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From the Principal

The Sports Carnival on Monday of this week was a great success. The children were really well behaved and got highly involved in all the different activities. There were plenty of parents in attendance who seemed to have a great time watching their children compete. It was clear that they also enjoyed the morning tea/lunch that Deb Domas had put on and the chance to talk to each other and the staff. Things like Sports Carnivals do not just happen. They require a great deal of organisation and planning. In addition, as our Carnival occurs outside, contingencies have to also be planned for. For example, on Monday, the wind was a worry, as the trees in the yard have been known to drop branches in strong winds. Deb Domas did an amazing job along with her team of helpers and volunteers. Deb and Hong even went shopping over the weekend for the food and made some of the sweets as well. Thank you to all involved.

Currently, we are in the process of being reviewed by an independent Reviewer. As part of the Review, you are invited to attend a focus group on Monday, October 9 at 9.30AM in the school's Conference Room. A letter inviting you was sent home earlier in the week. If you want to be part of helping to decide the way the school moves ahead, and you are available, please come along. If you need a translator, please let us know this week so that it can be organised. It is really important that the Reviewer hears from a broad range of parents about what we do well and what we could do better.

Term 4 means **HATS**. The school has a Sun-Smart policy that is mandatory. All children need to have an approved hat, (on sale from the school), if they are to play outside (away from the sheltered undercover areas) and be involved in School Sport and PE Classes that occur outside, they **MUST** be wearing one of these hats. Baseball hats are not permitted as they do not protect the ears and the neck and face.

As someone who has had many skin cancers burnt, cut and frozen off, I can assure you that damage done in childhood comes back to haunt you as an adult. No matter what skin type you have, too much sun causes damage and for people with pale skin, the chances of getting melanoma (a deadly form of skin cancer) is greatly increased.

Finally, a great big thank you for all the support that parents give our teachers in improving outcomes for your children. Having a close link between home and school is known to improve the way children learn.

Graeme Smith
Principal

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DINJERRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHILD SAFE CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Dinjerra Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our school community recognises the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development. This Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for child abuse or harm to occur. It also assists in understanding how to avoid or better manage risky behaviours and situations. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, Department policy, school policies and procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and other personnel.

The Principal and school leaders of *Dinjerra Primary School* will support implementation and monitoring of the Code of Conduct, and will plan, implement and monitor arrangements to provide inclusive, safe and orderly schools and other learning environments. The Principal and school leaders of *Dinjerra Primary School* will also provide information and support to enable the Code of Conduct to operate effectively.

All staff, contractors, volunteers and any other member of the school community involved in child related work are required to comply with the Code of Conduct by observing expectations for appropriate behaviour below. The Code of Conduct applies in all school situations, including school camps and in the use of digital technology and social media.

Acceptable behaviours

As staff, volunteers, contractors, and any other member of the school community involved in child related work individually, we are responsible for supporting and promoting the safety of children by:

- **upholding the school's statement of commitment to child safety at all times**
- **treating students and families in the school community with respect both within the school environment and outside the school environment as part of normal social and community activities**
- **listening and responding to the views and concerns of students, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child has been abused or that they are worried about their safety or the safety of another child**
- **promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students**
- **promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of students with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds**
- **promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of students with a disability**
- **reporting any allegations of child abuse or other child safety concerns to the school's designated Child Safety Officers, Bobby Kotevski and/or Carla Olea**
- **understanding and complying with all reporting or disclosure obligations (including mandatory reporting) as they relate to protecting children from harm or abuse**
- **if child abuse is suspected, ensuring as quickly as possible that the student(s) are safe and protected from harm**

Unacceptable behaviours

As staff, volunteers, contractors, and any other member of the school community involved in child related work we must not:

