



# Dinjerra Messenger

Term 1

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Term One has come and almost gone so quickly. However, it has been a very busy and eventful couple of months. Our School Council elections are finalised and all the Parent positions are now filled.

**School Council members for 2016 are as follows:**

**Parent Representatives:** President: Mahinarangi Tunui (Magz); Vice President: Dat Do; Tania Jorquera; Hina Hussian; Maurice Sibelle and Rayna Fahey.

**Department of Education Representatives:** Executive Officer: Graeme Smith; Ivy Leach; Catherine Leahy and Michael Voulgarellis.

**Community Representative:** Vesna Frisina

Next Monday, March 21 is our second Student Free Planning Day for 2016; the first was the day before school started for the children. These days allow us to meet together to consider important issues in depth. Our focus for the day is on Goal setting - SMART Goals.

If there is enough demand, Kelly Club will offer a program for your children for the day. Please contact them directly to express your interest.

To help finish off Term 1, we will be holding a **Cultural Diversity Day** next **Wednesday, March 23**. There will be many activities during the day and children are encouraged to come dressed in clothing that expresses their cultural background. The day will finish with a picnic on the oval (weather permitting) after school. If it is raining, the event will be moved indoors.

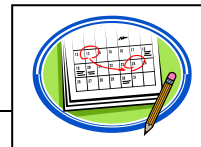
The picnic will start at 3.30 and children **need to be accompanied by a parent**. Parents are asked to provide picnic rug and food for their family, and wear cultural dress if they wish.

Each class will be responsible for organising an activity: game, dance or art activity and will be positioned around the oval. There will be outside performers to entertain us at 5:00pm onwards. It would be wonderful if families could join us. The picnic will finish at 6:00pm

Regards,  
Graeme Smith  
Principal

**Remember to come dressed in your school uniform and  
have your best smiles on for School Photo Day on  
Tuesday, 22 March 2016.**

## Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Mon, 21/03	Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL	
Tues, 22/03	School resumes at 9.00am	
Tues, 22/03	School Photo Day	
Wed, 23/03	Multicultural Day	
Thurs, 24/03	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – Early Finish	2.30pm
Mon, 11/04	School resumes for Term 2 at 9.00am	

### Physical Education News

#### Interschool Sport grades 5/6

The grade 5/6 students have been training hard in their football, soccer and netball teams during term one. It is with great excitement that we head into next term with our competition matches against schools in the Footscray district – Footscray North, Footscray West, St Bernadette’s, St John’s, Corpus Christi and Footscray. Our students will participate in good, fun competition and play their games with the great team work and good sporting behaviour that we expect from Dinjerra students. Our first match is against Footscray North on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Football will be played at Skinner Reserve, Churchill Ave and netball and soccer will be played at Dinjerra. A note will be going home soon.

#### Green and gold house captain elections.

Green and Gold houses have met to hear prospective captains give speeches on why they would make great sports captains. The children in each house then voted for the students who would they thought would best represent their house.

Congratulations to the following students:

**Gold house captains – David (56C) and Tilly,                      Gold vice captains – Sui and Abdi**

**Green house captains – David (56L) and Kerry                      Green vice captain – Sylvester.**

I look forward to meeting and working with these students each week to discuss all things sporty around Dinjerra.

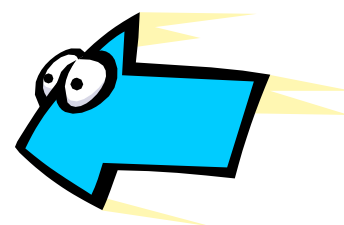
Debbie Domas

PE Teacher

**Remember :** We finish early on Thursday, 24 March for Term 1.

Please make arrangements to pick up your children at the earlier time of 2.30pm.

**HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!!**



Kelly Club outside of school care program is running an exciting term one program 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.

Prices for each session starting from just \$3.00 with your rebate!

