Dear Parents/Guardians,

You may have noticed that we have given the front of the school a ‘haircut’, trimming the trees back so that you can actually see the school. I must admit, the first time I went looking for Dinjerra, I didn’t notice it as I drove up South Road. Trimming the trees will help and we have also arranged for a new sign to be made to go on the fence so that we will not be mistaken for the Western English Language Centre which is just a short way up the road. We want to be noticed because we are proud of the school and all the excellent educational activities that take place here.

Very few parents contacted us about the RecWest offer of before and after-school care, mentioned in the last newsletter. If there is not enough interest we will lose the offer. As working parents, my wife and I take full advantage of the before and after school care offered by my daughter’s primary school. We want to know she is safe when work demands make it impossible for us to take care of her. As well, she loves going there because of the fun activities offered and the chance she has to make new friends. If you are interested and have yet to tell us, please do so as soon as possible.

We are trying to finalise our staffing needs for 2013. Schools are funded on the number of students that they have so if you are shifting or for some other reason are leaving Dinjerra and won’t be here in 2013, please let us know to help us in our planning.

The canteen manager has told us that due to a lack of sales, he is unlikely to be able to continue operating in 2013. This would be very sad for the families who rely on the canteen to feed their children. Unfortunately, the canteen is a business and if the canteen doesn’t make a profit, it will close. I will let parents know of the Canteen Manager’s decision before the end of the year.

Finally, our new basketball rings and soccer goals have been installed on the oval on the middle of our running track. These will officially be ‘launched’ at our School Sports next week. I want to thank School Council for freeing up the funds necessary to allow this to happen. After all, your children deserve it.

Graeme Smith – Acting Principal

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.
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.

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!

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.

Parents and Friends Group
A friendly get-together will be held at 9.00am in Room 13 on the first Monday of December Monday, 3rd December

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.

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Physical Education News...

Sports Carnival....
Don’t forget to mark off the 21st November in your calendar to come along to the Dinjerra Sports Carnival to support your children and even join in some of the fun and games if you wish. Your children can dress in their house colours. Who will win the house cup this year – green or gold house???
There is a special lunch being organized for the day. Order forms have been sent home already (extra forms at the office). If spectators wish to order the special lunch you will need to fill in an extra form. The special lunch needs to be pre-ordered and paid for by tomorrow, Friday November 16th. All orders are to be placed in the lunch order tubs and sent to the canteen for Phillip to have everything ready for the Sports Carnival Day.

Sport Clinics.....
Grades 3/4/5/6 participated in Badminton Clinics. Pauline from the Western Badminton Association at Altona taught the children skills, techniques and game etiquette and rules. Great fun was had by all with some children displaying great talent for badminton. Vouchers were sent home with the children for some free time at the courts at Altona. Please ring before you go so that a court is available. They supply the equipment for you to use.
Today the whole school participated in touch rugby clinics through the Melbourne Storm school coaching group. The children learnt some of the skills and techniques and played modified touch rugby. If your children paid $1 for the hat and bag by today they will be ordered today and given to the children as soon as possible.
Debbie Domas
Physical Education Teacher

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.

Positive Partnerships
Supporting school aged students on the Autism Spectrum

The Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is funding a 2-day workshop and Information Sessions. The workshop will be held at Sanctuary Lakes Function Centre on 4th and 5th December. If you have a school aged child on the Autism Spectrum and would like to register for this workshop, please see the community noticeboard for more information or go to parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au If you do not have access to the internet, the Office has some registration forms.

Special Efforts.
Masters’ BBQ
If you would like to help between 10.00am and 3.00 pm at the Masters BBQ on Sunday the 16th December, then fill in the time slot on the forms that went home or notify the office or Debbie Domas and let us know what time you would like to help.

End of Year Raffles
The grades are starting to collect items for the end of year raffle. Your child’s grade has decided on a theme to collect. Small raffle ticket booklets will be going home this week. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for a dollar. If you can sell more than one booklet please ask at the office for extra booklets. There will be 6 baskets of goodies to be won plus other items eg. a family pass to swim at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre. Ticket butts with name, grade and phone numbers and money need to be back to school by Friday December 7th. The raffle prizes will be drawn at assembly 2.15 on 10th December.
Thanks everyone
Debbie Domas.
Fundraising Co-ordinator

Asthma Australia Film and Poster Competition
If you have asthma or know someone who has asthma, why not make a short film or poster with the message of helping someone with asthma or asthma self-management. There are 4 i-Pad minis to be won as well as incentive prizes. If your children are between 13 and 25 go to www.asthmaaustralia.org.au for more details and entry forms.

CSIRO Holiday Activities
Once again, the CSIRO is holding holiday activities for the children at the Yarraville Guide Hall, Clare Street, Yarraville. There are groups for junior and senior children and the cost is $95 for each child. Pizza lunch and morning and afternoon tea are provided as well as lots of fun Science activities. For more information and to make a booking, please go to www.csiro.au/VicHolidays
There is more information on the community noticeboard near the Office.
Calendar of Events

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**Shining Through Active Leadership Program**

Students from grade 3-6 participated in the Shining Through Leadership Program during term 3-4. This program consisted of two main components the Sparkle Arts practitioner and 3 groups working to prepare and organise the Dinjerra Community Market. The aim of this program was to engage and motivate students to work collaboratively to achieve collective goals. In doing so students would develop skills around problem solving, investigating, decision making, organisational skills, reflecting, thinking creatively and social and emotional skills.

This program involved the Sparkle practitioner arts group with Vicky who worked with students exploring different ways to express themselves through drawings. Vicky’s main rule was no rubbers because we all learn from our mistakes and can turn them into positives and create something amazing!

In the end the individual works of students were collected and put together to create a bright eye catching fantastic poster to promote “Dinjerra P.S. Community Market”

While some students took part in the arts group other students participated in advertising and building networks group, crafts group and the sustainable plants group. All of the work done in these groups contributed to the final goal “Dinjerra Community Market”

You should all be very proud of your amazing work, talent, hard work, perseverance and commitment.

Thank you to all the staff, parents, family and volunteers who helped out leading up to the big day and on the day of the Community Market

From Carla Olea
Primary Welfare Officer.