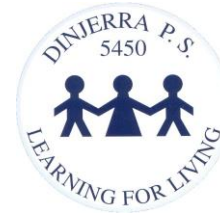


Dinjerra Messenger

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From the Principal

I know it is something of a cliché, but the school year has started very smoothly. There is a calmness in the yard and teachers report that the children are focused and really wanting to learn. The new school hours seem to be working well and families have quickly adapted to the new finish time.

While the weather remains warm, it is important to remind your children about the need to protect themselves from the sun. It is compulsory for your child to wear a wide brimmed or legionnaire style school hat, (not a baseball cap), during Terms 1 and 4. This protects their scalp, face, ears and neck from sun damage. Sun Block lotion is available in all of our classrooms and students should apply it before going into the yard at lunch and recess. Students who do not have their hat with them are not allowed to play in the open and can't take part in PE activities or excursions that require going into the open.

I must again remind parents that the school does not begin yard duty until 8.45AM and no children are to be at school before then. If you need to attend an appointment or go to work early, please book your children into Kelly Club, our Before and After School Care provider. Once Kelly Club has your contact details you don't have to attend every day. You can book in for single sessions as needed. For many families the price is very reasonable (as low as \$3 for a session) and that way your children are safe, supervised and fed.

I recently had a parent ask about using the car park. For safety reasons, combined with a complete lack of space, parents can only use the car park under the following circumstances.

- Dropping off or picking up children at Kelly Club
- Dropping off or picking up a child who is unable to walk without aid, either temporarily or permanently
- A parent who has a disability making walking difficult (and a disabled sticker on their car)
- A parent member of School Council attending a meeting on official school business
- A parent who has been given permission by the principal to use the car park to enable them to undertake school business

There are only 20 designated parking spaces including the disabled and principal's places. Nearly all of our staff (17 people) drive every day and we have to provide places for 3 DET staff who are based at Dinjerra. Please drop your children off in one of the side streets or in the service lane on the other side of South Road.

Graeme Smith
Principal

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY.

Strict guidelines are being enforced by the Department of Education and Training and the South West Victoria Region regarding school attendance.

All schools have been advised by the Department of Education and Training that from the end of Term 2, 2018, all schools are required to contact parents/guardians as soon as practicable when student absence is unexplained.

A review of the Attendance Guidelines for schools was undertaken in Term 4, 2017. The review and resulting changes to the Guidelines will help ensure the safety of school-aged children during school hours.

The new requirement for schools is to contact parents/guardians as soon as practicable **on the day of a student's absence**. Previously, this was within three days. While the changes will be introduced from Term 1, 2018, full implementation by all government schools will be required by the end of Term 2, 2018.

If you know that your child will be absent ahead of the day, please let the school know by a written note; by email to the school's email address; (dinjerra.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au), by a phone call to the office or by speaking to your child's teacher who will then note that in the roll. If your child is away unexpectedly, please let the school know by any of the above methods as soon as you can otherwise you will get a call from the school to find out why your child isn't in attendance.

This also means we need accurate and up-to-date contact details. If you move, change your phone number, change your emergency contact details, the school needs to know as soon as possible. Even if it isn't about absences, sometimes we need to contact you. Possibly your child is sick and needs to go home. Maybe your child forgets to bring back a permission note and still wants to attend an excursion. Maybe your child falls and injures themselves and we need to call an ambulance.

Graeme Smith.
Principal

School Banking 2018



Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking. This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour. Every Banking deposits earns your child a rewards, after making 10 Banking deposits, your child can redeem the rewards items. Please see the noticeboard outside the office for rewards items.

School Banking is every **Tuesday**, if you need further information on how to open a Dollarmites account, please see office.

From the Assistant Principal's desk



Great start to 2018 School Year

I must congratulate all the students across the school for a fantastic start to the 2018 school year. The behaviour, working attitudes and teamwork have been commendable and I am looking forward to seeing the academic results which will be analysed over the next few weeks after a variety of testing across the school in literacy and numeracy. I am also impressed with the quality work I have been seeing during my visits to classrooms. We will continue our emphasis across the school on quality handwriting, bookwork and presentation to promote best practice at all times.

