



# Dinjerra Messenger

Term 1

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday we celebrated Harmony Day. Dinjerra Primary School's children come from about 25 different countries including Australia, making us one of the most culturally diverse schools in the country. Diversity makes Australia a great place to live and Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

We held a special assembly in the morning and children were encouraged to bring culturally relevant food for lunch. In the afternoon, we held a Harmony Day Picnic where families were invited to attend and bring food and be entertained by the brothers from Sisters and Brothers, a group who have been working with our senior students on themes of respect and anti-racism for a few years. Given the weather, we held the picnic indoors in our BER building. It was a great afternoon where food was shared, dances were danced, songs were sung and a great time was held by all. A special thanks to Carla Olea who was the organiser for the day and a special thanks to all the teachers who ran activities at the picnic.

We have been approached by a company called Australian Medical and Dental Technology who are offering to come to Dinjerra and run dental checks on our children. Their service is free to nearly all parents (determined by Medicare) and is paid for by the Australian Government. A permission form is attached to this newsletter and if you would like to take advantage of this offer, the form needs to be returned to the school by the end of term.

Regards,  
Graeme Smith  
Principal

### End of Term

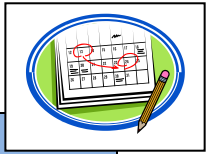
School finishes at 2.30pm on Friday, 31 March. Please make arrangements to pick your children up at this earlier time or book them into Kelly Club. HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!

### 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 your card, please bring it in as soon as possible as we must sight every card.

Thank you  
The Office Staff

## Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 31/03	Last Day of Term 1	Early finish at 2.30pm
Tues, 18/04	School resumes	9.00am

### Free Dental Screenings At School For School Students

Dear Parents,

The Australian Government has an initiative for schools to have access to mobile Dental Clinic Services. Our school has been approached by the Aussie Mobile Dental team. They would like to visit our school to see students for a dental check-up.

This is a free service to parents. The eligible students will receive a dental examination, and preventative oral care plus information for parents about ongoing treatments if needed.

Attached to this newsletter is a form for parents to fill out. This needs to be filled out and returned to school by no later than the end of term, March 31, 2017. The service falls under the Medicare – Child Dental Benefits Scheme, so parents will need to provide their Medicare number on the form. Please make sure you fill in both sides of the form. Translations of this document into Vietnamese, Arabic and Burmese are available at the Office.

We would really like as many of our students as possible to benefit from this service so please take the time to fill in the form and return it to your child's teacher by the end of term.

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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. Braybrook Community Hub – MyTime Support Group for parents of a child with a disability
7. Early Years Information Session
8. Maribyrnong Youth Services
9. Inner West Single Mums' Playgroup
10. Indian, Nepalese & Pakistani Support Group
11. Transformers at the Braybrook Hotel
12. Little Creatures Art Classes and Holiday Programs
13. Childhood Anxiety Information Evening at Footscray West PS.
14. School Banking Information Session
15. RecWest School Holiday Program

**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!**

## **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**

## 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:

Phone: 0466 665 941 Email: [dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au](mailto:dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au)

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## Free / Give-away:

Two Booster Seats

Contact Dat on 0475 555 999 / 0448 985 500



Remember when 'screen time' didn't exist and there was only 'play time'? The YMCA does. Their school holiday programs are bringing back the fun and excitement of play into your child's holidays. Some of the activities include : lego fun, visits to Melbourne Zoo and Ballarat Wildlife Park, Easter extravaganzas and more!

Visit the website to find your local program [www.childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/holiday-programs.html](http://www.childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/holiday-programs.html)

If you have any questions or would like more information on your local program, please don't hesitate to contact us on [8371 0500](tel:83710500) or email me at [alex.hamilton@ymca.org.au](mailto:alex.hamilton@ymca.org.au)

## Wellbeing

### Sisters & Brothers

Throughout the term, grade 5/6 students have been involved in the Sisters and Brothers program. The program focuses on how to identify racism and how to intervene safely to put a stop to it. The students, together with the Sisters and Brothers, have worked on writing songs about acceptance and about celebrating each other's differences. The students will present and perform these songs at a school assembly on Friday March 24 at 2:30pm in the BER building. Parents need to sign in at the office.

Sisters and Brothers will continue after NAPLAN in Term 2 for 4 weeks. During that time leaders from the grade 5/6 area will be selected and trained to be mentors for the grade 3/4 students.

### Drumbeats

In Term 2 a selected group of students from grade 3/4 will be taking part in the Drumbeats program facilitated by Nick from Ardoch and Ms. Carla. Drumbeats is a program that uses drumming to initiate discussions around self-awareness, behaviour, friendships and our community and focusing on developing social skills.

### Parent Volunteer Training

Dates for parent volunteer training will be announced soon for the end of Term 2. If you are interested in attending this training please let Ms. Carla know on 9311 1598. Parent volunteers training is an amazing way to engage with the school and your child's learning. The children love the thought of their parents coming to school to see what they do and really enjoy that you are here to help. As part of the volunteer training, parents may be eligible to complete a certificate for food handling.



CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE  
BULK BILLING PATIENT CONSENT FORM

I, the patient / legal guardian, certify that I have been informed:

- of the treatment that has been or will be provided from this date under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule;
- of the likely cost of this treatment; and
- that I will be bulk billed for services under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule and I will not pay out-of-pocket costs for these services, subject to sufficient funds being available under the benefit cap.

***I understand that I / the patient will only have access to dental benefits of up to the benefit cap.***

***I understand that benefits for some services may have restrictions and that Child Dental Benefits Schedule covers a limited range of services. I understand I will need to personally meet the costs of any services not covered by the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.***

***I understand that the cost of services will reduce the available benefit cap and that I will need to personally meet the costs of any additional services once benefits are exhausted.***

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Patient's Medicare number

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Patient / legal guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient's full name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of person signing  
(if not the patient)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This form is valid up to 31 December of the calendar year for which it is signed.