



# Dinjerra Messenger

Term 2

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following the shortest first term anyone can remember, we are back for a longer Term 2 that will go through until June 24. Term 2 is always busy as it includes NAPLAN and numerous other exciting things. This year for example, we will be involving our students in Inter-School Sport for the first time in some years, always something that is hard to do in small schools. Our teachers, under the guidance of PE Teacher Deb Domas, are busy training the students in the rules and skills of the sports as well as making it very clear that we expect exemplary behaviour and sports-person ship in all the activities we are going to be involved in. This is about having fun and enjoying learning new sports and meeting students from our other local schools.

Parents would have noticed by now that over the holidays we have installed a fence to steer all visitors through the front office area. The gates will be open in the morning until 9.15AM and then locked until 2.45PM. This is to stop some of our younger students wandering off and also to ensure that we know who is in the school during the school day. We are also replacing the fence that surrounds the car park as it is falling down following it being run into numerous times over the years. This fence will also have a gate for similar reasons as the new fence at the front. The safety of your children and our staff is paramount and we will do what we can within our limited budget to make that happen.

We also have a few staffing changes that may impact on your children. Rachel Rasmussen has been offered a chance to work in Sweden and she has taken up this tremendous offer until the end of the year. We are in the process of employing a replacement and I will hopefully be able to introduce that person to you in the next edition of this journal. Gisel Bustos, who has been working with us as an Integration Aide, has had to resign due to problems with her visa. Gisel is from Canada. We have advertised for a replacement but the process takes time and it will be at least a couple of weeks before we will be able to replace her. Fiona Nguyen, who works as an Integration Aide as well as helping out in the office, has taken indefinite leave for personal reasons. These unexpected personnel issues are inconvenient but given some patience and a bit of time can be overcome.

Regards,  
Graeme Smith  
Principal

**Annual General Meeting of the Dinjerra School Council  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6.40pm in the Conference Room.  
To be followed by the School Council meeting for May.**

**All are welcome**

## Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Tues, 19/07	Australian Girls' Choir auditions	10.00am
Wed, 20/04	Excursion to Art Play (Polyglot) – grades 1 and 2	9.45am to 1.00pm
Fri, 22/04	Interschool Sports: Home Vs Footscray North	11.20am to 1.20pm
Fri, 29/04	Interschool Sports: Home Vs St John's	11.20am to 1.20pm
Fri, 06/05	Interschool Sports: Away Vs Footscray	11.20am to 1.20pm
Tues, 10/05	Annual General Meeting of School Council	6.40pm
Tues, 10/05	School Council meeting in Conference Room	7.00pm
Fri, 13/05	Bye Week – practise at school	11.20am to 1.20pm
Mon, 16/05	CURRICULUM DAY – no students at school	All day
Tues, 17/05	School Resumes	9.00am
Fri, 20/05	Interschool Sports: Away Vs Footscray West	11.20am to 1.20pm
Fri, 27/05	Interschool Sports: Home Vs St Bernadette's	11.20am to 1.20pm

## 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!

## Foster Carers Needed!



Can you offer a home for a vulnerable child? Anyone can become a carer. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

**Next information session will be held in Wyndham Vale on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>**

For further information please call Liesl Trenfield on 93967400 or email

[liesl.trenfield@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:liesl.trenfield@anglicarevic.org.au)

**You will make all the difference!!!**

Dinjerra outside of school care program is running an exciting term two 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!

For more info and to book, phone Lara: 0466665941 or email [dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au](mailto:dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au)

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## 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. Talking About Drugs and Alcohol With Your Kids
6. Health West Partnership
7. CoHealth new appointment times

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is closed on **Wednesdays**, but is open every other day of the week for your convenience.

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!

# Physical Education News

Our Interschool Sports program starts on Friday, 22 April. Permission notes have gone home this week.

Please sign these permission slips and return them, with the money, to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you

Debbie Domas

### P.E. Teacher



