



# Dinjerra Messenger

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As this will be the last newsletter for the year, I would like to say thank you to all families for their support of the school and for what we are trying to do for your children. Dinjerra is a growing school that has been going through some substantial changes over the past couple of years. We have put a great deal of work into the way we deliver the curriculum to your children and into the way the school looks. We have seen the data continue to improve and although we are still not achieving at the level we believe we can, the improvements are there. That is down to the dedication of our teachers and your support from home.

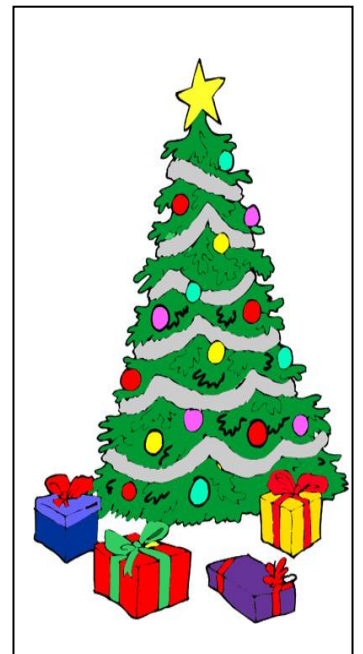
On the staffing front we have appointed Peter Hirst, an experienced teacher who has held senior positions in the Northern Territory, to take up the 12 month position left by Seany Watts. We are currently finalising the appointment of a teacher of Spanish. We have used our Spanish speaking Primary Welfare Officer, Carla Olea, to start the program but Carla is not a teacher and has to operate in a class room with a teacher. Our new appointee will be able to run the class themselves and Carla will be able to support your children better.

Today, the children get to find out who will be in their class and who will be their teacher in 2017. We spend a lot of time working out who will be in the classes and determining the best possible mix of students. Being a small school there are only so many classes to allocate children to so there shouldn't be too many surprises.

I have been informed that the Grade 5/6 camp was a great success. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. They had great weather and I believe the food and activities were very good. My thanks to Catherine Leahy, John Carr, Michael Voulgarellis and Magz Tunui, who went as a parent helper, for ensuring that the camp went as well as it did and that everyone came home safely.

I wish all families a safe and happy break and for the families who are leaving us, I wish you and your children successful and happy lives.

Regards,  
Graeme Smith  
Principal



### Early Finishing Time Next Tuesday

On the last day of school, Tuesday, 20 December, school will be finishing early at 2:00pm. Please make the appropriate arrangements to pick up your child/ren at this earlier time.

## 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!

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### 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. Aussie Hoops at RecWest or Whitten Oval
6. Victoria University Sports Camps
7. 2017 Civic Awards – Maribyrnong Council
8. 100 Story Building Holiday Program
9. Badminton Australia – Holiday Fun

## End of Year Celebration Raffle

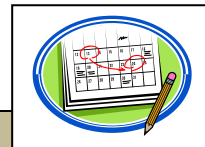
There has been a change of date for the drawing of the end-of-year raffle. The raffle will now be drawn at Assembly in the BER on **Friday, 16 December (tomorrow)** at 2:15pm

## Interschool Sports News

Please make sure that you return your Interschool Sports uniforms to school by Tuesday, 20 December, 2016.



## Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 16/12	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

## Art Room News

The Art Room is looking for all your Christmas cards and any Christmas bags that you may have to help us with our art and craft next year. So instead of throwing them into the recycling bin, why not bring them to school next year.

Thank you

Debbie Domas

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