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## From the Principal

Well have I got some news for You! I received a call last Friday evening from The Hon. Marsha Thomson to inform me that the school will receive \$7.4 million dollars in the state budget to replace the two old buildings and to remove some old sheds and the old house. In their place we will be getting two brand new buildings that will allow us to teach a 21st. Century education in buildings designed for that purpose. It will also remove all asbestos from the site. This is fantastic news and as we have been planning with our architects and the Department, building work should start well before the end of the year.

Firstly, I will be meeting with the architects to get a work time line so that we can start to get rid of some of the things we won't be taking into the new buildings and working out where we will store those things that we will need (but not until we move into the new buildings).

Relocatable classrooms will brought on site and with our existing classrooms in the BER Building, we will be able to conduct a 'normal' program throughout the re-build. All demolition works will be carried out during school holidays. The building site will be securely fenced-off and children will not have any access. The project will go out to tender and once a builder is appointed, I will organise a Parent Meeting so that I can let you know what is happening and hopefully allay any fears you may have.

Along with the great news of the re-build comes the news that we will be saying goodbye to Bobby Kotevski. Bobby has been appointed as the principal of Epping Primary School. This is fantastic for Bobby (and Epping) but a real loss for us. We appointed Bobby as Assistant Principal about 3 ½ years ago. He has been responsible for making the school look far more attractive and has been responsible for ensuring that our curriculum is ensuring the best outcomes for your children. He has been a great support for me and he will be missed.

We will be seeking a short term replacement for the rest of the term whilst advertising for an ongoing replacement for Bobby. I will keep you informed of our progress.

Graeme Smith

Principal

# STUDENT ATTENDANCE: A PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

Attending school every school day for the whole day enables students to participate in the school's educational program as well as develop their social skills. Compulsory attendance in Victorian schools is between the ages of 6 and 17.

Regular attendance enables the school to:

- plan an organised educational program that is delivered in a consistent way and has continuity
- facilitate shared student learning experiences that support the educational program
- monitor student progress and adjust the educational program to meet student needs.

Currently, we have too many students arriving late. Every morning a surprisingly large group of students arrive up to 20 minutes late and a smaller group come even after that. Often this occurs for very understandable reasons. For example, the car didn't start or the child didn't feel well and a decision had to be made about whether or not the child would attend school that day. Sometimes though, especially for the students who are late most days, the reason has more to do with leaving home late and walking too slowly to school. We want students to arrive between 8.45AM when yard supervision starts and 8.57AM when the music starts to get children to go to their rooms to start the school day.

The teachers mark their rolls electronically at the start of the school day. Students arriving late disrupt the class as they arrive and hand over their late passes. The teacher then has to go back in and mark the student late on their rolls. Teaching and learning has to stop. Meanwhile, back at the office, at 9.30AM, Hong will check the rolls electronically, to see which students are absent. She then starts ringing home to inform parents that their child has not arrived.

If parents know that their child will be late or absent, please inform the office or the child's teacher. If your child is absent unexpectedly, please provide a written note explaining why, or again, ring the school or let the teacher know so that the absence can be marked 'explained' on the roll. Otherwise, we will be either phoning to find out why or sending you a note with the unexplained absences on it seeking your reasons.

I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

## Interschool Sport News.....

On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** Dinjerra Primary played Footscray North Primary in the games of tee ball, netball and soccer at home. Whether we won or lost, we all played our best and coaches are very proud of all students. We had wins in soccer and netball.

**We play all games on the oval at Dinjerra Primary this week against St John's Primary.**

Parents and carers are most welcome to come and watch the matches this week and support their children. **Matches begin around 12.30.**

Debbie Domas PE Coordinator.

## Fundraising News

Thank you to all the students who bought raffle tickets in the Easter Raffle. Congratulations to Tue in grade 2/3 who won the Easter raffle basket. We hope Tue and his family enjoyed the basket over the school holidays.

### Mothers' Day Stall....

Mothers' Day is on the **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. Dinjerra Primary will be holding a Mothers' Day stall so that children can pick out and buy their mums, nans or carers a special present. All presents are \$5.00. There will be 2 stall days – **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. Please return the money in the envelope by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**.

Tickets are also for sale for a Mothers' Day raffle. These will be for sale before school from Thursday this week. There are 6 presents to win. Tickets are 3 for \$1 or 50c each. Prizes will be drawn on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May just before Mum's special day. Good luck everyone!!!

