

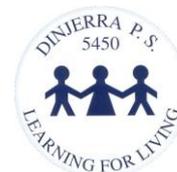


# Dinjerra Messenger

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next Monday is one of our student free days so please don't send your children to school as there will be no program running on the day. Kelly Club is offering a full day of activities so for parents unable to stay home from work please contact them directly if you wish to book your child in for the day.

NAPLAN has come and gone and parents will receive their child's results later in the year. It provides the school with information that can help us better target our teaching and extra support where students do not fully understand the things we are teaching them. Once you receive your results and if you have any concerns, please speak with your child's teacher.

In the coming weeks, Grade 4, 5 and 6 students will be asked to undertake an online survey about how they feel about their schooling. The survey is conducted by the Department and happens every year about this time. This is similar to the survey that parents get to do later in the year. The survey is done online and the results come back to the school and are included in the School's Annual Report to The Community the following year. Again, it is very useful for us to see what our student like and don't like about our school.

Early this week, our Prep, Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 students went on an excursion to Ceres in Brunswick. If you have never been it is a great cheap family excursion. Ceres is a Community Based Learning Environment. It is set on a reclaimed quarry and is now a lovely bush setting with the Merri Creek running along one boundary. According to our staff, the children had a ball and were involved in a number of activities. For the Preps it was their first school excursion and they were all very excited as they waited for the buses to come.

The day after our student free day is school photo day May 23. Envelopes were sent home a little while back. All money goes directly to the company and the school does not record who has paid. Please ensure your child is full school uniform as we want our students to look their best. We have changed companies this year so please provide feedback to the school if you have any issues about quality.

Regards,  
Graeme Smith  
Principal

### AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Dinjerra Primary School's School Council will be held on **Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 at 6.45pm in the Conference Room** immediately before the monthly School Council Meeting.

## Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
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
Tues, 23/05	School Photo Day - wear your uniform and your best smile!	All Morning
Fri, 26/05	Interschool Sport – Grades 5 & 6 away vs Footscray West Primary School	11.30am to 1.00pm
Fri, 02/06	Interschool Sport – Grades 5 & 6 – practise at Dinjerra	11.30am to 1.00pm
Fri, 09/06	Interschool Sport – Grades 5 & 6 away vs Corpus Christi PS	11.30am to 1.00pm
Mon, 12/06	Queen’s Birthday public holiday – children not required at school	All Day
Tues, 13/06	School resumes	9.00am
Tues, 13/06	School Council Annual General Meeting	6.45pm
Tues, 13/06	School Council Meeting	7.00
Fri, 16/06	Interschool Sport – Grades 5 & 6 away vs St Bernadette’s PS	11.30am to 1.00pm

### Animals On School Grounds

Occasionally, a parent will arrive at school to collect their child while taking their pet dog for a walk. In my time as a principal, I have had a person bring their pet rat into my school, a pet cockatoo that sat on the man’s shoulder and once, even a pet ferret. There are numerous regulations that schools have to follow if we keep animals at school for educational purposes. However, it is up to the school to have their own policy regarding bringing animals on school grounds.

I personally like all animals and think contact with animals is an excellent developmental activity for children. However, a number of children have little or no contact with animals and get scared when they see them or treat the animal like a toy and handle them in a way that scares the animal, leading to the animal snapping or scratching. Even well trained dogs can become over-excited and jump up and we don’t want children to be bitten or jumped upon.

***At our May meeting, School Council discussed this matter and agreed that to ensure safety for all our students, their parents and the school staff, anyone wishing to bring an animal onto the school premises needs to seek the permission of the principal prior to doing so. This is now our policy. Naturally, people with a recognised assistance animal such as a Seeing Eye dog will be allowed to bring them into the school.***

## From the Assistant Principal

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Dinjerra Primary School we say “NO WAY!” to bullying.

There are different strategies that can be used to help yourself if you are being bullied and help others as well. Use your right hand as a memory jogger.

### Finger 1: (Thumb) IGNORE THE BEHAVIOUR

You can choose to ignore the behaviour and walk away from the bullying. You might stop looking at them, talk to someone else near you or turn your body away from them. This way you are not giving the bully the attention or power they want.

### Finger 2: AVOID THE SITUATION AND MOVE AWAY

Bullies like to find quiet areas to bully others so no one sees them. Choose to play in areas where there are lots of other students and if you see bullying move away.

### Finger 3: USE POSITIVE SELF-TALK

Using statements that start with the word ‘I’ boosts your confidence and self-esteem and helps you get through a difficult situation. Use phrases like “I deserve to be treated with respect” and “I know that the rumour being spread about me is not true”.

