Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2015 school year, with a special welcome to our new families. Dinjerra is a growing school, we have had a 15% increase in numbers since last year but as we are very lucking to have so much space, it will barely be noticeable.

It has been a wonderfully smooth and calm start to the school year. There is no doubt that the weather has helped but with our new teacher teams getting students down to work right from day one and students feeling comfortable with their new classmates, everyone seems happy and glad to be back.

Our staffing changes have been small but significant. Christine Barnes retired at the end of 2014 after a long career teaching predominantly here in the Western suburbs. Bobby Kotevski was appointed as our Assistant Principal and he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will really enhance the education that your children will receive here at Dinjerra.

Due to a change in Federal Government policies, the Western English Language School has fewer students in 2015 and do not need to use our classrooms this year. We will miss them as I believe the mixing of their students and our students was mutually beneficial.

Please remember our before and after school care program is running this year. You don’t need to use the service every day but unless you are registered with them, you will not be able to use them at all. As a school, we can only provide yard supervision from 8.45AM before school and till 3.15PM after school so if parents require their children to be safely looked after beyond these times, please investigate the Kelly Club program. Feedback from parents using the program is extremely positive and the students I have spoken with love it.

Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal

On the Noticeboard
1. Free Picnic in the Park
2. Hook In 2 Hockey
3. Hot Shots Tennis Lessons
4. Hobson’s Bay and Maribyrnong Scout Group
5. POWer Plants Community Nursery

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Free Picnic in the Park
To celebrate National Playgroup Week, there will be a Picnic in the Park at Coulson Gardens in Maribyrnong from 10.30am to 1.00pm. There will be face painting, thyme time, play activities and giveaways.
Just bring a picnic rug, food, water, hat and sunscreen.
See the Community Noticeboard for more information or ring Maribyrnong Council on 9688 0200.

DINJERRA P.S. BELL TIMES 2015

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| RECESS            | 10.50AM|
| MUSIC             | 11.17AM|
| BELL              | 11.20AM|
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| 10 MINUTE EATING  | 1.30PM |
| LUNCH             | 1.30PM |
| MUSIC             | 1.57PM |
| BELL              | 2.00PM |
| BELL              | 3.00PM |

| AFTER SCHOOL DUTY| 3.15PM |

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CAR PARK TO PICK UP AND DROP OFF STUDENTS

It has been brought to my attention again that parents and carers are still using the staff car park for drop-offs and pick-ups. I am aware of one minor bingle and a number of near misses, and at least one occasion where one parent nearly backed over a couple of students who had also just been dropped off. The car park is not suitable for drop-offs and pick-ups and I have been consistently asking throughout the year for parents to stop. We do not have the staff available to police the car park and neither should we have to. The only people who have permission to use the car park are staff of the school, DEECD visitors, contractors employed by the school, contractors dropping off deliveries to the school, parents who have children who are either temporarily or permanently disabled and parents on official school business such as school council members attending school council meetings. Everyone else is asked to park out-side the school gates and to drop-off students on the far side of South Road and have the students use the patrolled school crossing.
From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Dinjerra school community. My name is Bobby Kotevski and I'm the new Assistant Principal. My first few days at Dinjerra have been incredibly impressive. The students here have demonstrated manners, friendliness and most importantly, their respect for each other. I have been equally impressed with the incredible work that all the staff put into their programs, students and the general running of the school. I have seen the warmth and spirit generated by the community which is evident in many aspects of the school’s functioning. These are the foundations of a fantastic school and I am very excited about working here this year.

Just to give you a bit of background about myself, I have spent the majority of my teaching career in a very large multi-campus primary school, Sydenham-Hillside PS. As many as 1200 students at one stage. So, coming to a smaller school is so nice! I have been a Leading Teacher for many years which has included me taking on roles such as Numeracy Coach, Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 VELS Leader and I have been a Specialist Leader back in my PE days. As a classroom teacher, I’ve taught all grade levels Prep to Yr6. Prior to working at Sydenham Hillside P.S, my teaching career began at Taylors Lakes Primary School.

