



Dinjerra Messenger

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Principal Report

I would like to thank everyone who voted in the recent School Council election. It took a lot of work for our office to send a voting slip to every parent and it was great to see so many votes made it back to the school by the cut off time. The successful Parent Representatives were Vesna Frisna and Nanda Bhoj. Michael Voulgarellis was the successful Department of Education Representative. I sincerely look forward to working with them over the next 12 months.

If you have visited the school recently, you will have seen the metal frame of the new classrooms rising from the concrete slab. I have been informed by the builders that work on the frame of the new administration building will start on Friday. Once there is a roof and walls, we will start to see what our new school buildings will look like. I mentioned some time back that there was a major problem connecting the gas, water and storm water waste to the mains running down South Road. This problem has not been solved. Subsequently, at present, there is no gas connected to the school. As the weather gets colder, the BER building will not have heating until this is fixed. The Prep Ones have air-conditioners that also heat so they are fine. We have asked for the gas issue to be made a priority but it is unlikely that it will be fixed this term. Please ensure that your children wear warm clothing on the colder days. The current finish date for the whole project is still sometime in December.

To try to get additional funding for the building project to bring back some of the many things that had to be taken out when the tenders came in over \$1M above the set budget, we have provided Katie Hall MP with a number of potential projects that she has agreed to take to the Education Minister, to see if there is any unspent money prior to the state budget that could come our way. As well, I have sent some similar potential projects to Bill Shorten's Office as the Federal Labor Party is seeking projects from schools to fund. There is no guarantee that either of these will come to anything but as they say, you have to be in it to win it!

There are still parents using the car park to pick up and drop off students. Once again, I seek your support to park outside the school and have your children walk. The back gate is open before and after school. Adamson Street is a dead end that runs right up to the gate so in many ways it is easier and certainly a much safer drop off point than the staff car park.

Graeme Smith
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

This is to inform you that a student attending Dinjerra Primary School has been diagnosed with Chicken Pox. Chicken Pox is a highly contagious virus spread from person to person by direct contact or through the air from persons coughing or sneezing. It causes a blister like rash, itching, tiredness and a fever lasting 4-6 days. Under Department of Education rules, students are not to attend school once the rash appears and are not to return until the blisters dry up and that usually takes at least five days. If your child shows signs of Chicken Pox please see a Doctor immediately. Most children receive a vaccination that prevents Chicken Pox and they should not be impacted.

Message from the Assistant Principal

Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes and thoughtful messages for my wedding earlier in the term. I loved the love heart messages I received from the students so much that I made a special display of them at my wedding reception for all of my guests to see how amazing the students at Dinjerra really are and why we love teaching your children.



The students of Dinjerra have had a wonderful start to the school year and it's wonderful to see their smiles and learning every day.

Late Students

Just a reminder that the school day begins at 9.00am. The expectation is that the students are at school and in the classroom ready to learn at 9.00am. Each time your child is late to school you are stopping your child from important learning time. For example, if you are late 10 minutes every day, your child is missing out on almost 1 hour of learning a week, this is almost a week of learning across the school year. At Dinjerra one of our school values is *We Are Learners* and to be a learner at Dinjerra your child is expected to be in their classroom ready for learning at 9.00am.

Uniforms

As the weather begins to get colder students will need to start wearing their school jumpers. Dinjerra's school uniform requires students to wear full school uniform to school each day. Our uniform shop has two Dinjerra jumpers available, a fleecy top and a bomber jacket, both with the school emblem printed on them. Students not wearing a school uniform jumper will have an **out of uniform** note sent home so please make sure your child is well suited for the colder weather with a navy blue jumper.

Catherine Leahy
Acting Assistant Principal

Prep/One Area

Maths

The children in the Prep/One area have been doing some amazing Maths. The Grade One's have been investigating 2 digit numbers and making the numbers using MAB blocks, while the preps have been making towers of 10. They roll the die and then read the number and then make the tower.



Reading

In reading, every morning the children do a shared read with the teacher. The teacher uses a big book so all the children can read along with the text. The teacher shows the children how to point to the words and where to start reading. The children discuss what's happening in the story using the pictures and listening to key words in the text. The teacher shows the children when there is bold writing what we do as readers (read the text with expression).

The preps are learning the concepts of print, such as the front cover, back cover, title, author, illustrator, blurb, title page and spine of the book.

Guided Reading has started in the prep/one area. The children work with the teacher in small groups. The teacher guides the children to help them read the text independently.

Home reading has started and the children are enjoying reading their books with their parents. Well done to the children who remember to bring their books every day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ceyone, Spencer V., Angeleena and Aras for knowing all their golden words. They are now beginning to learn their red words.

Writing

In writing, the children have been writing about different experiences such as role playing making toast and then writing about it. This week the children will have fun with bubbles and then write about the experience.

Inquiry

Our Topic for the remainder of the term is 'We Are Healthy Learners'. The children will be learning about the word 'Healthy' and what it means to be healthy. The children will sort foods into foods groups, sometimes foods and healthy foods. The children had fun last week using all the play foods and sorting them into many different groups. The children used a Venn Diagram to sort foods into groups.

CSEF

The State Government has financial assistance to help with paying for sports activities, camps and excursions. If you hold a Health Card or Pension Card or concession card you may be eligible for the \$125 government payment which helps towards the cost of your child's excursions and camps.

To apply for this assistance, please bring your current Health Care Card or Pension Card to the office and sign an application form (CSEF) as soon as possible

Thank you

The Office Staff



We invite our parents, carers and families to attend our special Harmony Day assembly at 9.15am Thursday March 21st in the Multi-Purpose Room.

At Dinjerra we enjoy learning about different cultures, foods, ideas, minds, music and art that comes from all over the world. To celebrations for Harmony Day will also involve:

- Students dressing in their traditional cultural clothing or wearing the colour orange
- Students are invited to bring a plate of food to share a traditional dish from their culture with their class during lunch time.



Kelly Club Dinjerra

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Hi all parents and children.

Get along to Kelly Club Dinjerra OSHC program for loads of fun, sport, games, cooking, craft, arts, structured free time and healthy, yummy breakfast and afternoon tea!

We're open **Monday – Friday** for **Before School Care 7am – 8.45am**
After School Care 3.15pm – 6pm,
providing breakfast and afternoon tea.

Prices start from **\$3.00 per session** with your CCB/CCR rebate connected with Centrelink. Our programmes are approved, with government rebates and subsidies available.

Ask at the office or contact Nanda for more information and to book:

Contact the program phone/email to book! 0466 665 941 dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au

Coming Events

Thursday 21st March

- Harmony Day Assembly 9:15am

Friday 22nd March

- 5/6 visit Sunshine College 9:00am – 3:15pm

Wednesday 3rd April

- Parent Helper Induction Workshop 9:00am 10:00am

Friday 5th April

- School Finish 2:30pm

Tuesday 23rd April

- School Resume 9:00am

Thursday 25th April

- ANZAC DAY – no school

Scholastic Book Club

Our Second issue of Scholastic Book Club is going home today with the Newsletter. All money and order forms are due back on **Thursday 21st March 2019**. The more orders we get, the school earns bonus points and it goes towards books for our library.