Congratulations also to staff for their fantastic efforts in ensuring a successful start to Term 1 and to parents for their positive approach to ensuring students are at school by 9.00am to commence their morning learning block and in ensuring children are in correct uniform.

Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with **students coming to school on time each and every day**. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – **a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10, they will have missed more than a year of school.**

Arriving to school late can also affect students' learning;

See table below:

Student missing...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling, that equals...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and ½ years

From the Assistant Principal's desk

Student Safety - Before and After School

A priority at Dinjerra Primary is student safety. I acknowledge that the streets around our school and Braybrook can become very congested around drop off and pick up times. However, can I please remind parents of the following

- Please ensure children correctly utilise the school crossings and do not cross between cars.
- Please ensure you do not block our neighbours drive ways and take note of the parking signs.
- Please don't use the crossing or schools front gates to drop your child off.
- Staff carpark is not for student pick up or drop off

The traffic police regularly patrol the schooling zones in Braybrook. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation to promote the safety of our students and pedestrians.

Bobby Kotevski
Assistant Principal

Physical Education News

Your children have Physical Education and Interschool Sport on the following days.....

Grades Prep, 1L, 2/3W, 5/6C and 5/6L all have PE on Mondays.

Grades 2/3C and Prep/1M have PE on Thursdays.

Grades 4/5/6C and 4/5/6L have Interschool Sport practise on Friday mornings in term 1.

It's very important for your children to wear **good, supportive runners** on their Physical Education and Interschool Sport days. It's also so much safer for them to participate in Physical Education and Interschool Sport.

Swimming Program

The 8 day 2018 swimming program will take place week 1 of term 2 this year. **Day 1 is Tuesday 17th April with Day 8 being Friday 27th April.** Notes will be going home midterm 1. All notes and money will need to be in by the end of term to secure your spot.

Sports House Captains and Sports House Vice Captains for 2018....

The children at Dinjerra Primary will either be in Green or Gold House for 2018. If they are new to the school they will find out soon which house they are in. Everyone will be attending House meetings to elect new Sports Leaders from grades 5/6 soon. Grade 5/6 children should be starting to think about being a leader and writing their speeches. These new leaders will attend lunchtime meetings and represent the children in their house for all sporting matters at Dinjerra. We have a Sports Carnival for the whole school planned for later term 3. We love to have parents and carers come along to support their children on the day and join in the feast at lunch time. **Stay tuned for a date!**

ARTS NEWS

1. Please save your margarine and ice cream containers for use in the art room. They come in very handy.
2. Your children have Visual Art lessons on the following days.

Tuesday - Grades 2/3 C, 2/3W, Prep/1L and 4/5/6 E

Thursday - Grades 4/5/6L and Prep/1M

Thanks for your cooperation

Debbie Domas Visual Arts and PE & Sports teacher.



Kelly Club Dinjerra
 Program Phone: 0466 665 941
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KELLY CLUB DINJERRA

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 3.30pm - 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.

Weekly themes for Term 1:

- Week 4 - Road Safety Week**
- Week 5 - Clean Up Australia Week**
- Week 6- Healthy Eating Week**
- Week 7- Animal Week**
- Week 8- Harmony Week**
- Week 9 - Celebration Week**

Contact the program phone/email to book! 0466 665 941 dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au

Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 28 th Feb	First Aid in School Incursion Grades Prep - 6	All Day
Tuesday 6 th March	Health & Human Development Education Grades 4,5 & 6	
Monday 12 th March	No SCHOOL – Labour Day	
Tuesday 13 th March	Health & Human Development Education 4,5 & 6	
Friday 16 th March	Sunshine College Transition Day Grades 4, 5 & 6	9:00 – 3:30pm
Monday 19 th March	Harmony Week 19 th – 23 rd March	
Tuesday 20 th March	Health & Human Development Education 4,5 & 6	
Wednesday 21 st March	Recycling Incursion Grades Prep - 3	
Friday 23 rd March	Recycling Incursion Grades 4 – 6	
Monday 26 th March	School Photo Day	
Thursday 29 th March	TERM 1 FINISHES	2:30pm