

For obvious reasons, NO CLOWN OUTFITS ARE ALLOWED. Students arriving in clown outfits will be sent home to change.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING

From the Assistant Principal

HELP TO STOP BULLYING

Bullying is everyone's problem.

Our teachers take reports of bullying seriously and respond to incidents quickly in order to stop it so everyone is safe and happy. If someone in our school is being bullied, it spoils things for all of us. So we all have to work together to make sure that nobody gets bullied. Bullying is an expression of power and thrives on an audience. Bullies frequently assert their superiority before an audience called bystanders. Bystanders can be part of the problem because they reinforce the bully's behaviour by their laughter or their silent acknowledgment of the bully's power.

Bystanders can help stop Bullying.

If you don't do anything to help someone who is being bullied and bully someone too, then you have made a poor decision. Even if you take part in the smallest way by laughing you will be part of the problem. It is not OK to say "someone else started it" or "someone else made me do it" or "everyone else was doing it too".

Let the teacher or an adult know if someone is being bullied.

If you know that another child is being bullied, then the responsible thing to do is to ask a teacher or adult for help. This is not dobbing, but it is being very helpful. By telling a teacher or another adult, you are trying to help someone who is in trouble. It takes courage and kindness to do this for someone. Adults need to know about bullying so that they can help the person being bullied and counsel the person doing the bullying so the behaviour stops. Even if only one person reports bullying, this can make a big difference in making sure everyone feels safe and happy.

Family Activity

Please discuss the important role of the bystander with your child and discuss what he or she will do if they see or hear bullying happening.

I hope you found this article interesting and useful and please share any feedback you may have with me. In the next newsletter we will continue to explore Bullying.

Want to know more about what happens at Dinjerra PS on a daily basis?

Follow me on Twitter on @Dinjerra_AP

Warm Regards,

Bobby Kotevski

Assistant Principal

Fundraising News

I want to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped out at the recent sausage sizzle at Bunnings Sunshine. It was great seeing so many Dinjerra staff, parents and students helping us out and making the day run as smoothly as it did. Opportunities like this are a great way to help raise money for the school and they couldn't happen without support from the Dinjerra Community.

If you are interested in joining the Dinjerra Fundraising Committee, please contact me on 9311 1598 or come by and have a chat after school.

-Michael Voulgarellis

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!

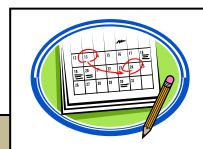
Ask at the office or contact Lara for more information and to book:

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Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 21/10	Interschool Sports at St John's PS Grades 5/6	9.00am to 11.00am
Tues, 25/10	Second Prep Transition morning	9.00am to 10.00am
Fri, 28/10	Interschool Sports at St Bernadette's PS 5/6	9.00am to 11.00am
Mon, 31/10	Uniform Free Day – cost 1 gold coin	All Day
Tues, 01/11	MELBOURNE CUP DAY – SCHOOL HOLIDAY	All day
Wed, 02/11	School resumes at 9.00am	
Wed, 02/11	Swimming Program starts for next 8 school days	11.20am to 1.20pm
Tues, 08/11	Third Prep Transition Morning	9.00am to 1.00am
Fri, 11/11	Swimming program – last day	11.20am to 1.20pm
Fri, 11/11	Interschool Sports at Dinjerra 5/6	9.00am to 10.50am.
Fri, 18/11	Interschool Sports at Dinjerra 5/6	9.00am to 10.50am.
Fri, 18/11	Community Market	4.00pm to 7.00pm

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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!

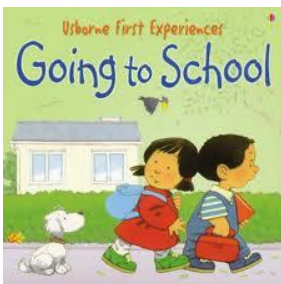
On the Noticeboard

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. Parenting After Violence Information Sessions
7. Aussie Hoops at RecWest or Whitten Oval
8. 10th Footscray Scout Group
9. Maribyrnong City Council Family Activities for Children's Week
10. Movies at Braybrook Hub
11. Santa's Magical Kingdom

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.

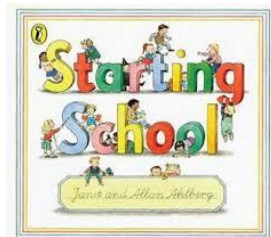
Contact details:

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



Children's Week

Maribyrnong City Council is celebrating Children's Week from Saturday, 22 October to Sunday, 30 October with a range of activities for families.

A parent and child Art workshop will be held at the Braybrook Community Hub on Saturday, 22 October from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and family recreational activities will be held at RecWest in Lily St Braybrook from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

These activity session are free and booking are essential.

See the Community Noticeboard for more information or call 9688 0115.

Interschool Sport...

Grade 5/6 students participated in interschool sport competition against Footscray North Primary last Friday. They played cricket, basketball and tee ball for summer sport. Every teacher/coach was very proud of their teams. All children played with great sporting behaviour, skill and spirit. They represented Dinjerra admirably in the local community.

Dinjerra Swimming Program...

I can't emphasize enough the importance of your children gaining confidence in water and learning to swim. The Dinjerra Swimming Program at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre begins on the 2nd November. It runs for 8 consecutive days. All permission notes, medical forms and money are due on the 21st October.

Debbie Domas
Physical Education Teacher

Feel the snow fall in our spectacular Snowland

All new live Christmas Show

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Science News Term 4

We are investigating the following in Science for term 4. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any comments or questions.

P/2: Physical Science; Toys.

What makes toys move? How can we change them? What is the Science behind some of the simple toys we can make and use? We will also be investigating and learning about important scientific terms and concepts related to our investigations.

3/4: Physical Science; Force and Circuits

We will start off by looking at the different forces we can use to make things move. Can we alter force to suit our needs? What happens when objects collide? We will investigate simple and parallel circuits, how to turn a light bulb on and off and insulators and conductors. We will show and discuss why scientists often need to retest.

5/6: Chemistry; Forensic Science

A crime scene has been set. Suspects will be eliminated one by one by a series of forensic experiments. We will research the different bones in the human skeleton and work out how we can find a person's height by the length of different individual bones.

Needed for Science

1.25 – 2 litre empty plastic drink bottles are needed for Science.
Please leave in the Science room.

Thank you,
Patricia Mellusco (Science teacher)

EAL/D at Dinjerra Term 4 2016

EAL/D at Dinjerra Term 4 Week 3 2016

We've had another busy week in EAL/D at Dinjerra. Just in case you are wondering what EAL/D means: **English as an Additional Language /Dialect**. At Dinjerra we have about 55 different languages/dialects spoken by our students and their families. In some families there are three or four different languages spoken at home.

Last week in our 5/6 cooking program we made Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls which were a great success. Over the next few weeks we are making: Sambussas, Fried Rice, Cup Cakes and Pizza. Years 3/4 will be concentrating on speaking clearly, using correct pronunciation, learning new words and different ways to use words. Prep, 1 and 2 will continue to enjoy stories and retelling these stories using Drama, Music and Art activities to show their understanding and enjoyment of the Literature. We will also be looking at the different Religious and Cultural festivals that are celebrated by our many different cultures at Dinjerra.

If you would like more information about our EAL/D programme, please contact **Ms Carmel, EAL/D Coordinator** via the school office. You are welcome to visit on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.