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Principal's Report

I started teaching many years ago and throughout that time I have never experienced a term like Term 2, 2020. It has been 11 weeks that I don't think any of us would want to go through again. It has been stressful, scary, especially for some of the children and exhausting for both families and teachers as they adapted to a new way of teaching and learning. Once again, I want to thank families for all their help and support as we moved to a remote learning environment and I want to congratulate our staff for their amazing skill at adapting to a way of teaching that none had undertaken before. It has been a privilege to be part of it. Although we have no real idea of how long Covid 19 will be impacting on our lives, I can assure you that the staff of Dinjerra Primary School will do everything we can to keep your children safe and learning to their full capacity.

At this point we have not been informed of any changes to the way schools are expected to operate in Term 3. The same rules will apply unless we are told something different. Children will need their water bottles as the water taps are not allowed to be used. The classrooms will continue to be cleaned during the lunch and recess breaks. The toilets are cleaned after each break. Playground equipment is cleaned after the breaks and door handles are disinfected continually as well. We will continue with the staggered pick-up times until we are told to do something differently. The rule keeping parents out of the school remains. If you need to speak with

a teacher, Carla our Primary Welfare Officer, our Assistant Principal or me, our email addresses are on Compass. If it is urgent, Catherine and I are generally available to speak with on the phone. Once again, if your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. We have no way of looking after them properly and if they are sick they want to be at home, not in our sickbay.

I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and hopefully relaxing time with your children over the term holidays and hope for a more settled and event free Term 3.

Graeme Smith
Principal

WHO CAN USE THE STAFF CAR PARK?

- All school staff.
- Kelly Club staff and families dropping off or picking up children for both before and after school care.
- Department of Education staff professionally visiting the school.
- Contractors working at the school.
- Delivery drivers dropping off items at the school.
- Parents of children who are either permanently or temporarily unable to walk without aid.

A message from the Assistant Principal

School Reports

This Friday the students' school reports will be sent through to parents/carers through Compass. You will be able to access your child's report in the app from your dashboard by selecting *View Academic reports* under your child's profile.

Parents wishing to have printed reports will need to contact the office for this to be arranged.

2021 School Enrolments

It's that time of the year again when we begin to take enrolments for our 2021 preps. If you have a child that you wish to enrol into Prep next year or know of a neighbour or friend wishing to enrol their child at Dinjerra for 2021, please collect an enrolment pack from the school office. We have had a number of enrolments returned already and our 2021 prep numbers are growing fast! Hopefully, we will be able to conduct school tours for new families in Term 3. Ms Ivy will begin her prep transition program towards the end of Term 3.

The screenshot shows the Compass app interface. At the top, it says 'Welcome to the Magic P-12 College Portal'. Below this, there are instructions for users to explore the portal. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column shows user profiles for Euan ABERCROMBIE and Stephen CORNFOOT, each with a list of actions like 'Profile (Attendance, Schedule)', 'Send email to [child's] teachers', 'Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)', 'Order Photos', and 'Book Parent Student Teacher Conference'. The right column is titled 'My News' and contains several news items: 'Insights Cycle Open', 'Order your MSP school photos', 'Opt-In Event Invitations', 'Course Confirmation/School Payments', 'Payments', 'Parent Student Teacher Conference', 'Event Consent/Payment Required', and 'Magic High Newsletter 2020'. Each news item has a brief description and a 'Click here to proceed' or similar link.

End of Term 2

As we finish up the end of what has been the hardest and craziest term I've ever experienced I'd like to wish everyone a safe and healthy term break. Please take care of yourselves and continue to follow the advice of the government and health authorities. We have loved having the students back at school and teaching face to face. The staff here at Dinjerra are feeling very positive about Term 3 and are looking forward to having a healthy, uninterrupted term of face to face teaching.

Students will be finishing at the following times on Friday 26th June:

- 2.00pm** - P/1 students and older siblings
- 2.15pm** – 2/3 students and older siblings
- 2.30pm** – 4/5/6 students

Catherine Robertson
Assistant Principal