### Finger 4: AN ASSERTIVE RESPONSE (STANDING UP - THE COOL WAY!)

People who look unsure of themselves are often targets for bullying. Using powerful words such as: **PLEASE STOP! I DON'T LIKE IT** lets the person who is doing the hurting know that you will not put up with that behaviour. State the behaviour you want stopped and their name when you are responding. Stand tall, back straight, look the person in the eye and use a clear, strong voice.

Say ‘I don't like (name the behaviour) so stop it (name the person)’.

Stay in control of yourself by using words and **not** physical actions.

### Finger 5: ASK A TEACHER FOR HELP IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM

Try the other strategies first, but if the behaviour does not stop then you **must** tell a teacher. If you do not, the bullying behaviour will continue and the bully will do it to others as well. By keeping quiet, you are giving the bully power and saying bullying is okay. We need to stop the bullying and help the person get help to stop.

### Family Activity

**As a family watch the movie ‘A Bugs Life’ which has a theme of bullying running through the plot. Make connections between the characteristics of the grasshoppers and the ants, what happened in the film and bullying.**

I hope you found this article interesting and useful and please share any feedback you may have with me.

**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**

## RSL Victoria

Thank you to everyone for the money raised by selling badges for the Sunshine RSL. We appreciate your on-going support.

You raised \$117.00.

Lesley Twidle

Secretary,

Sunshine RSL.

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!

## School Photo Day

Our school photos will be taken on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017.**

Please remember to wear your full school uniform and your most gorgeous smile.

## 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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## 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. Host an Exchange Student
6. Victoria Walks – Traffic Safety
7. Phoenix Youth Hub, Footscray
8. 10<sup>th</sup> Footscray Scout Group

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## Student Leaders 2017

At the end of Term 1, the student leaders were elected across the school. Yesterday all our student leaders received their leadership badges at our School Assembly, they were presented by our Principal, Mr Graeme Smith and our Assistant Principal, Mr Bobby Kotevski

There are School Captains and Vice Captains from Year 6, House Captains: 4 for each house from Years 5 & 6, two Digital Leaders from Year 3 to Year 6 and Class Captains from Prep to Year 6. We also have a gate leader.

### School Captains:

Tial Tin Par and Emi,

### Vice Captains:

Juliannah and Ming Long

### Gold House –

#### House Captains:

Huda and David

#### Vice Captains:

Marrie and Laura

### Green House -

#### House Captains:

Kerry Cung Ro Thawng and Junior

#### Vice Captains:

Long and Abdullahi

### Class Captains:

**PL:** Maimun and Eliakim

**1/2C:** Manolo and Sakura

**1/2E:** Esther and Lal Rem Ruat

**3/4H:** Aymaan and Emy

**3/4V:** Trixie and Michael

**5/6L:** Sunitha and Cung Tha Uk

**5/6C:** Kowther and Eleni

### Digital Leaders:

**3/4H:** Sophia and Pum

**3/4V:** Valentino and Jamal

**5/6L:** Loyola and Hanaa

**5/6C:** Sarah and Legend

### Gate Monitor:

**3/4H:** Amy



**School Captains:** Rear- Left to Right Emi and Tial Tin Par

**Vice- Captains:** Front- Left to Right Juliannah and Ming Long

## Change In The Times For The School Day From The Start Of Term 3

At our May meeting, Council decided to slightly change the school day to allow students to eat their lunch earlier and to add fifteen extra minutes to the instruction time we give your children. We want to ensure that the children are fed earlier in the day to ensure they have maximum concentration and learning. A number of our children do not have a proper breakfast or a sustainable recess snack. Some children can go without any food all the way to lunch at 1:30PM.

This leads to children being hungry, having poor concentration, feeling ill, lethargic, getting headaches and having behaviour issues. Research indicates that for the best learning, children must be fuelled early in the day with a nutritious lunch and eat regularly to maintain the energy and concentration needed to succeed at school. We believe an earlier lunch will tackle this. We encourage parents and their children to discuss the best way that this will work for them, as I know many children have substantial breakfasts and yummy lunches. Please discuss the issue with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

What Council decided to do, with the full support of the teachers is to have a fifteen minute lunch eating time at 11.00AM followed by a 30 minute lunch break and five one-hour blocks of learning through-out the day. A thirty-minute afternoon recess will take place at 1.45PM. **The school day will start at 9.00AM as usual but now finish at 3.15PM. The change will start at the beginning of Term 3. We will evaluate the change in Term 4 to see how well it is working.**

The school day will look like this:

Session	Times	Duration
Session 1	9:00am - 10:00am	60mins
Session 2	10:00am - 11:00am	60mins
Eat Lunch in Classroom	11:00am - 11:15am	15mins
Lunch	11:15am - 11:45am	30min
Session 3	11:45am-12:45pm	60mins
Session 4	12:45pm - 1:45pm	60mins
Afternoon Break	1:45pm - 2:15pm	30mins
Session 5	2:15pm - 3:15pm	60mins