Having worked in large schools, one of the things I am most looking forward to at Dinjerra is the opportunity to build relationships within a much smaller community. I am very passionate about student learning and believe strongly in our school providing opportunities for every child to achieve success. Please feel free to stop by my office any time. I would love to get to know you all!

Bobby Kotevski
Assistant Principal

Questions for Mr Kotevski

1. How long have you been teaching? I’ve been teaching for almost 15 years.
2. What other schools have you worked at before coming to Dinjerra? I started teaching at Taylors Lakes Primary School and then moved on to Sydenham-Hillside Primary School. I have worked at both campuses during that time.
3. Where did you grow up? I grew up in Sunshine. Not too far from here
5. Best song you heard in 2014? Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars
6. Favourite TV Show? The Amazing Race
7. Best Movie you saw in 2014? Dumb and Dumber 2
8. Best thing so-far about Dinjerra? The kids!!
9. ‘5 Seconds Of Summer’ or ‘The Rolling Stones’? Definitely the Rolling Stones
10. What are you hoping for in 2015? That every student comes to school happy, safe and ready to learn!
Help your kids manage their asthma

Checklist for Parents

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<td>Does your child have an up to date Asthma Action Plan (Asthma Care Plan)?</td>
<td>The Asthma Care/Action Plan tells the school how to manage your child's asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. This should be updated &amp; signed by the doctor on an annual basis.</td>
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<td>Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers?</td>
<td>Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, child care, sporting field, home)</td>
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<td>Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers?</td>
<td>Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers?</td>
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<td>Do you listen to what your child says?</td>
<td>They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.</td>
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<td>Does your child take their asthma medication correctly?</td>
<td>Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it is needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.</td>
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Physical Education News

It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces happy to back to school and Physical Education at Dinjerra.

Your children will need to have a hat at school every day for terms 1 and 4. They will also need to wear safe, supportive runners on their PE/Sport days. Your children have Physical Education sessions with me on the following days.

**Every Tuesday** – Ms. Leach Prep/1A, Mr. V. Prep/1B, Ms. Dunstan 2/3A, Ms. Watts 4/6A, Ms. Leahy 4/6B.

**Every Thursday** – Ms. Rachel Rasmussen 3/4A

*Sometimes your children will have extra PE or visiting sports clinics on a different day when they will also need to wear their safe running shoes.* You will be notified in the school newsletter of coming events.

Thank you for your cooperation

Debbie Domas PE teacher.
School Banking Reminder

Students should bring their weekly deposit in the yellow wallet and hand it to their teacher or at the Office on **TUESDAY mornings**.

Your child will receive a silver token for each deposit and when they have 10 tokens they will receive a cool prize!

**Kelly Club at Dinjerra Primary School in 2015!**

We are very excited to be running Kelly Club Before-care and Aftercare from Dinjerra Primary School in 2015. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child/ren.

Come and join us in 2015 for our Before School Care (7.00am-8.45am), After School Care (3.00pm-6.00pm) Programs. We offer exciting sessions focused around sports, cooking, art and craft activities, as well as structured ‘free-time’. For more information or to book, please visit our website [www.kellycluboshc.com.au](http://www.kellycluboshc.com.au) or contact Jeff on 9384 2204 or dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au.

Thanks

**Jeff Fleming**
Director

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**Did You Know?**

The pig is rated the fourth most intelligent animal but is mentioned only twice in the Bible. Sheep are mentioned 45 times and goats 88 times in the Bible. Dogs are mentioned 14 times and lions 89 times, but domestic cats are not mentioned.

The [eel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eel) is the only fish in the world that spawns in the middle of an ocean but spends its adult liv in rivers.

The scales of a crocodile are made of ceratin, the same substance that hooves and fingernails are made of.

A crocodile’s tongue is attached to the roof of its mouth and cannot move it.

A snail has two pairs of tentacles on its head. One pair is longer than the other and houses the eyes. The shorter pair is used for smelling and feeling its way around. (Some snail species have only one pair of tentacles, thus they have just one eye.)