



Dinjerra Messenger

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This term is going so quickly. There are only 3 and a bit weeks to go and it will be term holidays again. Let's hope that this great weather holds on till then. Planning for the redevelopment of the school is proceeding and the staff had their input into the Masterplan this week. The architects have met with the Department of Education and Training (DET) and we are very close to getting DET approval for the Masterplan to go onto Major Projects to be included in the bid for the 2017 State Government Budget. If this happens, and all the signs are positive, then we will get a budget (expected to be about \$6M Plus) to build Stage 1, for a school of 250 students on the current site, demolishing the two old 1960's buildings. Once we have some plans, we will invite our school community to have a look and make comment. It is your school as much as ours and it will be the school for the children who will grow up in Braybrook, Tottenham and Maidstone into the future.

Wednesday of this week was International Women's Day. We held a special assembly for our Grades, 3, 4, 5 & 6 where the students were spoken to about the value of education, and how millions of girls across the world are unable to get an education. Catherine Leahy who conducted this part of the assembly then showed a photo of Malala Yousafzai and asked the children if they knew who she was. Happily, many did. As a young girl, Malala defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls be allowed to receive an education. She was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012, but survived and went on to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mr Peter Hirst, our newish Grade 3-4 teacher then gave a talk about leadership and asked students about the values they wanted to see in a good leader. Encouraging all students to see themselves as potential leaders is what we are looking for.

Finally, I spoke about the need for men and boys to always treat women and girls with respect and care. I reminded them that half the world was female and that by working together, men and women, girls and boys could make this world a much better place.

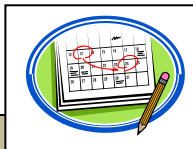
Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal

Public Holiday

Monday, 13 March is a public holiday for Labour Day.

Students are not required at school. **School resumes at 9.00am on Tuesday, 14 March 2017.**

Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 10/03	Visit from Braybrook College for Grades 5 and 6	2.00pm to 3.00pm
Mon, 13/03	Labour Day public holiday – children not required at school	All Day
Tues, 14/03	School resumes	9.00am
Thurs, 16/03	Grades 5 and 6 to visit Braybrook Library	1.30pm to 3.00pm
Mon, 20/03	Grade 5/6 Transition Day at Braybrook College Grades 3 and 4 to visit Braybrook Library	9.00am 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Tues, 21/03	Grade 5/6 Transition Day at Sunshine College	9.00am to 3.00pm
Wed, 22/03	Harmony Day Picnic	3.30pm to 5.00pm
Fri, 31/03	Last Day of Term 1	Early finish at 2.30pm
Tues, 18/04	School resumes	9.00am

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On the Noticeboard

1. Playgroup Timetable at various locations
2. 100 Story Building Holiday Program
3. Little VIPs Child Care Centre
4. Camp Bulldog
5. 2017 Kinder Registrations
6. Maribyrnong Community Centre Newsletter
7. Single Parent Active Kids Free Family Fun Day
8. Braybrook Community Hub – MyTime Support Group for parents of a child with a disability
9. Early Years Information Session
10. Maribyrnong Youth Services
11. Inner West Single Mums' Playgroup
12. Indian, Nepalese & Pakistani Support Group
13. Transformers at the Braybrook Hotel
14. School Banking Program
15. Free Harmony Feast, Maidstone Community Centre

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!

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

From the Assistant Principal

SOCIAL SKILLS NEEDED TO MAKE AND KEEP FRIENDS

The importance of building trusting and respectful relationships is paramount when developing friendships. **Social skills help you to get along well with others and develop friendships that last a lifetime.**

People will want to be your friend and keep playing with you if you:

- show respect
- play fairly
- show you are a good winner and a good loser
- share and take turns
- are kind
- are thoughtful
- smile a lot
- talk to them
- listen attentively
- are honest
- look after your friends.

Family Activity

Interview each member of your family and ask them this question “What are the top 3 qualities that a good friend should have?” Make a list of all the responses and see if similar things come up. I wonder if one of our school values of **We are thoughtful** come through in the list.

I hope you find the articles useful and I look forward to any feedback.

Warm Regards,

Bobby Kotevski

Assistant Principal

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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Do you want to help your child practise literacy and numeracy skills in the Australian curriculum? [Learning Potential Resources](#) is full of ways to practise together, ways to practise online, and ways to blend literacy and numeracy into everyday life. It's from the Australian Government, and it's free!



[Learning lunchboxes](#)

The food in a lunchbox can make up to a third of your child's daily nutrient intake – and eating healthy food will help your child to concentrate during the day at school. Use these tips...



[Get a Grip!](#)

In primary school, your child will need to master their pencil grip so they are able to write quickly and without getting a sore hand. Use these ideas to develop their fine motor skills and help them learn to hold a pencil correctly...

Missing

Have you seen this scooter??



Last seen: On Tuesday 28th Feb

Where: School bike racks

Description: Silver JD Bug Scooter with Green handles

One of our students had his scooter taken from the bike racks last Tuesday after school. If you have seen or know where this scooter is please let the school know phone 9311 1598. He is desperate to have it back.