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Principal's Report

Finally we are back to face to face teaching and we're very happy about it. Although some children did very well learning remotely, not all children did. We were especially concerned about the Prepies who really had just started to understand school and were just off on their learning journey. Our efforts in Term 4 will be to work out where all the children are currently at and then decide on the best way of making up for any learning issues that have arisen over the remote learning period.

As a parent I do understand the stresses that remote learning put on families. I have a 13 year old at home who found it very hard to remain motivated throughout the time she has been learning remotely. As a Year 8, she is still at home and will not be going back for another week and a half.

I am extremely proud of the way our teachers took to a completely new way of teaching. Many were unsure of or hadn't used a number of the on-line platforms that we chose to use to reach the families and the children. They remained up-beat and positive throughout and kept your children's best interests at the fore-front of their thoughts and as their key motivation. We are very lucky to have such a great team of talented and dedicated teachers.

By now you will have heard that Catherine Robinson has gone on leave to have her baby. We really do wish her well in this great new adventure. I want to also acknowledge the magnificent work Catherine has done throughout her time as assistant principal and especially during the remote learning period. Her clear advice and support to the teaching staff was certainly one of the reasons why we were successful at remote teaching.

Mark Catterson is replacing Catherine until her return next year. Mark has come to us from Sydenham Hillside Primary School where he was a key member of their curriculum leadership team. Mark will be taking on all the roles that Catherine had. Mark is a great pick-up for the school so please make yourself known to him when you see him on yard duty at the start or end of the day.

The annual parent survey is about to open. This year, all parents are invited to respond, not the random sample of previous years. A sealed envelope will be sent home with the hard copy of this news letter explaining how to access the survey and how to access the translations of the survey. Please ensure that the login and PIN are not distributed to others to keep the survey results as honest as possible. If the envelope doesn't make it home, please email us and we will provide the information to you.

Graeme Smith
Principal

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 12th October to Friday 13th November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be communicated to parents through annual reporting. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

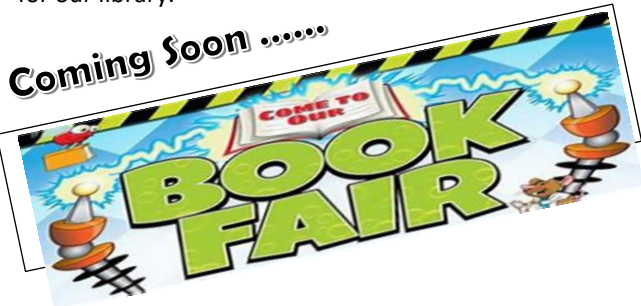
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Our 7th issue of Scholastic Book Club is going home today with the Newsletter.



All money and order forms are due back to school by 22nd October 2020. The more orders we get, the school earns bonus points and it goes toward books for our library.



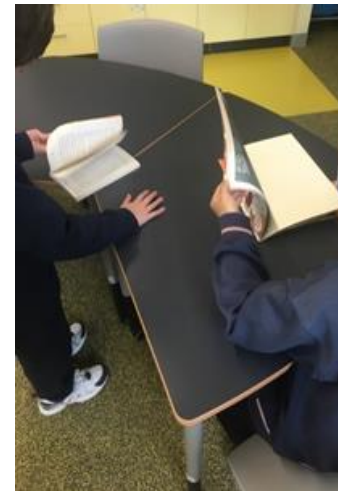
2021 Enrolments

It's that time of the year for many kinder parents looking to enrol their child at their local school. If you know of a child or family that are looking to **enrol at Dinjerra for 2021**, now is the time to put the enrolments in. Places are filling up fast and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out!

Please contact the school for an enrolment application.

2/3s

The Grade 2/3s have returned to school with a tremendous amount of excitement and enthusiasm. The students are happy to be back in their classroom and working with their friends. Everyone is looking forward to spending the last part of the school year together.



Grade 4-6 Reflections about Online Learning!



The best part of being back at school is seeing my teacher face to face and that is the same with my friends. The thing I will miss about online school is being at home! Something that worries me about being back at school is being around a lot of other people. What annoyed me about online learning is that when I finished my work I got bored. Bella 4/5 C

The best part of being back at school is playing at recess is what I enjoy when I'm at school, but sometimes I'm tired because it can be cold or hot. The thing I will miss about online school is going on google meet and talking on there. Also, I miss writing on google docs because that's my favourite thing to do. Something that worries me about being back at school is that some could be sick and it won't be safe at school. What annoyed me about online learning is that google meet had issues. Jordan – 4/5 C

The best part of being back at school is playing with my friends. The thing I will miss about online school is going on google meet! Something that worries me about being back at school is that I'm not going to have people to play with. What annoyed me about online learning is that the work was a little bit hard. Rebecca – 4/5 C

The best part of being back at school is the fact that I always have an excuse to eat chips every day for snack. I also like the fact that I can talk to my friends. The thing I will miss about online school is typing on a keyboard, auto correct, making and eating noodles on break and also being at home. Something that worries me about being back at school is the fact that we could go back to online school any minute now! What annoyed me about online learning is that I could get marked absent because my internet wasn't working. Jakob – 4/5C

The best part of being back at school is....I actually don't know what to say, I think I'm still dreaming. But I did miss playing soccer! (and a lot of other things) I found it harder to do my work online but I could wear whatever clothes I wanted. Something that worries me about being back at school is.... I think saw this coming...I don't like having to get up early and wearing school uniform. It turns out I miss school more than I thought I would 😊 What annoyed me about online learning was keeping track of my work.....Uhhh...yep. Manny - 5/6C

The best part of being back at school is talking and playing with my friends. I missed talking to them. The thing I will miss about online learning is waking up later and eating breakfast during the morning call. I'll also miss the mute button. Something that worries me about being back at school is being around a lot of people. Usually at home, I study by myself so I'm kind of used to that. Now that there a lot of people in one place it feels a bit uncomfortable. What annoyed me about online learning is not being able to keep in touch with my teacher. I feel like asking her in person is more convenient. I also sometimes forgot to hand in my tasks so I'd rather learn at school and my teacher can monitor everyone. Alice 5/6C

The best part of being back at school is seeing my friends, my teacher, not having Wi-Fi problems and not using my iPad. I will miss working on my desk. Something that worries me about being back at school is if we will have to go back into quarantine. Something that annoyed my about online was having Wi-Fi problems. Isabella 5/6C

The best part of being back at school is I can meet my friends, run around and play games. The thing I miss about online learning is just simply everything! I could go to the toilet anytime. The thing that worries me about being at school is if it is awkward with my friends and my hair. Nothing bothered me about online learning. I loved it, it was the best! Jamie 5/6C