Thanks everyone from the Fundraising Committee

# From the Assistant Principal's Desk

## FAREWELL...

Dear Dinjerra PS students and families,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter to all the parents and families of students at Dinjerra PS. I wanted to let you know personally that my last day here will be Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> May. I have recently been appointed as the new Principal at Epping Primary School. This decision is bittersweet, I am sad to be leaving and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Undertaking the role of Assistant Principal at Dinjerra has been a great honour and a defining part of my life. When I was appointed in 2015, I had so many ideas and dreams for our students and school. I am happy to say, I have seen many of them come true.

It has been a pleasure partnering with you and all the other parents, teachers and students that have made my time at Dinjerra such a pleasure. I truly believe that we have a school of talented and passionate teachers, amazing kids and parents that together make up this school. I was just one part of this picture, not a bigger part nor a smaller part, but an equal part.

Please know that the school is committed to finding an exceptional leader to become the next Assistant Principal of Dinjerra. I appreciate the many, many memories I have made together with the students and staff over the last 4 years. I will always feel a part of the Dinjerra family.

Finally, I would like to thank Graeme, Jenny, all our teachers, ES staff, the School Council and most of all, the Dinjerra families and students. The opportunity to work with you all is one that I'll never forget.

I'll make sure that I visit regularly and I'll definitely be here at the grand opening of the new school.

As always, I thank you and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Sincerely,

**Bobby Kotevski,  
Assistant Principal**



# Term 2 Learning

## P-1

We hit the ground running with swimming starting Day 2. It was wonderful to see the Prep/One children learning new skills and building lots of confidence in the water. The children who didn't go swimming enjoyed learning how to be safe in different environments such as swim between the flags at the beach.

This term our inquiry focus is **Seasons Change and So do we!** We will be asking these questions: What are the seasons? How are they different? How do they connect with us?

We are excited about our up and coming excursion to Scienceworks. The date of the excursion is Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2018. More information soon.

We would like to thank the parents who attended our Parent Workshop. It was great to see so many parents interested in how to help their children at home with reading. The children are really excited to tell us about where they have put their words to high five them as they read them. Some of the responses have been; on my bedroom wall, at the front door, in the kitchen. A big thank you to our parents for their support.

In Reading we are learning about the text features of a Nonfiction text such as captions, diagrams, content pages and fast facts.

In Writing we are learning to write an Information text.

The children in Grade Prep are learning to read the MIOOW words. Each morning they study a word relating to the letter and sound they are focusing on.

The children in Grade 1 are learning to read, write and spell the Oxford words. With a focus on consonant clusters such as sh, ch, wh.

In Maths we are learning about the days of the weeks, the months of the year and time. The children continue to learn about numbers.

## 2/3 Area

This term Grades 2/3 are looking forward to their learning time once Naplan is completed. They've got an exciting inquiry topic that will be taught across the curriculum. Students will be learning about their Natural World and learning how day and night environment influences daily lives. Students will have the wonderful opportunity of catching the metro train into the city to visit the Melbourne Museum to have an IMax theatre experience.

Students will also take part in being a loud and supportive cheer squad for their 4/5/6 peers who are competing in the Inter School Sports.

## 4/5/6 Area

This term is an exciting term for the 4/5/6 area. Our inquiry focus this term is all about water conservation. Students will begin learning about this topic in Week 6 after Naplan has finished. Throughout the term students will learn about water conservation and the impact it has on our environment and animals. Students will have two excursions to support their learning they will head to the Melbourne Museum and the Eco Centre in St Kilda.

Term 2 is made even more exciting with the Inter School Sports competitions taking place. Students participate in either netball, tee-ball or soccer playing against other schools from our local network. It's always exciting to play at home because we have the support of our Dinjerra peers and parents.



## KELLY CLUB DINJERRA

**Hi all parents and children.**

Get along to Kelly Club Dinjerra OSHC program for loads of fun, sport, games, cooking, craft, arts, structured free time and healthy, yummy breakfast and afternoon tea!

We're open **Monday - Friday** for **Before School Care 7am - 8.45am** and **After School Care 3.15pm - 6pm**, **providing breakfast and afternoon tea.**

**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.

Ask at the office or contact Nanda for more information and to book:

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

### Calendar of Events

| Date                                | Event  | Time             |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May          | Interschool Sport – Dinjerra vs St Johns (home match)          | 12:30pm – 1:30pm |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May         | Mothers' Day Stall   |                  |
|                                     | School Council Meeting in the Conference Room                  | 7.00pm           |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May       | Mothers' Day Stall   |                  |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May         | Interschool Sport – Dinjerra vs Footscray Primary (away match) |                  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May         | 4/5/6 Excursion to Imax & Melbourne Museum                     |                  |
|                                     | Interschool Sport BYE  |                  |
|                                     | P/1 Excursion to Scienceworks                                  | 9:45am – 1:30pm  |
| <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b>Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL</b>                              |                  |