**From the Principal**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Thursday, March 3 we were very lucky to get a visit by the Hon. James Merlino, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education and the Hon. Marsha Thompson, Member for Footscray in the State Parliament. They visited a year and a half ago before Labor was in Government and fulfilled their promise to return. They looked over the school and visited a number of classrooms. They acknowledged the work we had done to make the school look better and more welcoming. They were escorted around the school by 4 of our Grade 3 – 4 Class Leaders, Trixie, Marrie, Long and Alnour and by our School Council President, Magz Tunui and Parent Representative, Tania Jorquera. The students were very confident speaking with the Minister and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Magz and Tania were able to speak about parent’s wishes for schooling in this neighbourhood and the need for long term improvements to the capital structure of the school. My sincere thanks to them both.

It was a very pleasant and quite relaxed meeting as we were able to talk about our plans and hopes for the school with a very thoughtful Minister who was extremely friendly and a great listener.

Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal

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**Sending An SMS To Parents In An Emergency Situation**

The State Government has agreed to provide schools with the opportunity to send out a group text to all parents’ mobile phones if an emergency situation arises at the school. Such a situation could be when a fire takes place at the school or when there is a bomb threat. Parents do not want to hear about it first on the radio or via social media. We should be able to let parents know almost immediately and set their minds at rest or to tell them if it is necessary to come and collect their children.

Hopefully, we will never have to use the service but if we do, we need to have accurate phone numbers to call. **Please make sure that you keep your phone and address details up to date at the school.** There have been a small number of situations arise in the past when a student has needed urgent medical attention and none of the numbers held at the school were in service anymore.
## Calendar of Events

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Mr Merlino and Ms Thompson receive welcome cards from the students.
Above: Magz Tunui, Tania Jorquera, Graeme Smith, Trixie, Bobby Kotevski, Long, Marrie, James Merlino, Alnour and Marsha Thompson at the new garden.

Below:
Ms Thompson and Mr Merlino and the guide students at the rotunda.
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

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!

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. Sons of the West Pre-Season sessions
7. Single Parents Active Kids Fun Day
8. Gilmore College Open Day
9. Albion Football Club
10. Footscray Baseball Club
Footscray Hockey Club
Footscray Hockey Club is running Hook-In2-Hockey Come & Try sessions for all new players on the following dates:
  - Dates - Wednesday 2 & 9 March
  - Time – 5:15 to 6:00pm for ages 8 and below, 6:00 to 6:45pm for ages 9 and above
  - Location - McIvor Reserve, Fogarty Ave, Spotswood
Hockey sticks are available for loan at the club.
For further information, please contact: Belinda footscrayhockey.u8@gmail.com or 0400 495 839

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!
Thanks for your support,
YMCA Children’s Services
Liz Genez |
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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!