



Dinjerra Messenger

Term 4

No. 20

1 December 2016



The Department of Education & Dinjerra Primary School do not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by the Department of Education or Dinjerra Primary School for accuracy of information contained in advertisements or claims made by them.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The year is rapidly racing to a close and what a year it's been. Probably the biggest thing has been the announcement from the Government that Dinjerra is to be re-built as a school, initially for 250 students and then, once the growth is confirmed, for up to 475 students. The architect is working frantically to get a Masterplan together to get to the Department early next year. The Masterplan simply shows where buildings will be, not what they look like or how they will be fitted out. That comes later. The architect has to show how the new buildings will be able to house our staff and students and how students will be able to move about without getting wet on rainy days.

Once the Masterplan is agreed to, then a budget is set and the architect starts work on designing the buildings and speaking with our staff and our community about what we want to have happen in this process. The Masterplan has to try to take into account future educational trends, future educational technology and the future educational needs of students. Schools built even 15 years ago for example did not take into account how much wireless technology and moveable devices such as iPads would impact on classroom learning. Who knows what will be developed and used in the next 15 years so flexibility of design to allow for change will be a crucial aspect of this process.

If everything goes smoothly with the Department, then our budget and plan go to Treasury for inclusion in the 2017/18 state budget. Once the money is assured, we go to tender for a builder and we then work out how best to house our students while the demolition and building works go ahead. It is very exciting and long overdue because the children of Braybrook deserve at the very least, the same quality educational resources as the children of Toorak.

If you are the parent of a current Grade 5 student who will do Grade 6 at Dinjerra in 2017, please look out for a special notice about the Martha Macintyre Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$250 dollars and if your child is selected, will cover all your Dinjerra educational costs for 2017.



Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING

From the Assistant Principal

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Dinjerra Primary School we say “NO WAY!” to bullying.

There are different strategies that can be used to help yourself if you are being bullied and help others as well. Use your right hand as a memory jogger.

Finger 1: (Thumb) IGNORE THE BEHAVIOUR

You can choose to ignore the behaviour and walk away from the bullying. You might stop looking at them, talk to someone else near you or turn your body away from them. This way you are not giving the bully the attention or power they want.

Finger 2: AVOID THE SITUATION AND MOVE AWAY

Bullies like to find quiet areas to bully others so no one sees them. Choose to play in areas where there are lots of other students and if you see bullying move away.

Finger 3: USE POSITIVE SELF-TALK

Using statements that start with the word ‘I’ boosts your confidence and self-esteem and helps you get through a difficult situation. Use phrases like “I deserve to be treated with respect” and “I know that the rumour being spread about me is not true”.

Finger 4: AN ASSERTIVE RESPONSE (STANDING UP - THE COOL WAY!)

People who look unsure of themselves are often targets for bullying. Using powerful words such as: **PLEASE STOP! I DON'T LIKE IT** lets the person who is doing the hurting know that you will not put up with that behaviour. State the behaviour you want stopped and their name when you are responding. Stand tall, back straight, look the person in the eye and use a clear, strong voice.

Say ‘I don't like (name the behaviour) so stop it (name the person)’.

Stay in control of yourself by using words and **not** physical actions.

Finger 5: ASK A TEACHER FOR HELP IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM

Try the other strategies first, but if the behaviour does not stop then you **must** tell a teacher. If you do not, the bullying behaviour will continue and the bully will do it to others as well. By keeping quiet, you are giving the bully power and saying bullying is okay. We need to stop the bullying and help the person get help to stop.

Family Activity

As a family watch the movie ‘A Bugs Life’ which has a theme of bullying running through the plot. Make connections between the characteristics of the grasshoppers and the ants, what happened in the film and bullying.

I hope you found this article interesting and useful and please share any feedback you may have with me.

Want to know more about what happens at Dinjerra PS on a daily basis?

Follow me on Twitter on @Dinjerra_AP

Warm Regards,
Bobby Kotevski
Assistant Principal



Kelly Club Dinjerra

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

Our programs are approved, with subsidies available, prices starting from just \$3.00 with your rebate! Join us this term for spring and summer fun, wet and wild, summer sports, special construction and TV production weeks, and celebrate yours and others special days, with our birthday club!

For more info and to book, phone Lara: 0466665941 or email dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au

Ph: 0466 665 941

Email: dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au

Website: www.kellycluboshc.com.au

PO Box 71, Moonee Vale, Vic, 3055



On the Noticeboard

1. Koorie Emergency Relief Program
2. Playgroup Timetable at various locations
3. Panda Squad – free Hip Hop classes
4. Bringing Up Great Kids – MacKillop Family Services
5. Yoga For Kids, Maidstone
6. Aussie Hoops at RecWest or Whitten Oval
7. Movies at Braybrook Hub
8. Santa's Magical Kingdom
9. Victoria University Sports Camps
10. 2017 Civic Awards – Maribyrnong Council
11. 'Boys to the Bush' holiday camps for boys
12. 100 Story Building Holiday Program

School Uniform

The school uniform prices have had to be increased due to our supplier increasing their prices. This will be the first increase in our prices for 2 years.

At the beginning of school in 2017, the Uniform Shop will be selling the gingham School Dress sizes 4 through to 16. The cost of the new school dress will be \$22.00.

