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From the Principal

I arrived at school at 7.55 AM on Monday, first day of Term 4, to find Mal, our cleaner, waiting for me in the car park. He led me around to a large pile of wood chips, (mulch), that has been behind the second shed since I was silly enough to agree to an offer of free mulch when a couple of our trees fell down about 4 years ago.

Looking just like a model of a volcano, smoke was oozing from the top of the mulch and when Mal used his shovel to pull some of the chips back, flames leapt out. I called the fire brigade who turned up within 15 minutes. They poured a lot of water on the mulch and used a cruel looking tool to pull the mulch back to ensure they could access the very bottom. They told me it looked like it might have been smouldering for some time and that mulch piles were prone to do this if the weather conditions were just right. Considering it was day one of the new term we were lucky it didn't take off and cause some real damage over the holidays. I checked the mulch a couple of times during the day and at 5.00PM before I went home.

I got a call from Peter Hurst (who locks up sometimes) at about 6.00PM to tell me that it was smoking again. He told me that Kelly Club had called the fire brigade. They again poured water on the pile and suggested that we spread it out to get rid of the depth. We then organised for a man with a bob-cat to spread it out though the nearby garden beds and hopefully, that is the end of it.

On a more serious note, you may remember the terrible incident a year or so ago that shocked and frightened Melbourne when 9 people died as a result of something very few of us had heard of called Thunderstorm Asthma. There has been some publicity in the press about the health Department sending out warnings on risk-days. If you are unsure of what Thunderstorm Asthma is, I took the following information from Asthma Australia's web site.

- Thunderstorm asthma is a form of asthma that is triggered by an uncommon combination of high pollen (usually during late Spring to early Summer) and a certain kind of thunderstorm.
- Anyone can be affected, even if you don't have a history of asthma.
- People at increased risk have a history of asthma, have unrecognised asthma, have hay fever (allergic rhinitis), particularly seasonal hay fever, or are allergic to grass pollen.
- People experiencing asthma symptoms even if for the first time should not ignore it, and should seek medical advice as soon as possible.
- An asthma flare up can vary in severity and can be life threatening. If there are signs that a person's condition is deteriorating, urgent care should be sought. Call Triple Zero (000).
- Be aware of forecast thunderstorms in the pollen season particularly on days with a HIGH or EXTREME pollen count.
- Where possible, stay indoors with doors and windows closed until the storm front has passed.

During the danger period, the school will need to monitor weather conditions and the official warnings and where necessary, keep the children inside at lunchtimes and recess. This could also impact on events such as our athletics day, PE classes and events such as the Community Market.

Graeme Smith
Principal

From the Assistant Principal's Desk

WORKING TOGETHER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we will be looking at working together cooperatively and learning how to negotiate when disagreements happen.

It is important for children to understand that when people are working together, not everyone is going to agree because people will have different ideas and opinions.

Most students have the ability to cooperate but have some difficulty when it comes to negotiating solutions to disagreements. Being able to negotiate and cooperate means that disagreements don't need to turn into bigger, less manageable problems.

When attempting to resolve disagreements and problems, it is important for students to consider their own needs and wants, as well as the needs and wants of other students.

This involves allowing each person involved the chance to voice their concerns without interruptions. It also involves suggesting possible solutions to the problem in a constructive/positive way, using a firm but friendly voice, standing tall and making eye contact. One of the most crucial steps for students to learn is to listen to the suggestions of the other people involved. Students then decide which solution is the best but it should be one where everyone involved is pleased with the outcome.

There are five steps involved work students work together to negotiate an outcome that is fair for everyone.

Say what you want. Listen to what the other person wants. Think of some ways that you can both get what you want. Remember that you don't always get everything you want. Compromise and pick the one fair way where you both get some of what you want.

Family Activity

As a family work your way through this problem. During one weekend, mum asks her two children where they would like to go for an outing. Isabella wants to go to the movies but Harry wants to go to the fun park. How can they work together to negotiate an outcome that is fair for Harry, Isabella and mum?

Warm Regards,

**Bobby Kotevski
Assistant Principal**

Physical Education News

Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport Term 4...

Interschool sport school matches will commence tomorrow, Friday October 20th. All students have gone home with a uniform to wear to matches which needs to be washed and looked after each week and returned later in term 4. All students need to return their signed permission notices and the \$22 to get on the bus tomorrow and play cricket, tee ball and basketball against Footscray North PS. All matches are played on site at Footscray North PS, Rosamond Rd from around 9.30 – 10.30 if parents or carers would like to come along to support their children.

Dinjerra Swimming Program.....

The swimming program will run for 8 consecutive days from Tuesday November 7th until Friday November 17th. The students will travel by bus to the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre where they will be taught by the trained swimming teachers at the pool. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of your child being confident in water, learning survival skills and learning how to swim. Dinjerra students now need to return their permission and medical notes by Wednesday October 25th. These notes need to be signed, filled in and returned with the \$110 to attend the swimming program

Debbie Domas
Physical Education teacher.

Sausage Sizzle

This past weekend we had a successful sausage sizzle and Bunnings Maribyrnong. We ended up raising \$2300 for our school. It would not have been as successful without the help of staff and parents.

Thank you to the parents that came to help on the day: Erin, Jenna, Dat and Vesna. A special thanks also to Thanh who donated an eski and other equipment to the school.

If you're interested in helping out with future fundraising events please contact Mr V.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club send home today. Please return the order back to office no later than **Thursday 2nd November**. The more orders we get the more bonuses we earn for the library.



Kelly Club Holiday Program

Kelly Club Dinjerra
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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 and afternoon tea provided for all children!

**Opening times: Before school care 7.00am-8.45am
After school care 3.15pm-6.00am**

Price is start from \$3 per session with your ccb/ccr rebate connected with Centrelink. Our programmes are approved with centrelink rebates and subsidies available.

Contact the program phone/email to book 0466665941
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Come and have super-duper fun with Kelly club!

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
October		
Friday 20 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – away match Footscray North Primary	9:00 – 11:00am
Tuesday 24 th	Prep 2018 Transition	9:00 – 10:00am
	5/6 Excursion to Queen Victoria Market	11:15 – 3:15pm
Friday 27 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – away match – St Johns Primary School	9:00 – 11:00am
Tuesday 31 st	Prep 2018 Transition	9:00 – 10:00am
November		
Friday 3 rd	5/6 Interschool Sport – away match St Bernadette’s PS	9:00 – 11:00am
Tuesday 7th	Melbourne Cup Day – no school	
Wednesday 8 th	Swimming Program Prep – 5/6 begins 8 th – 17 th	
Friday 10 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – practise at home	9:00 – 11:00am



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Healthy regards,
Nanda Bhoj - Dinjerra Programme Coordinator

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