



Dinjerra Messenger

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2. Too many students are arriving at school before 8.45AM. Kelly Club offers a before school program at a very reasonable cost that includes a light breakfast. If there is some reason why your child needs to arrive at school before 8.45AM we expect you to have arranged for them to attend Kelly Club or else you need to have an adult be with them to supervise them until yard duty starts at 8.45AM. If you require details about Kelly Club, please contact the front office or visit them before or after school in the BER.

Late last term we were contacted by a company offering free dental checks for children. They needed 50 families to sign up for the program to go ahead. The response to their offer was far less than that so it is unlikely to go ahead. I am still in negotiations with the company so I will keep you informed.

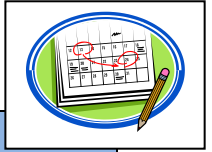
NAPLAN tests for Grade 3 and 5 students take place in May. These tests occur throughout Australia at this time and the results are used to provide the school with data that is helpful when we are planning on the best way to help your children learn. There is no way your child can 'study' for the tests and if you have any concerns about the tests please speak with Bobby Kotevski or your child's teacher. You will receive your child's results later in the year once the Department has finalised the assessments.

May is also when the State and Federal governments deliver their budgets. We are hoping that the State budget will provide the funding for Dinjerra's redevelopment. We have been working with the architects and with Major Projects for some time to arrive at an agreed future curriculum delivery model for the school. The curriculum model is both determined by and determines the type of buildings we want to build. Trying to 'future proof' a school is extremely hard. For example, who would have envisaged even 15 years ago, the degree that information technology has become a crucial aspect of the way teachers deliver their curriculum to students and how as teachers we communicate with our community and the Department.

We want to have the best of what has always traditionally worked and the flexibility to be innovative and responsive to new developments. This all has to happen within the very tight budget that the Government provides. If the State budget informs us that we have the 'go-ahead' then the architects will produce plans that we will be able to show to you. Once the plans are 'ticked-off' by the Department, the plans will go to tender and we will start packing up, preparing to move into the BER and a group of portable buildings that will house us throughout the demolition and rebuilding works.

Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal

Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Tues, 25/04	ANZAC Day – no school	All Day
Wed, 26/04	School resumes	9.00am
Wed, 26/04	Drumbeats Program for selected students	12.20pm to 1.30pm
Thurs, 27/04	Scienceworks excursion for grades 5 and 6	9.30am to 3.00pm
Fri, 28/04	Interschool Sports at home vs Footscray North	11.30am to 1.30pm
Sunday, 30/04	Sunshine Bunnings BBQ	All Day

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On the Noticeboard

1. Playgroup Timetable at various locations
2. Little VIPs Child Care Centre
3. 2017 Kinder Registration
4. Marian College Information Evening
5. Casserole Club
6. Host an Exchange Student
7. Victoria Walks – Traffic Safety

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

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:

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Physical Education News

On Mondays we have 3 SEDA students from the year 11 & 12 Soccer School attending Dinjerra Primary for the day. These SEDA students will be joining in with Ms Domas and Grades 5/6 C & L, Grade Prep L and Grade 1/2 C with their Physical Education lessons. These grades will need to wear their runners on Mondays to participate safely in their PE lessons.

Grade 1/2 E need to wear their runners on Tuesdays to participate safely in their PE lesson.

Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport

We have our final practise at school tomorrow.

Interschool sport competition begins Friday 28th April.

All permission notes and money needs to be in by Thursday 27th April to participate.

Students will be given their uniforms to wash and wear each week till the end of term competition.

These will then be handed back by the end of term.

Thank you

Debbie Domas

Physical Education Coordinator/Teacher