Join us in the next two weeks for "Wet and Wild" and a special Easter week in the last week of school! We will be having an 'Easter end of term' party on Thursday 24th March starting when school finishes early.

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

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### **On the Noticeboard**

1. Koorie Emergency Relief Program
2. Maribyrnong Grants Program
3. Preschool Story Time at Central West Shopping Centre – English, Hindi, Bengali, Vietnamese and Cantonese
4. Playgroup Timetable at various locations
5. RecWest School Holiday Sports Days
6. Single Parents Active Kids Fun Day
7. Talking About Drugs and Alcohol With Your Kids
8. Aussie Hoops
9. Pink Ball

### **Uniform Shop**

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

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!

## 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!

## YMCA School Holiday Program – Book now!

The YMCA will be running an Autumn School Holiday Program at RecWest Footscray, offering heaps of awesome activities, including Werribee Zoo, Roller Blading, YMCA Fun Festival, and more!

For full details and to book, visit: [www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au).

*Thanks for your support,*

*YMCA Children's Services*

**Liz Genez |**

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**CULTURAL DIVERSITY**  
**PICNIC**

CELEBRATING: OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR  
STRENGTH

**MARCH 23, 2016**

**3PM-6PM**

DINJERRA P.S. OVAL

44 SOUTH RD , BRAYBROOK

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: CARLA OR CARMEL @ 9311 1598

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## Children & Digital Games Survey

Principal Researcher: Associate Professor Martin Gibbs Other researchers: Jane Mavoa, Dr Marcus Carter

### Plain Language Statement

We would like to invite you to participate in a research project about children and digital games. You have been invited because you are a parent or caregiver of a child who is enrolled at a randomly selected early learning centre or primary school in Metropolitan Melbourne.

We are interested in hearing from parents of children aged 3 to 12 including children who play digital games like Minecraft and those who do not.

There is current public and academic interest in children's use of digital games and the internet. This falls within broader debates about 'screen-time' in general. Minecraft is an open-world game played by millions of people, including many children. Minecraft related YouTube videos are also very popular, as are YouTube videos in general. The game Minecraft is receiving attention from researchers interested in how digital technology might influence children.

This survey aims to:

- Capture an up-to-date snapshot of the 'screen-diets' habits of Melbourne children.
- Establish a clearer picture of what role Minecraft really plays in children's screen media diets.
- Provide data that account for digital games and YouTube as significant media forms for children aged 3-12 in 2015/16.
- Get an idea of population level parental concern and optimism about children's use of digital games and Minecraft.

This survey is part of a larger project for Jane Mavoa's doctoral research and is supervised by Associate Professor Martin Gibbs and Dr Marcus Carter.

### What Will I Be Asked To Do?

Should you agree to participate, you will be asked to answer questions in a secure, online survey. This should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

### Will My Confidentiality Be Protected?

We intend to protect your anonymity and the confidentiality of your responses to the fullest possible extent. All data analysis will be at group (not individual) level. Where answers have been provided in text boxes, excerpts may be used in publication (for illustrative purposes) only where there is no identifying information present. The data will be kept securely in the password protected REDCap application (database and web server) which is hosted on The University of Melbourne data centre infrastructure. The data will only be accessible to researchers directly involved in the project and will be destroyed five years after results published. Your child's school/early learning centre will not have access to any data provided, though they will receive a summary report of the overall findings.

Your involvement in the project is voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time without prejudice. This survey does not involve any risks. The only anticipated inconvenience is the time taken to complete the survey.

### Where Can I Get Further Information?

Should you require any further information, or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Jane Mavoa, [jmavoa@student.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:jmavoa@student.unimelb.edu.au) or the responsible researcher Martin Gibbs, [martin.gibbs@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:martin.gibbs@unimelb.edu.au) or +613 8344 1394.

This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee, The University of Melbourne (project number: 1545171). Should you have any concerns about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Human Research Ethics, The University of Melbourne, on ph: 8344 2073, or fax: 9347 6739.

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