- ignore or disregard any concerns, suspicions or disclosures of child abuse
- develop a relationship with any student that could be seen as favouritism or amount to 'grooming' behaviour (for example, offering gifts)
- exhibit behaviours or engage in activities with students which may be interpreted as abusive and not justified by the educational, therapeutic, or service delivery context
- ignore behaviours by other adults towards students when they appear to be overly familiar or inappropriate
- discuss content of an intimate nature or use sexual innuendo with students, except where it occurs relevantly in the context of parental guidance, delivering the education curriculum or a therapeutic setting
- treat a child unfavourably because of their disability, age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability, sexuality or ethnicity
- communicate directly with a student through personal or private contact channels (including by social media, email, instant messaging, texting etc) except where that communication is reasonable in all the circumstances, related to school work or extra-curricular activities or where there is a safety concern or other urgent matter
- photograph or video a child in a school environment except in accordance with school policy or where required for duty of care purposes
- in the school environment or at other school events where students are present, consume alcohol contrary to school policy or take illicit drugs under any circumstances

This **Code of Conduct** was endorsed/approved by the *Dinjerra Primary School Council* on 13.09.2016 and re-ratified at the August meeting of Council, 2017.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

We had a great week at Dinjerra PS celebrating **Literacy and Numeracy Week**. There were lots of fun activities and the end of the week we read as a school together in the BER, celebrating the huge effort all the students had put in reading so many books for the Premiers Reading Challenge. As a school we have read over 4000 books!

This was after we had filled our tummies with a great sausage sizzle and earlier in the day the students had all read "My Two Blankets" by Irena Kobald, as part of the read for Australia initiative.

During the week you would have seen students engaged in Literacy and Numeracy activities all around the school. Classes were doing great numeracy activities in our new Maths Room and everyone was carrying a poem in their pocket to read when asked!

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who made it such a successful week! It was a great way to highlight the work of the school and the importance of being literate and numerate.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS.

2017 Sports Carnival...

The Sports Carnival on Monday the 18th September was loads of fun for everyone. It was wonderful to see children, teachers and even parents/carers dressed in their house colours. Everyone worked really hard to make it a huge success. All grades have been practising very hard in their PE lessons this term to learn all the games and practise their running technique. I am very proud of all the children as they tried their best for their team and behaved in a good sporting manner. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers come along to support their children and then join in the luncheon feast with teachers and helpers. As many have said 'It was the best Sports Carnival ever!' Oh by the way, Gold House won this year. The house cup is on display inside the office window. I wonder who will win next year?????

Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport term 4...

All the grade 5/6 students have practising their skills and techniques for the games of cricket, tee ball and basketball with their coaches Ms Leahy, Mr John and Ms Domas for interschool sport matches in term 4. The students now need to return their permission notes with the \$22 for 3 away matches by the end of term. We start playing matches against schools in the Footscray district on **Friday October 20th**. Early term 4 students will be going home with a uniform to wear to matches which needs to be washed and looked after each week and returned later in term 4.

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. All Dinjerra students will be going home with a permission and medical note early term 4. These notes need to be signed, filled in and returned with the money if students have parent/carer permission to attend.

End of Term 3

School finishes at 2.30pm on Friday, 22nd September. Please make arrangements to pick your children up at this earlier time or book them into Kelly Club. **HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!**



On the Noticeboard

- Family Footy Fun Day
- Kelly Club Holiday Program
- We're Looking for Host Families
- Dinjerra Primary School Banking Program



Kelly Club Holiday Program

Kelly Club Dinjerra
Program Phone 0466665941
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Come and have fun with Kelly Club holiday program for fun, sport, amazing games, cooking, arts and craft, incursions and excursions and lots of more cool things at 28 Riley Court, Braybrook 3020.

Opening time from morning 7.30am till evening 6.00pm.

Price is start from \$7 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
dinjerra@kellyculboshc.com.au

Come and have super-duper fun with Kelly Club!

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
SEPTEMBER		
Friday 22 nd	Last Day Term 3 School Finish	2:30pm
OCTOBER		
Monday 9 th	Term 4 Begins	9:00 am
	Parent Focus Group – in Conference Room with Reviewer	9:30 am
Saturday 14 th	Fundraising - Maribyrnong Bunnings BBQ	
Tuesday 17 th	Prep Transition Program Day 1	9:00 – 10:00am
Thursday 19 th	3/4 Excursion - National Gallery	All Day
Friday 20 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – Away match at Footscray North P.S	
Tuesday 24 th	Prep Transition Program Day 2	9:00 – 10:00 am
	5/6 Excursion to Queen Vic Market	11:15 – 3:15am
Friday 27 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – Away match St Johns P.S	



KELLY CLUB DINJERRA

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