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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday, 10 May and Thursday 11 May 2017. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 12 May 2017.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Large print, braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students who require them.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child's progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal

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!

More News From the Principal

As parents will be aware, we have been involved in a planning process with the Department of Education for the redevelopment of the school for about a year. We have chosen architects, we have had our long-term educational program ratified by the Department and we have met on a large number of occasions to finalise the footprint for the new buildings. Unfortunately, when the State Government budget was handed down last Tuesday, we did not get the needed funding to build the project. It has been held over for another year.

I have been informed that other schools are in greater need and so we will have to wait. This is extremely disappointing. Our two 'old' buildings were built in the 1960's and were designed to last for 20 years. They are rapidly heading towards their 60th birthday. Every State government over the past 50 years has been poor at improving or even maintaining Government schools' buildings and grounds. The current government is trying to catch up but there is so much to do. Trying to teach a 21st century curriculum in buildings that were designed to provide for a 1950's curriculum is much too hard.

Last weekend, the Fundraising Committee ran a fund raising BBQ at Bunnings in Sunshine. My great thanks to the people who gave up their time to cook, prepare, serve and collect money. Michael Voulgarellis was there all day from 8AM so he deserves special thanks. All up we raised about \$800. Many schools raise large amounts of money through fundraising to provide the extras that schools cannot provide with their budgets. Things such as playgrounds, courts, specialist rooms, music programs and so on. This requires parents with a lot of energy and time so if that sounds like you, please contact Michael and join the committee.

Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 05/05	Interschool Sport – Grades 5 & 6 – at home vs St Johns	11.30am to 1.00pm
Tues, 09/05	School Council Meeting	7.00pm
Tues, 09/05	NAPLAN Testing	
Wed, 10/05	NAPLAN Testing	
Thurs, 11/05	NAPLAN Testing	
Fri, 12/05	Interschool Sport – Grades 5 & 6 – at Footscray Primary School	11.30am to 1.00pm
Tues, 16/05	CERES excursion for grades Prep, 1, 2, 3, 4	9.15am to 3.00pm
Wed, 17/05	CSIRO Incursion for grades 5 & 6	9.00am to 10.50am
Thurs, 18/05	Excursion for students from grades 5 & 6 to Braybrook Library	1.30pm to 3.00pm
Fri, 19/05	Interschool Sport – Grades 5 & 6 – practise at Dinjerra	11.30am to 1.00pm
Mon, 22/05	Curriculum Day – students not required at school	All Day
Tues, 23/05	School resumes	9.00am
Wed, 24/05	School Photo Day	All Morning
Fri, 26/05	Interschool Sport – Grades 5 & 6 away vs Footscray West Primary School	11.30am to 1.00pm

From the Assistant Principal

TYPES OF BULLYING

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is important to know what bullying is and what it is not.

Dinjerra has NO TOLERANCE on Bullying. In my last newsletter we looked at the definition of Bullying and noticed that there are four main points:

- **It has to be deliberate**
- **It has to happen more than once**
- **It can involve one person or a group of people**
- **There is an imbalance of power in incidents of bullying**

This week I would like to explore each of the types of Bullying in greater detail.

1. Direct physical bullying

- hitting, tripping, pushing someone
- hiding or damaging someone's property, drawing on someone's work
- forcing someone to hand over their belongings

2. Direct verbal bullying

- name calling, insults, 'put down' comments
- making racist remarks
- disguising an insult by saying "It was only a joke"

3. Indirect bullying – this form of bullying is harder to recognise and often carried out behind the bullied student's back. It is designed to harm someone's social reputation and/or cause humiliation. Indirect bullying includes:

- lying and spreading rumours
- playing nasty jokes to embarrass and humiliate
- mimicking
- encouraging others to socially exclude someone
- damaging someone's social reputation and social acceptance
- cyber-bullying, which involves the use of electronic means to humiliate and distress

4. Cyber-bullying involves the use of technologies such as the use of email, text messages, chat rooms, Facebook or Twitter to humiliate and distress a person. It can be verbal (over the telephone or mobile phone), or written (threats, racial comments) or graphic (sending photos, attaching images to statements).

Family Activity

As a family discuss that none of these forms of bullying is acceptable. Create a **BULLYING...NO WAY!** poster. I would love to put some of the posters made at home around the school. I hope you find the articles interesting.

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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Interschool Sport News

On Friday 28th April, Dinjerra Primary played Footscray North Primary in the games of football, netball and soccer at home. Whether we won or lost, we all played our best. We had wins in soccer and netball.

It was wonderful to see parents and friends come along to support their children and our school at the different matches.

We play netball and soccer at Dinjerra Primary this week against St John's Primary.

We play football at Skinners Reserve on Churchill Ave.

Matches begin around 11.40.

Thank you

Debbie Domas PE Coordinator.

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

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
8. Phoenix Youth Hub, Footscray

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