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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 2017, a date that seemed so far away as to be imaginary when I was a child. Going to primary school in Melbourne in the 1950's was much different than what it is now. Classes of 30 to 40; teachers who smoked in class and regularly used a leather strap to remind us who was boss. Students were silent unless spoken to and students who 'didn't understand' were kept down. I spent grade 3 sitting beside Kevin who was attempting grade 3 for the third time. He could still be there for all I know. These days Kevin would be seen as a student who needed special help.

Free milk was provided to every student for morning recess. They said it was to help us stay healthy but I think it was to further torture us. It was delivered early in the morning in metal crates that sat out in the sun. The grade 3 teacher clearly didn't like me as I was given the job of 'vomit' monitor. This meant that I was on call to take a bucket of sand to where some poor child had vomited up their hot milk. Generally the smell got to me and I was terrified that I was about to add to the pile of stinking muck. Clearly, school isn't like that anymore and three cheers for that!

Our school continues to grow and we are about to pass the 150 mark. We have two new teachers; Peter Hirst who is working in the grade 3-4 area and Kat Gray, who is teaching Spanish. Both are highly experienced and will add greatly to our team. Carmel Kelly has picked up a new position and will be leaving us next week. We wish her well in her new position. We have advertised for a replacement to ensure that we continue our commitment to our EAL students. I will keep you informed of whom we employ.

I would like to welcome our new families and also congratulate all families for ensuring that nearly every child has appropriate hat in Term 1 and Term 4. Sun Safe is not just a Dinjerra rule but a rule that all schools across the state have. If you need to purchase a hat, please enquire at the office.

Regards,  
Graeme Smith  
Principal

### School Council News

Going home with this newsletter are two pages with reference to our School Council. One is a 'Call for Nominations' and the other is 'School Council Elections – Information for Parents'.

For your convenience, we have included copies of the information sheet on our website in the following languages : Arabic, Vietnamese, Somali, Tamil and Chinese.

## 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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### On the Noticeboard

1. Koorie Emergency Relief Program
2. Playgroup Timetable at various locations
3. 100 Story Building Holiday Program
4. Little VIPs Child Care Centre
5. 10<sup>th</sup> Scouts Group Open Day
6. West Footscray Roosters Football Club
7. 2017 Kinder Registrations
8. Yoga For Kids
9. Maribyrnong Community Centre Newsletter
10. Single Parent Active Kids Free Family Fun Day
11. Braybrook Community Hub – MyTime Support Group for parents of a child with a disability
12. Maribyrnong City Council Four Year Plan

### Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Thurs, 09/02	Early finish for Preps	1.30pm
Fri, 10/02	Early finish for Preps	1.30pm
Wed, 15/02	No School for Preps	All Day
Wed, 22/02	No School for Preps	All Day
Wed, 01/03	No School for Preps	All Day
Mon, 13/03	Labour Day public holiday – children not required at school	All Day
Tues, 14/03	School resumes	9.00am
Mon, 20/03	Grade 5/6 Transition Day at Braybrook College	9.00am
Fri, 31/03	Last Day of Term 1	
Tues, 18/04	School resumes	9.00am



## Did You Know?

Our school day starts at 9.00AM. Children can arrive from 8.45AM when the playground will be supervised by a member of staff. If you need to bring your child prior to this time they must be signed into the Kelly Club Before School Care program to ensure they are properly supervised. If you as a parent want to come earlier you need to remain and take responsibility for the wellbeing of your child till the duty teacher is available. The teachers are all in their rooms preparing for the days lessons. The Office Staff are not allowed to supervise children.

The school day finishes at 3.00PM. If you are running late please contact the school office to let us know your estimated time of arrival. Alternatively, sign up to Kelly Club. There is no cost to sign up, and then, if you need to use them, you simply need to let them know that your child is coming that night.

If your child is sick and will not be attending school for the day, you need to contact the school before 9.15AM. The absence will be recorded on the attendance roll as a sick day. Unexplained absences will be followed up by the teacher and a note explaining the absence must be provided.

CSEF forms are now available from the office and were also sent out this week to all families. If you hold a concession card you may be eligible for the \$125 government payment which helps towards the cost of your child's excursions and camps. Please complete the form and return to the school office by February 28. When submitting your application, the office will need to see the original Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care card.

School Council Elections are about to take place. Details are in this newsletter. Translations in some of our community languages telling why you should consider nominating are on our web site. Being a member of School Council gives you a real chance to be involved in your child's education and you get to see how a school works.

Term 1 and Term 4 are compulsory hat wearing times. School hats are available at a low cost from the front office. Children without hats have to stay in the shade during lunch and recess and also have to stay in the shade during PE.

Our Staff Car park is very small and should not be used for dropping off unless your child has a disability or has an injury making walking difficult.

If anyone has good condition beach toys or toys suitable for playing in the sand pit that they no longer need could you please donate them to the school for our sandpit.

### CSEF

The State Government has financial assistance to help with paying for sports activities, camps and excursions if you hold a Health Card or Pension Card. To apply for this assistance, please bring your current Health Care Card or Pension Card to the office and sign an application form (CSEF) as soon as possible. If you have already signed this application but have not supplied the office with you card, please bring it in as soon as possible as we must sight every card.

Thank you  
The Office Staff

## First Aid News For Parents Of Students On A Medical Plan

If your child is on a medical plan for anaphylaxis, asthma or allergies, it is important that you go to your doctor and have a new action plan written up at the beginning of each year. This is really important as a child's illness may change as they get older and it is crucial that we have an up to date plan to go by if the need to act arises. We also need an up to date colour photo of your child. We can organise this at school if you give us permission. Please follow this up as soon as possible as we need this information to properly look after your child's needs.

**Karen Jones**

**First Aid Coordinator.**

### Library News

Welcome back to school for 2017 and a special welcome to our new Prep class. Library borrowing is now underway and we urge everyone to come and visit our Library to see our wonderful collection of books.

Prep, 1 and 2 may borrow one book and children from 3 – 6 may borrow 2 books each time. I will be at the desk to help with your borrowing and I would remind you that you must return your books before you can make a new selection.

Happy reading!

Ms Jenni Edwards

Library Technician

## Maribyrnong City Council News

Every four years councils develop a four year plan that identifies key priorities, projects and the best use of resources. The four year plan is Council's most important guiding document so it is vital that community input provides its foundation.

Three community workshops are scheduled for February (details below) and open for anybody to attend (if you are interested in attending please RSVP to

[communityengagement@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au) so we can cater to numbers).

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10am-12pm** @ RecWest Braybrook, 39 Lily St, Braybrook

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 6-8pm** @ VU at MetroWest, 138 Nicholson St, Footscray

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 10am -12pm** @ Maribyrnong Community Centre, 9 Randall St, Maribyrnong

For further information regarding the Council planning process visit [yourcityyourvoice.com.au](http://yourcityyourvoice.com.au)

Once again it is important that Council hears from all sections of our community so if you live, work, study or play in the City of Maribyrnong we want to hear from you!

Kind Regards,

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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!