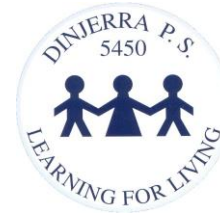


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The big rain last week managed to wipe out our phones and the gas to heat the BER building. I apologise for any inconvenience this might have caused families. Optus were unable to get a service person to us until Tuesday morning even though I would have thought a school would be seen as a priority. All school calls were diverted to my phone making it very difficult for people to get through as well as driving me crazy. Thank heaven these old leaking buildings will be gone before the end of the year.

As for the gas problem, water somehow got into the gas pipe that runs to the BER, blocking the flow of gas. The plumbers will now remove the water from the pipe and then find the source of the problem. Once that is fixed, the heaters can be turned back on.

As you will all know by now, Bobby Kotevski started at his new school on Monday. We wish him luck. Last week, I had the Department put out an Expression of Interest across the system for a temporary assistant principal replacement to get us through until the end of Term 3. This gives us time to properly advertise to get the 'right' person for the school. We will be interviewing for this 'acting' person once NAPLAN is over and hopefully I will be able to inform you who the temporary Assistant principal will be in a week or so.

NAPLAN takes place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Why do students do NAPLAN tests? The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process and they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

From the start of 2018, a new industrial Agreement between the Australian Education Union and the State Government came into being setting the maximum face-to-face teaching time for primary teachers at 22.5 hours a week. It also required schools to provide an uninterrupted 30 minute lunchtime for teachers between the hours of 11.30AM and 2PM. We had just introduced an early lunchtime at 11.15AM to ensure that our children had eaten that day. Subsequently, we moved lunch to 11.30AM and added 15 minutes to the school day. Unfortunately, in doing so, we managed to take teachers above the 22.5 hours of face-to-face teaching by 15 minutes.

To meet our mandated industrial requirements, we have negotiated with the Union to increase lunchtime by 15 minutes, taking 15 minutes of instruction time from the teacher's day. This means that from the start of next week, lunch will run from the original 11.15AM through until 12.00PM. Teachers will get their 30-minute lunchtime within those 45 minutes. There will be no change to the start or end of the school day.

Graeme Smith
Principal

Applications still open for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Applications for the 2018 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) are still open until the end of Term 2 Friday 29 June.

The CSEF helps ensure all students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities.

A payment of \$125 for eligible primary school students and \$225 for eligible secondary school students is paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply, as well as certain students and families that fall in to a special consideration category.

If you haven't already applied this year, application forms are available at the office. Please bring your current Health Care Card or Concession Card

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Friday 18 th May	4/5/6 Excursion to Imax & Melbourne Museum	
	Interschool Sport BYE	
	P/1 Excursion to Scienceworks	9:45am – 1:30pm
Tuesday 22 nd May	Glasses for Kids – Eyes Testing program start today	
Thursday 24th May	Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL	
Friday 25 th May	Interschool Sport – Dinjerra vs Footscray West (away match)	
Thursday 31 st May	4/5/6 Excursion to Eco Centre	All Day
Friday 1 st June	Interschool Sport Dinjerra vs St Bernadettes (home match)	



Kelly Club Dinjerra
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**Kelly Club Dinjerra
Pupil Free Day!
Thursday 24th May 2018**

Contact your programme to book!

General Information...

We are running a full day programme on the pupil free days this year, to give your kids fun filled days with their friends!

The Kelly Club programme is focused around sports, games, arts and crafts, cooking and outings to local attractions.

We will provide fun, educational activities throughout the day as well as a Kelly Sports coach coming to run sessional sports.

The program will run from 7.00a at Dinjerra School, till 6.00pm,

Children are to be dropped and picked up from Dinjerra. **Don't miss out!**

Where: Dinjerra Primary School
44 South Road, Braybrook, 3019

Who: Dinjerra Primary School kids aged 4 -13 years

When: Thursday 24th May 2018: Full day 7am - 6pm

Contact: contact us always and on the day, please use your programme phone number or email, see above.

Food: We will supply all food for the day. We are cooking NACHOS and other yummy treats!

Programme: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers. If you have an allergy or intolerance, we need your booking one week in advance to cater your needs in our food and activity planning.

Cost: Full day 7am - 6pm \$7! (with your CCB rebate) (Full price with support \$50.00)

CCB Rebate: We are approved providers of Outside School Hours Care.

This means that you are eligible for financial assistance from the government.

Enroll: Call/ Text/ Email your programme to book! (contact details above)