



Dinjerra Messenger

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From the Principal

As you will have already discovered, summer has come early this year. Dinjerra is a Sun Smart school and as such, we have made the wearing of a school sun smart hat compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. To fully comply with Sun Smart guidelines, students are expected to use sun protection whenever UV levels are 3 or higher. Subsequently, we provide 50 plus sunscreen to each classroom. Children who have left their hat at home are required to stay under cover throughout lunchtime, recess and during PE. This isn't because we are mean. We are protecting your children from the real danger of skin damage from the sun.

I have personally had a number of skin cancers removed over the years. As a child, I was allowed to burn in summer and things like a Sun Smart policy certainly didn't exist when I went to school. Because of this, I now see a skin specialist twice a year and she uses a number of clinical procedures to remove cancers before they become problematic.

Last time I was there, I asked her if skin type or colour had any impact on whether a person might get a skin cancer. This was because a student questioned why they should have to wear a hat as they had darker skin. Darker skinned people have more melanin and that helps but my specialist said that all people are susceptible to skin cancer caused by the sun. Unfortunately, people with really fair skin (like me) are really susceptible.

I've written about this because we need parents to understand why we do things and because we need your support by dressing students in appropriate clothing for the summer months and making sure that your children have their hats with them every time they go to school in Terms 1 and 4.

Graeme Smith
Principal

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From the Assistant Principal's Desk



Composite Classes

We will be continuing to run composite classes in 2018 from Grades 1-6 and our only straight class is Prep. The configuration of classes in schools depends on a number of factors including anticipated student population, number of classes available, number of students in each class, resources, personnel and anticipated programs. The question most parents have about composite classes is, "Do younger students get lost or are the older ones held back in composite classes?" The simple answer is no. Students are extended at their own individual rates, regardless of whether they are in a straight or composite class. Teachers in composite, as well as those in straight classes, are very conscious of learning as a life-long, continuous process. They develop a knowledge and understanding of each student's development. Programs are planned with individual outcomes in mind.

What does the research say about the benefits of composite classes?

Older students provide a model of intellectual development as well as of appropriate behaviour for the younger students. Peer to peer teaching benefits all individuals both academically and socially. Younger students are able to seek help from their older peers. Older students are able to practise the skills they learn by teaching them to the younger students. There are less behaviour problems because younger students integrate quickly into established class routines as older student's model appropriate behaviour. Students are more confident, can operate better as part of a group, are more assertive, develop a greater respect for individual differences, become more independent learners and better problem solvers. They also make friends outside of their standard age group.

Warm Regards,

Bobby Kotevski
Assistant Principal

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Coming Events

Date	Event	Time
DECEMBER		
Friday 1st	5/6 Interschool Sport – home match vs Corpus Christi	9:00am – 11:00am
	Whole School Assembly	2:30pm
Tuesday 5 th	5/6L visiting NAB Buddies at Central West	11:00am -12:30pm
Friday 8 th	5/6 Interschool Sport BYE or catch up round (home)	
Tuesday 12 th	Whole School Assembly	
	School Council	6:00pm
Wednesday 13 th	Prep – 2 Story telling Premiere Night	5:00pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 14 th	5/6 Camp	
Tuesday 19 th	Grade 6 Celebration Day – visiting Highpoint Shopping Centre	9:20am – 2:45pm
Wednesday 20 th	Grade 6 Graduation	4:30pm – 6:00pm
Friday 22nd	Term 4 Finishes	2:30pm

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

Healthy regards,
Nanda Bhoj - Dinjerra Programme Coordinator



Drop-in clinic for parents with babies to preschool aged children

co-kids at Braybrook is a trans-disciplinary drop-in session for families with concerns about their child's development. co-kids is a drop in clinic where a brief assessment and some general strategies can be given.

This clinic is **not** appropriate for clients that are eligible for Early Childhood Intervention Services or NDIS.

Families with babies to preschool children are welcome. co-kids is particularly focused on supporting families who find it hard to keep appointments or need support engaging with services. Families can drop-in at their own convenience during the co-kids clinic.

co-kids is a monthly drop-in screening clinic and is located at the Braybrook Community Hub. This model is also currently in place across other cohealth sites at Collingwood, Niddrie and North Melbourne.

At cokids you may find a speech pathologist, occupational therapist, podiatrist, physiotherapist and dietitian.

Some reasons that you may refer to co-kids include worries about:

- . Not tolerating tummy time
- . Head shape
- . Not rolling or crawling
- . General play
- . Sleeping
- . Behaviour
- . Concentration
- . Talking
- . Walking
- . Feeding

If you think that an appointment would be more appropriate please continue to refer via our Service Access team. FAX: 9374 2866

FOSTER CARERS needed!



Can you offer a home for a vulnerable child? Anyone can become a carer. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Next information session will be held in Yarraville on Saturday 9th December at 10am.

For further information please call Narelle Rosbergen on 93967400 or email

narelle.rosbergen@anglicarevic.org.au

You will make all the difference!!!