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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school has been contacted by Associate Professor Martha Macintyre, an Anthropologist who works as an academic at Melbourne University. Much of Ms Macintyre's work as an anthropologist has apparently been in New Guinea. Ms Macintyre is providing a sum of money to the school to help students who are financially disadvantaged to complete their final year of primary school. Ms Macintyre's money will go towards providing four scholarships to pay for the student's book pack, uniform, camp and excursions or activities such as swimming. I will provide more details once school council has agreed to the criteria that will be used to select the students.

I asked Ms Macintyre why she had chosen to bestow her very generous gift on Dinjerra. She said she had seen our students on the 7.30 Report on the ABC last year defending Braybrook as a great place to live, grow up in and learn in. She was obviously impressed with our student's articulate and thoughtful arguments. She grew up in Maidstone and thought that giving back to the community was a good way to use her money. We agree! I have invited Ms Macintyre to the school to meet the students.

The swimming program starts this week and a big thank you to the parents who are supporting this. Too many young people drown every year and knowing how to swim gives people a chance to save themselves.

As the weather finally improves, too many students are arriving too early to school. We do not provide supervision until 8.45AM and we do not want students arriving before then. Kelly Club operate a before school session from 7AM and parents who need to go to work early can arrange for their children to attend. Children get a healthy breakfast, are fully supervised and for many families the cost is minimal. Unless parents support Kelly Club both before and after school, we will lose this fantastic provision for working families.

Regards,
Graeme Smith

Library News

The library will close for this year on Friday November 25th. There will be no more borrowing after this date and children should aim to have all their books returned to the library by Friday December 9th. Please help your children have a good look around at home.

Thank you
Jenni Edwards
Library Technician

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

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
12. Victoria University Sports Camps

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!

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!

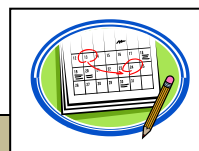
Ask at the office or contact Lara for more information and to book:

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Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 04/11	Interschool Sports practise at Dinjerra – Bye	9.00am to 10.50am
Tues, 08/11	Third Prep Transition Morning	9.00am to 1.00am
Wed, 09/11	Parents' First Aid in Multi-Purpose Room	9.00am
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
Mon, 21/11	CSIRO visit for grades 3 and 4	9.00am
Tues, 22/11	Footscray Police visit for 5/6L	9.15am to 11.15am
Fri, 25/11	Interschool Sports at Dinjerra vs Corpus Christi	9.00am to 10.50am.

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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!

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.

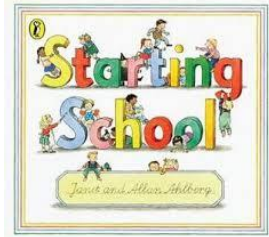
Contact details:

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

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Swimming Program

Dinjerra's Swimming Program runs from Wednesday, 2nd November to Friday, 11th November.

Don't forget to bring your swimming gear and a towel every day.

