Dear Parents /Guardians,

It’s been a busy couple of weeks at Dinjerra as we start the race to the end of the year. I would like to start out by thanking everyone who helped at or attended our Community Market last Friday. When the rain started things didn’t look too promising. However, a move to Plan B, ‘moving inside,’ meant all was saved and it was very clear that everyone had a great time.

My greatest thanks must go to our Primary Welfare Officer, Carla O’lea, who shouldered nearly all of the planning and organising. This was many months of work, organising teachers and students and sending out letters to potential sponsors and so on. I also need to thank our wonderful class teachers and their students who made many of the items that were for sale and who attended the stalls on the night. One highlight was the Dinjerra Has Talent talent quest. I was very proud of the students who were brave enough to stand before their peers and parents to sing, dance, act out comedy routines and so on. They were great!

I also wish to also thank our generous sponsors who helped make the event such a success. The Ardoch Foundation provided a grant of $1000 that allowed us to provide the petting zoo for free, Bunnings gave plants to sell, Spotlight gave goods, Maribyrnong Council gave us a grant and Footscray Community Arts loaned us a stage. Some of the NAB staff who volunteer in the school to work with some of your children also volunteered to run stalls on the evening.

The morning following the Community Market, a video about the Dinjerra ‘Pigeons Program’ was shown on the big screen at Federation Square as part of the Square’s 10th Anniversary Celebrations. The ‘Pigeons Project’ occurred well before I began at Dinjerra and has received great praise throughout the educational community. Most of the children involved and their families met teachers Ivy Leach and Christine Barnes at Tottenham Station at 9.15AM for a supposedly quick trip into town on the Met. Unfortunately due to works, buses had replaced trains for the morning and so this group were a bit late, meaning that some students missed out on seeing themselves on the big screen.

I want to draw parent’s attention to an offer by RecWest to provide Outside School Hours Care to our students both in the mornings and in the afternoons. Their flyer is in this newsletter. This is a fantastic offer for parents who need to know their children are safe at a time when school isn’t open and parents can’t be there. For legal and safety reasons, students can’t be in attendance at school before 8.30AM as no teacher is on duty till then. If a student is injured or gets sick there is no one necessarily available to look after them. There is also no one supervising the yard to ensure that everyone who enters the school is meant to be there. Please seriously consider the RecWest offer.

Graeme Smith – Acting Principal
**Star of the Week**

3/4A  Dawt Chin Sung  You are a great member of our classroom; working hard in Literacy and Maths.

**EMA**

The cheques for the 2nd half of the year have arrived. Please bring in your Health Care or Pension card when you collect your cheque.

**Parents and Friends Group**

A friendly get-together will be held at 9.00am in Room 13 on the first Monday of November Monday, 5th November

**SPARKS – Commonwealth Bank Mentors**

Each Wednesday for this term, 5 volunteer mentors are visiting our school to work with 5 Year 3 and 4 students. This is a great opportunity for these children to practise their reading – and to read to another adult and be read to.

**Fundraising News**

**Braybrook Masters Sausage sizzle…**

The next sausage sizzle will be at the new Masters complex on Ballarat Road on December 16th. We would love to have volunteers to help at this event so stay tuned for more information soon. If you can help please talk to Debbie Domas.

**End of Year Raffle…**

Each grade will begin collecting items for a basket which will be raffled at the end of the year. We will let you know the theme that your child’s grade has chosen soon so that you can begin sending things along to school. Stay tuned!

**Bikes**

Riding bikes to school is not encouraged as we have no secure storage facility available. Children who do ride, run the risk of having their bike stolen during the day. **Wearing of helmets is compulsory for all bike riders in Victoria.**

**Playgroup**

Parents and community members are welcome to come along to our playgroup on **Wednesday mornings** from 9.00am-10.50am in Room 13, near the front office.

Lots of fun activities and events are planned.

**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!

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**Physical Education News...**

**Upcoming Events for Term 4...**

- Weather permitting, the Dinjerra Sports Carnival will be held on **Wednesday 21st November**. Green and Gold Houses will compete in a whole day of good, fun competition. Mark this date into your calendar. We would love to see the parents, guardians and grandparents of the school coming along to join in the fun and cheer for their children. Children can dress up in house colours.
- **Melbourne Storm Free Touch Rugby Clinics.** On November 15th all Dinjerra children from Prep to 6 will learn skills and the modified game of Touch Rugby. From next Monday, the children can bring along $1 to purchase a small sports bag and hat in Melbourne Storm colours. The sports captains will be collecting the $1 coins every morning.

**School Canteen**

The school Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday every week this term. Why not check out the great menu and reasonable prices.

**Kamishibai Film Stars**

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who attended Federation Square last Saturday to watch the Kamishibai films on the big screen. It was a wonderful morning of feeling very proud of our students’ efforts. Lots of people gathered to watch our stars!

Congratulations to all our wonderful P-2 students and thank you to the parents for their continued support.

Prep/1/2 Team

Christine Barnes, Ivy Leach and Catherine Leahy

**Australian Institute of Family Studies – New Study**

The Australian Institute of Family Studies is conducting a new study about access to early childhood education for children in the year before full-time school. If you are interested in taking part in the project, please contact the AIFS research team on 1 800 352 275 or via email [aece@aifs.gov.au](mailto:aece@aifs.gov.au) Participants will receive a $30 gift voucher for Coles or Woolworths for taking part. There is more information on the Community Noticeboard near the Office.
A reminder about our School Uniform Policy

At Dinjerra we believe a school dress code will promote our school and present our children in a positive manner. The wearing of a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of belonging to the school
- Develops pride and school image
- Is readily identifiable on school excursions and sporting activities

All students are expected to wear uniforms when attending school. **The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Dinjerra.** The school uniform consists of:

- Navy blue track pants
- Navy blue shorts
- Maroon polo shirt with school logo
- Navy blue windcheater with school logo
- Navy blue bomber jacket with school logo
- Blue and white checked gingham dress
- Hats – peaked cap – (legionnaire design) – navy blue with school logo / or wide brimmed navy blue. **Please note the wearing of hats is compulsory in terms 1 and 4.**
- Appropriate footwear – school shoes / runners

Planning for 2013

We are busy planning the best education possible for your children next year and to do this we need to know the numbers of children who will be attending Dinjerra.

Classes for our Prep grades are filling quickly. If you have, or know of, children who will be ready to begin school next year (they must turn 5 by 30 April) and haven’t yet enrolled, please do this as soon as possible.

If you have plans of moving house and your children will be attending another school, could you please contact the Office and let us know as this information helps up with our planning for next year.
## Calendar of Events

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## RecWest Outside School Hours Care

RecWest YMCA Outside School Hours care have asked if Dinjerra Primary School parents are interested in having access to quality, safe and exciting before and after school care for 2013. RecWest will pick students up by bus in the morning from a pre-arranged place at a pre-arranged time and return the students to school for the start of the school day. In the afternoon, RecWest will pick students up from Dinjerra by bus, and take them to RecWest on the corner of Market and Essex Streets in Footscray. Parents would have to pick students up from RecWest before closing at 6.15PM. There is a cost but depending on each family’s circumstances, the cost can be significantly subsidised. (See information sheet for details).

To determine if there is sufficient interest, could you please fill in the return sheet below and have your child drop it into the front office by Wednesday 7 November.

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**RecWest Outside School Hours Care**

Please tick the appropriate boxes and return to front office by Wednesday 7 November, 2012.

- I am interested in finding out more about ( )
- I am interested in having access to ( )
- Before school care ( )
- After school care ( )
- Before and after school care ( )