Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is rapidly racing through and I hope that families have been as pleased as we have about the smooth and positive start to the school year. Students have settled into their new classes quickly and their teachers are full of praise for how the students are working and how they are getting along with their peers.

You may have noticed the work done by our Assistant Principal, Bobby Kotevski, out front of the school. Bobby told me he was just going to do a bit of trimming to clean up the look of the school from the street and days later, we have a fully manicured area, ready for some new signage and a couple of flag poles. I obviously didn’t notice the section on his CV that referred to his gardening credentials. He is also working on improving the entrance to the administration building by showcasing some of our hidden historical items that have been in mothballs for some time. Well done Bobby!

Some time back we received a Council grant for bike racks. The idea was to get some ‘artistic’ bike racks built to provide our bike riders with a safer place to store their bikes as well as giving the school a bright new look from the street. Unfortunately, the ‘artistic’ bike rack builder failed to produce and so, I contacted Bike Victoria and had them install their less artistic but more urban gritty ‘anaconda’ bike racks outside my office. I think they look great and the kids are using them. If your child is bringing a bike to school, please make sure that they have an approved helmet and that they bring a lock. We encourage children to ride to and from school but we want them and their bikes to be safe.

Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal

On the Noticeboard
1. Free Picnic in the Park
2. Albion Football Club - Juniors
3. Western Netball – West Footscray
4. Hobson’s Bay and Maribyrnong Scout Group
5. POWer Plants Community Nursery
PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CAR PARK TO PICK UP AND DROP OFF STUDENTS

It has been brought to my attention again that parents and carers are still using the staff car park for drop-offs and pick-ups. I am aware of one minor bingle and a number of near misses, and at least one occasion where one parent nearly backed over a couple of students who had also just been dropped off. The car park is not suitable for drop-offs and pick-ups and I have been consistently asking throughout the year for parents to stop. We do not have the staff available to police the car park and neither should we have to. The only people who have permission to use the car park are staff of the school, DEECD visitors, contractors employed by the school, contractors dropping off deliveries to the school, parents who have children who are either temporarily or permanently disabled and parents on official school business such as school council members attending school council meetings. Everyone else is asked to park out-side the school gates and to drop-off students on the far side of South Road and have the students use the patrolled school crossing.

**Calendar of Events**

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Keeping The School Home Contact Details Accurate And Up-To-Date

The school needs to know if you move, or if your phone details change and we also need up-to-date emergency contact details. If your child is badly injured or becomes seriously ill and we can’t contact you, we are obliged to ring an ambulance. We can only provide basic first aid.

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!

Kelly Club at Dinjerra Primary School in 2015!

We are very excited to be running Kelly Club Before-care and Aftercare from Dinjerra Primary School in 2015. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child/ren.

Come and join us in 2015 for our Before School Care (7.00am-8.45am), After School Care (3.00pm-6.00pm) Programs. We offer exciting sessions focused around sports, cooking, art and craft activities, as well as structured ‘free-time’. For more information or to book, please visit our website www.kellycluboshc.com.au or contact Jeff on 9384 2204 or dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au.

Thanks

Jeff Fleming
Director

Kelly Club will offer an all-day program on these days for interested parents and students. More details will be provided closer to the day.

Student Free Days For 2015

All Government Schools are provided with 4 Student Free Days each year by the Department. These days are used for a variety of activities, but predominantly to allow teaching staff to plan and improve the quality of education they provide for your children. The first Student Free Day is mandatory and occurs in late January on the day before students return for the school year.

School Council approved the following days as our remaining three Student Free Days for 2015.

1. Term 2: Thursday 21.05.2015
2. Term 3: Thursday 10.09.2015
3. Term 4: Thursday 12.11.2015

Kelly Club will offer an all-day program on these days for interested parents and students. More details will be provided closer to the day.
Information about Hepatitis A contamination of frozen berries

As you may be aware, links were found over the weekend between 1kg bags of Nanna's frozen berries and at least five cases of Hepatitis A, three of which are in Victoria.

As a precaution and on advice from Dr Rosemary Lester, Victoria's Chief Health Officer, the company has recalled this product on 14 February and subsequently two further products on 15 February due to concerns about potential for contamination with hepatitis A virus.

The products recalled as at 9am 16/02/15 are:

- **Nanna’s Mixed Berries 1kg; All batches up to and including Best Before Date 22/11/16**
- **Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 300g; All batches up to and including Best Before Date 10/12/17**
- **Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 500g; All batches up to and including Best Before Date 06/10/17**

Consumers are advised to discard any of these products and to be aware of the symptoms of hepatitis A infection in the 15-50 days after consuming the berries.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has confirmed that the risk of exposure is very low but cannot be excluded. For any students or staff who have consumed the affected products, Dr Lester has advised people, parents and carers to look for symptoms 15 to 50 days after consumption.

Symptoms include fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine and yellow skin and eyes (jaundice). Symptoms may last for several weeks but full recovery usually occurs. Please consult DHHS’s [Better Health Channel](#) for more information. Any person who is confirmed to have hepatitis A will be followed up closely and will be provided with further advice through the Department of Health and Human Services. If a student or staff develop any of these symptoms, medical advice through their local GP should be sought.

Parents and carers are encouraged to check any frozen berries at home and if needed, discard or return them to the place of purchase for a refund.

The Department of Health and Human Services is currently updating their public information and we will update you when this is available. It will be available on the Better Health Channel.

Thank you

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**Did You Know?**

The heaviest crustacean ever found was a lobster weighing 42 lb (19 kg), caught in 1934.

The largest jellyfish ever caught measured 7’6” (2.3 m) across the bell with a tentacle of 120 ft (36 m) long.

The largest giant squid ever recorded was captured in the North Atlantic in 1878. It weighed 4 tons. Its tentacles measured 10 m (35 ft) long.

The giant squid has the biggest eyes of any animal: its eyes measure 16 inches (40 cm) in diameter.
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Dear Parents and Students,
The ASRC is an organisation which helps refugees and asylum seekers living in our community by providing support. One of the ways which they support their clients is by providing food. Recently, we were informed that they had run short of food due to a substantial increase in clients seeking help. We ask that you help us help the ASRC. It’s a great way for you to help your community by a small act of kindness.
The items they are wanting are:

- Canned chick peas
- Kidney beans
- Lentils
- Diced tomatoes
- Pasta
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream
- Women sanitary pads

Thank you
Graeme Smith, Bobby Kotevski and Carla Olea

Job Co

FREE Certificate Training for parents of “Dinjerra Primary School” & or of the Local Community”
Would you like training in:
Cert III Early Childhood Education & Care
Diploma Early Childhood Education & Care
Certificate 3 & 4 Aged Care
(Level 2 First Aid included)

For further information you can contact Tracey on 0419 567 595 or John on 0407 503 519

Important Information For Parents Regarding Insurance

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff/volunteers. For more information about the claims process please go to http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/claimsprocess.aspx

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.