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From the Principal

The Book Week dress-up day was a big success with most of the staff dressing up as one of their favourite characters from a book and a high proportion of the students put in the effort and they looked great. The assembly on the Friday was great fun and it was wonderful to see so many parents watching their children parading their outfits.

It was also fantastic to hear that so many of our students had met their challenge in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Being able to read English well will determine how successful your child's education will be through to Year 12 and beyond.

Monday was our 3rd Student Free Day of the year. The Government gives schools 4 days a year where the staff can get together to discuss how to better educate your children. The theme of Monday's 'Curriculum Day' was 'Effective Strategies for the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics'.

At a substantial cost, we employed Michael Ymer, an internationally recognised 'expert' in the teaching of numeracy and maths. Michael works all over Australia and the world, providing consultancy to schools, school systems and governments.

Michael spent the day with us taking us through a number of workshops that we all found valuable and stimulating. Now it is the job of the teachers to take Michael's ideas and turn them into practice.

Thank you to those of you who have completed the 2017 Parent Opinion Survey but if you haven't as yet, there is still time. The closing date for the survey has been extended to **Friday September 8**.

To complete the survey please follow the link below. This link should only be used once and not shared with anyone. Please be assured that your responses are completely anonymous.

<https://www.orima.com.au/POS/parents.php?s=QG67FL2>

Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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From the Assistant Principal's Desk



PUT DOWNS ARE NOT OKAY

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Put-downs are not OK.

A put-down is a deliberately mean, sarcastic or critical comment, expression or gesture that tries to make someone look bad or silly or tries to damage the reputation or the self-esteem of another person. If you are the subject of a put-down there can be short and long term effects on you.

Using put-downs can often be disguised as a joke or excused by saying, "I was only joking". There is a major difference between a put-down and a joke. A joke is funny and everyone laughs but a put-down is when someone is not laughing because they have been hurt by the 'joke'. It is very important to remember that if everyone isn't laughing then it is not a joke!

Using put-downs is a serious antisocial act. When we use put-downs that means we are emptying someone's bucket. If you hear a put-down please remind the person that **Dinjerra Primary School is a PUT-DOWN FREE ZONE!**

Remind them that at Dinjerra Primary School we fill people's buckets, not empty them!

Warm Regards,

Bobby Kotevski

Assistant Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge Celebration

Friday 8th September – Whole School Reading from 2:45pm. Come and join us to celebrate the how well, all our students have read and completed the Premiers Reading Challenge.

Read with your child and their class, outside on the Asphalt area from 2:45pm

For more information about National Literacy and Numeracy Week

<https://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/>

Premiers Reading Challenge

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx?Redirect=1>

Fundraising News

The Cadbury's Chocolates Special Effort

The Cadbury's Chocolates Special Effort....

Thank you so much to all the families for selling their box of 50 Cadbury's chocolate frogs and bears for \$1.00 each. Some families have even sold multiple boxes of chocolates. **Please don't forget that children need to be accompanied by an adult when selling chocolates.** All money and chocolates are **now due back to school.** Please bring back unsold chocolates so someone else can sell them. If you are able to sell more boxes please let the office know as there are a couple of boxes left. When we have sold them all we will have raised \$2100.00 dollars for Dinjerra. Great effort everyone!

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers.....

Great to see the stickers coming into our letter box at school!

Don't forget to ask for the stickers when you shop at Woolworth's supermarket.

Dinjerra student leaders will be deciding on a range of free equipment for our school.

The more stickers the better. Go for it everyone not long to go before it finishes!

Fathers' Day Stall

The Fundraising Committee hopes all the dads and carers had a wonderful Fathers' Day last Sunday and they enjoyed their gifts that the children chose at school. Big thank you to Isabella's mum Vesna, Connor's mum Erin and Ella and Miyah's nana Sue for all their hard work wrapping and running the stalls last week. If any other parents/carers would like to help out the Fundraising team for their events please contact the office. **Congratulations to Lilly's father William who won the raffle prize.**

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

Dinjerra Primary has a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Highpoint on **Saturday 14th October.** We need the help of parents and carers to cook and sell the sausages. We usually raise up to \$1000 for these events. A note will be going home soon. If you can help us out for an hour or two between 9 and 3 pm it would be greatly appreciated.

The Fundraising Team.

Physical Education News...

Green and Gold House Sports Carnival 2017

The annual Sports Carnival will take place on **Monday 18th September.** It will be held on the school oval from 9.15 – 1.00. In the event of unfortunate weather it will be held in the multi purpose room on the same day. Programs for the day will be going home next week. Your children can dress up in some green or gold supporting their houses on the day.

The students have been practising running races, baton relays and games in their grade groups. Parents and carers are invited along to join in the good, fun competition and support their children. A race for any little pre-schoolers in the family will be run at 9.20.

There will be a special morning tea at 11.00 in the staff room for all family/carers supporters, teachers and volunteers.

Grade 5/6 Summer Interschool Sport...

Grade 5/6 children will be going home with a permission note for our Summer Interschool Sport Competition next week. We have six weeks of competition with 3 matches travelling by bus to other schools. More matches if we make the finals. Please return the permission note with the money by the last day of term – Friday 22nd September.

Debbie Domas Physical Education Coordinator.

Calendar of Events

| Date | Event | Time |
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| SEPTEMBER | | |
| Friday 8 th | Literacy & Numeracy Week – Whole School Reading | 2:45pm |
| Monday 11 th | Sunshine Fire Brigade visit Prep | |
| Monday 18 th | Sports Carnival | |
| Wednesday 20 th | Sunshine Fire Brigade visit Prep | |
| Friday 22 nd | Term 3 Finishes | 2.30pm |
| OCTOBER | | |
| Monday 9 th | School Resumes | 9.00am |



Kelly Club Dinjerra
 Program Phone: 0466 665 941
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Get along to Kelly Club Dinjerra OSHC program for loads of fun, sports, games, cooking, craft, arts, free time and healthy, yummy breakfast and afternoon tea provided for all children!

Opening times: **Before School Care 7.00am - 8.45am** and **After School Care 3.15pm - 6.00pm**

Prices start from **\$3.00 per session** with your CCB/CCR rebate connected with Centrelink.
 Our programmes are approved, with government rebates and subsidies available.

Contact the program phone/email to book! 0466 665 941 dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au

Come and enjoy Pupil Free Day with Kelly Club; Monday 4th September 7am - 6pm!
All food provided, sports coach, dance session and we are making Taco's for lunch!

Healthy regards,

Nanda Bhoj
 Dinjerra Programme Coordinator