



# Dinjerra Messenger

Term 4

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## From the Principal



The 2017 school year is rapidly disappearing and the Christmas break is looming. We have been working hard to finish off the year by staffing the school for 2018. Seany Watts is returning from 12 months at Yarra Primary School. This means that Peter Hirst who has been replacing her will go back to Parkville Green Primary School from where we borrowed him.

Nazlia Edwards has been appointed into an on-going position at Dinjerra and she will continue to provide extra support to our students, especially those who do not have English as their first language. Michael Voulgarellis will join her making up a special task force who aim to dramatically improve outcomes for the children they will be working with.

Because students do not enrol exactly where we have vacancies, each year we have to look at the best way to balance the school to provide the best possible educational experiences for our children. Subsequently in 2018 the school will be organised as follows:

- There will be two Prep - Grade 1 classes. These will be taught by Ivy Leach and Krystal Marcantonio.
- There will be two Grade 2 - Grade 3 classes. Seany Watts and John Carr will teach these.
- There will be two Grade 4, 5 & 6 classes. Catherine Leahy and Emily Cinar will teach these.

Each year we also need to look at our policies to make sure they best meet the law and the best interests of our children. These are put on our web site once school council ratifies them. Recent policy adjustments include our Mandatory Reporting Policy. All school staff are mandated by law to report any suspected or actual incidents of child abuse or neglect to the Department of Health and Human Services or the police for investigation. Failure to do so can lead to criminal charges against the staff member and dismissal. All staff have to undergo annual training to ensure that they recognise the signs and know how to deal with what can be very tricky situations.

We have also updated our Anaphylaxis Policy in line with some changes brought in by the Government. Although we only have one child at risk of an anaphylactic response, we still have to have emergency plans in place just in case something unexpected happens. A full list of our policies are available on our web site for your perusal.

Graeme Smith  
Principal

**Term 4 Finishes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December at 2:30pm**



# School Times 2018



A new enterprise agreement between the teachers' union and the Government set teacher's lunchtimes between 11.30AM and 2.30PM from 2018. You will be aware that we swapped lunch and recess half way through the year to ensure that all children would have something to eat in the morning to help their concentration. Unfortunately, that left us 15 minutes short. Subsequently we need to move lunchtime again to allow us meet our legal obligation. We were also a little bit down on the mandated times for sport and PE so this was an opportunity to fix that up at the same time. All government schools have to provide 300 minutes of instruction per day. Whatever we did had to ensure that this happened.

After much discussion Council passed the below times for 2018. It meets all the requirements but it does add 15 minutes to the school day. School will now run from **9AM till 3.30PM**. We sincerely hope that this doesn't inconvenience anyone.

	Times	Duration
Physical Activity	9:00am - 9:15am	15mins
Session 1	9:15am - 10:15am	60mins
Session 2	10:15am - 11:15am	60mins
Eat lunch in classroom	11:15am - 11:30am	15mins
Play	11:30am - 12:00pm	30mins
Session 3	12:00pm - 1:00pm	60mins
Session 4	1:00pm - 2:00pm	60mins
Play	2:00pm - 2:30pm	30mins
Session 5	2:30pm - 3:30pm	60mins

## Step-Up Day.

To support students in making a smooth transition into their new grade level for 2018, students will have an opportunity to meet their teacher and peers on Step Up day.

The 'Step Up' session will take place from **10.00am -11:00am** on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017**.



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## Dinjerra Primary School Grade 6 Graduation

*Please join us to celebrate Grade 6  
Graduation!*

When: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Where: BER Building,  
Dinjerra Primary School



## Coming Events



Date	Event	Time
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Celebration Day – visiting Highpoint Shopping Centre	9:20am – 2:45pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 - Graduation Shopping to Central West Shopping Centre	9:15am – 10:00am
	Grade 6 Graduation	4:30pm – 6:00pm
	Interschool Sport, Girl Basketball Grand Final at Footscray West Primary	9:30am – 10:45am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Positive Behaviour Day	
	Celebration Assembly – Raffle Tickets drawn	2:00pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Term 4 Finishes	2:30pm



**Kelly Club Dinjerra**

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 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.

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Contact the program phone/email to book! 0466 665 941 [dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au](mailto:dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au)

Healthy regards,  
**Nanda Bhoj** - Dinjerra Programme Coordinator

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