Our school dress is navy blue/white checked gingham. **Red school dresses are not acceptable as it is not our school dress colour.**

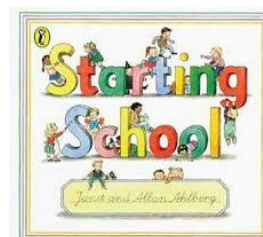
Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 02/12	Interschool Sport 5/6 catch-up round (if needed)	9.00am to 10.50am
Tues, 06/12	Grade 6 Orientation Day – students to go to their high school	All day
Tues, 06/12	School Council Dinner	6.30pm to 9.30pm
Thurs, 08/12	Grade 6 Graduation	4.30pm to 6.00pm
Fri, 09/12	Interschool Sports 5/6 – Grand Finals	
Mon, 12/12	Doxa Camp	All day
Tues, 13/12	Doxa Camp	All day
Wed, 14/12	Doxa Camp (last day)	All day
Mon, 19/12	Raffle drawn at Positive Behaviour Day assembly	2.15pm
Tues, 20/12	Last day of Term 4 – HOORAY!!	2.00pm
Tues, 31/01/2017	First day of school for Grades 1 to 6	9.00am
Thurs, 02/02/2017	First day of school for new Grade Preps	9.00am

Prep Enrolments for 2017

Dear Parents,
We are now taking enrolments for **Prep, 2017**.



If your child turns **5 before 30th April, 2017**, please come to the school office and fill in an **enrolment form** and receive an information pack.

Please bring with you a birth certificate and a completed immunization form.

Any questions about the enrolment process please don't hesitate to visit our Office.

School Tours:

School tours operate every Tuesday morning at 10:00am.

If you wish to attend the Open Days or a School Tour please assist us by phoning the office to register.

Contact details:

If you need further clarification or any other information please do not hesitate to call the office or speak to our Assistant Principal Bobby Kotevski.

Thank you,

Transition Coordinator and Prep Teacher

Ivy Leach

Library News

The library is now closed for the year. All books should be returned to the Library as soon as possible. Please help your children have a good look around at home.

The Library will re-open for borrowing in 2017.

Thank you

Jenni Edwards

Library Technician

Dinjerra Primary School No. 5450

PO Box 4005 WEST FOOTSCRAY 3012

44 South Road BRAYBROOK 3019

Telephone : 9311 1598

9311 1370

Fax : 9312 3182

email : dinjerra.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

website : www.dinjerra.vic.edu.au

www.facebook.com/DinjerraPrimarySchool

Principal : Mr Graeme Smith

Assistant Principal : Mr Bobby Kotevski

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!

Student Stationery Pack, Shared Consumables and Voluntary Levy, 2017

School Council has approved the following fees and costs for 2017:

Essential Education Items: These are items which parents/guardians pay the school to provide or may provide themselves, if appropriate. These items are essential to support instruction in the standard curriculum program.

- Stationery and supplies needed by the children in their general day-to-day education. (This also includes subscriptions to Mathletics and Reading Eggs.) \$100
 - Shared class consumables (coloured paper, printing etc) \$ 20
- This is a total of** **\$120**

Optional item: This is provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, and will help all students. This is a voluntary fee and will be used for things such as ICT replacement, new playground equipment and general school repairs not covered by the grant.

- School Improvement Fund \$ 50
- With the voluntary levy, the new total is** **\$170**

Itemised stationery list will go home later in the term.

Please do not pay for the Stationery Pack or the Voluntary Levy until 2017.

Sports and P.E. News

Interschool Sports

Most grade 5/6 students did Dinjerra proud when they represented our school in basketball, cricket and tee ball in the Footscray District Summer Interschool Sports in term 4. Ms. Domas, Ms. Catherine and Mr. John were very impressed with the skill and attitude displayed by students in their teams. Our students have benefitted greatly from the interaction with other schools in good fun, friendly competition. We won some, drew some, lost some games and made some finals. Not bad for our first year back after a 7 year break from Interschool Sport.

We are waiting on news as to whether the girls' basketball team has made it into the finals on December 9th. Cross your fingers everyone!

Please wash your uniforms everyone and return them to school to be ticked off and put away for next year's Interschool Sport teams.

Swimming Program

Well done to all the students and teachers who attended the Dinjerra Swimming Program at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre. From all accounts there was a high standard of teaching and learning taking place. Well done to all the parents who chose to send their children to the Learn to Swim intensive 8 day program – the benefits far outweighed the costs!! I cannot impress enough the importance of your children becoming confident in water and improving swimming and water safety skills.

Stay tuned for our swimming program for 2017 in November.

Physical Education Coordinator

Debbie Domas

End of Year Celebration Raffle

A note has gone home about donating items for the end of year raffle.

Raffle baskets and prizes are made up of donations from everywhere including the students.

Donated items could include fun things to do on the holidays with your family – toys, games, sports equipment, activity books, stationary, food – chips, chocolates,

Raffle tickets have gone home to sell. Please send them back to school by the 19th December. You need to be in it to win it!

We already have prizes including 5 kg of Cadbury's favourites, \$50 Coles/Myer voucher, sports equipment, toys, activity books etc.

The winning tickets are going to be drawn out by teachers in the 'Special Assembly' at 2.15 in the BER building on Monday 19th December.

Good luck everyone!!!!

Finally a huge thank you goes to Tayven's grandparents Adam and Maryanne Loy for selling a huge amount of Cadbury's chocolate boxes for our school fundraiser back in Term 3. Well done everyone for selling the chocolates. Dinjerra Primary School made \$1,900.

Thank you from the Fundraising Committee 2016