



# Dinjerra Messenger

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Nominations for our School Council election closed at 4.00PM on Wednesday, 17 February, 2016. By that time, 3 nominations were received for the 4 vacant Parent Representative positions and 2 nominations were received for the 2 vacant Department of Education Employed representatives. Subsequently, there is no need for an election and I declare these people elected.

**Parent Representatives:** Mahinarangi Tunui; Tania Jorquera; Hina Hussian

**Department of Education & Training Employed Representatives:** Ivy Leach; Catherine Leahy

Congratulations to them all and I look forward to working with them over the next two years.

***Subsequently, we still have one Parent Representative Vacancy. The guidelines inform me that I have to make a second call for nominations in the Parent Representative category. Nomination and self-nomination forms are available on our web site and from the school office.***

***The closing date has to be 3 days after the close of nomination so any nomination forms need to be lodged at the office by 4.00PM on Monday, 22.02.2016. If no-one is nominated, School Council can co-opt a suitable member from the Parent Representative electorate to fill the vacancy.***

Children are not expected at school until 8.45AM. We are unable to provide yard supervision until then. Children who arrive earlier should either be at Kelly Club or under the supervision of their parents in the yard.

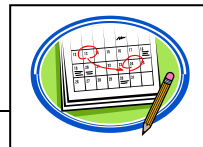
Regards,  
Graeme Smith  
Principal

## Important Information for Holders of Health Care or Pension Cards

Please bring your card to the Office to apply for the CSEF. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

Please bring your card to the Office and sign the application form by Monday, 29 February, 2016.

## Calendar of Events

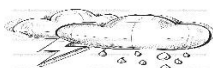


Date	Event	Time
Fri, 19/02	Polyglot Workshops with grades 1 & 2	12.20pm-1.20pm 2.00pm -2.50pm
Mon, 22/02	Parent/Teacher Interviews	3.00pm to 6.00pm
Thurs, 03/03	Sunshine College Transition for grades 5 & 6	All day
Tues, 08/03	Braybrook College Transition for grades 5 & 6	All day
Tues, 08/03	School Council meeting in Conference Room	7.00pm
Wed, 09/03	St John First Aid in Schools Program – P to 6	
Mon, 14/03	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL	
Tues, 15/03	School resumes at 9.00am	
Mon, 21/03	Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL	
Tues, 22/03	School resumes at 9.00am	
Tues, 22/03	School Photo Day	
Thurs, 24/03	LAST DAY OF TERM 1	
Mon, 11/04	School resumes for Term 2 at 9.00am	

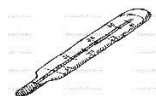
### Science Term 1

We are studying a range of different topics in Science this term. Here is a brief outline of what we are covering.

#### P/1/2 The Weather



We are looking at the various types of weather; with a brief explanation as to what causes different types of weather and the impact it has on ourselves and the environment. We will be exploring different types of weather through discussion, videos and practical demonstrations for example making rain in a jar.



#### 2/3/4 Hot and Cold

We will be exploring what makes things hot and cold as well as reversible processes involving hot and cold. We use different types of thermometers to measure different types of heat. We will be investigating insulation as a method to keep things hot or cold. We will be looking at how different liquids react to being heated or frozen.



#### 5/6 Force, Friction, Gravity and Air Resistance

What are the different forces we can exert on objects to make them move? What is friction and how can we demonstrate it? What is gravity and how does air resistance effect the pull of gravity? How and why do parachutes work? These are some of the questions we will be investigating in Science this term.

*Please see me if you have any comments or questions.*

*Mrs. Mellusco (Science teacher)*

Kelly Club outside of school care program is back up and running again for an exciting 2016!  
Term one programs are on at Dinjerra Primary School.

**Before School Care (7am – 8.45am) and After School Care (3pm – 6pm) programs run Monday - Friday.**

We offer exciting sessions focused around sports, games, cooking, art and craft activities, structured 'free-time' and we provide healthy breakfast and afternoon tea.

Our programs are approved, with subsidies available, prices starting from just \$3.00 with your rebate!

Join us this term for summer fun, wet and wild, summer sports, and a special Easter week!

**For more info and to book, phone Lara: 0466665941 or email [dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au](mailto:dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au)**

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Students, please do not use the Office area as a short cut to your classrooms. This is a quiet area and we are trying to work!

### **Physical Education News**

Please remember that in term 1 your children need to have a broad rimmed or legionnaires hat to play outside and take part in physical education. Remember **NO HAT NO PLAY!!**

### **Art Room News**

Thank you to those families who have been sending in supplies for the Art Room. Please continue to send in clean newspapers and interesting printing objects – your children know what I mean!

Debbie Domas  
PE Teacher and  
Art Teacher

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is **closed on Wednesdays**, but is open every other day of the week for your convenience.

### On the Noticeboard

1. Koorie Emergency Relief Program
2. Maribyrnong Grants Program
3. Aussie Hoops at RecWest Footscray
4. Action Indoor Sports Footscray
5. Inflatable World Footscray
6. Preschool Story Time at Central West Shopping Centre – English, Hindi, Bengali, Vietnamese and Cantonese
7. Playgroup Timetable at various locations

### 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!

### Important Information For Parents Regarding Insurance

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff/volunteers. For more information about the claims process please go to

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/claimsprocess.aspx>

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

If you are interested, we have an information sheet from EBM Insurance at the Office which tells you how and where to apply, how much it will cost and what you will be covered for.

### Sending An SMS To Parents In An Emergency Situation

The State Government has agreed to provide schools with the opportunity to send out a group text to all parents' mobile phones if an emergency situation arises at the school. Such a situation could be when a fire takes place at the school or when there is a bomb threat. Parents do not want to hear about it first on the radio or via social media. We should be able to let parents know almost immediately and set their minds at rest or to tell them if it is necessary to come and collect their children.

Hopefully, we will never have to use the service but if we do, we need to have accurate phone numbers to call.

**Please make sure that you keep your phone and address details up to date at the school.** There have been a small number of situations arise in the past when a student has needed urgent medical attention and none of the numbers held at the school were in service anymore.