Dear Parents and Carers,

We are just over half way through Term 1 already and yet it seems like we just started the year yesterday. From my observations, most classes have settled down really quickly and all the teachers seem very happy with how everyone is progressing. Our parent teacher interviews take place next week. Please try to ensure that you make an appointment because research shows that the better the relationship between home and school, the better the outcome for the student. If you are unable to make it on the allocated day, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange another time that works for the both of you.

Our School Council election period has come and passed. We had two Parent Representative vacancies and at the close of nominations, we had two nominations meaning that they were elected. Congratulations to both Dat Do and Maurice Sibelle who both re-nominated for another term of office. There was one vacancy for one Department of Education and Training representative and we had one nomination meaning that Michael Voulgarellis was elected. Congratulations to Michael as well. The first meeting of the new Council is Tuesday 10 March at 7.00PM in the school staff room.

You may have noticed as you enter through the school gates or sit in the area between Building A and Building B, we now have a school flag. I mentioned in the last newsletter that our new Assistant Principal, Bobby Kotevski, had been doing lots of gardening, tree pruning and picture hanging. What I didn’t realise was his flag designing capabilities. We took a number of different mock-ups to the School Captains and Vice Captains and following their input, we chose the flag that is now flying. The anecdotal response has been great with 100% of respondents saying how much they like it.

Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal
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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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](http://www.kellycluboshc.com.au) or contact Jeff on 9384 2204 or dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au.

Thanks

Jeff Fleming
Director

**Kelly Club**

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.

YMCA School Holiday Program – Book now!

The YMCA will be running Autumn School Holiday Program in RecWest Footscray, offering heaps of awesome activities, including Werribee Zoo, Roller Blading, Build-a-Billy Cart and more!

**Arts News**

In Art this term students are exploring the variety of art forms and styles people use to express their ideas, feelings and uniqueness as human beings. As part of this exploration Dinjerra students are very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a number of Polygot Theatre workshops throughout the year. The workshops are free and will run as part of the student art classes. The first workshop is organised for the 12th and 13th of March.

**Polygot Theatre ‘Boat’ Project:** Polygot Theatre’s Boats project is a participation event where students climb aboard model boats and help to propel it through imaginary waters. The event requires the active physical participation of children engaged in play and invention as well as making the boats work. The students will be drawing, making paper boats, creating stories, songs and imaginary destinations and talking about their own experiences. They will be playing with the crafted boats – each trip taking a different crew out into the school grounds and bringing back what they discover to the class.

Hannah Clarke
Arts Teacher

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**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](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

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**Footscray Rugby Union Club**

**Season starting soon**

Come and try Rugby with the Bulldogs!

Training every Thursday @ 5:30 from 5 March

Cnr Farnsworth Ave & Myers Rd, Footscray VIC 3011

Modified rules to suit different ages

Games every Saturday morning starting in May

Contact: Mike Percy 0425 817 030
Physical Education news
It’s been wonderful to see so many children wearing good, supportive runners on their Physical Education days. It’s so much safer for them to participate in sport. Grades P/1A, P/1B, 2/3A, 4/5/6A and 4/5/6B all have PE on Tuesdays. Grade 3/4A has PE on Thursdays.

Sports House Captains and Sports House Vice Captains for 2015....
Your children are in either Green or Gold House at Dinjerra. On Monday 23rd February we had our first grade prep – 6 House Meetings for 2015. We had the big job of electing our new captains and vice captains for this year. It was wonderful to see so many worthy candidates apply. They all presented amazing, persuasive speeches. All children took the voting seriously. The following children will now attend a weekly lunchtime meeting and represent the children in their house for all sporting matters at Dinjerra.
The 2015 House Captains for Green House are Eva and Tito.
The 2015 House Vice Captains for Green House are David and Jessica.
The 2015 House Captains for Gold House are Biak Sui and Bawi Hup
The 2015 House Vice Captains for Gold House are Amy and Leena.
Congratulations go to everyone who nominated themselves for election, you were all worthy candidates. Some children can try again next year if they didn’t succeed.
I was so excited by the quality of the candidate’s speeches that I have to share some of them with you. Have a read of these! I’m sure you’ll be as impressed as I was. More speeches will be included in coming newsletters.

Hi there, my name is Leena as some of you may know. I really appreciate you coming to the show. I am thankfully here for the Sports Captain’s spot and I have to say good luck to all you lot.
If you guys have trouble, then always come to me. We’ll talk for a fair bit and you’ll go back with glee.
With me as your leader, you’ll never be alone.
You’ll say you had the best day when you get home.
If you don’t succeed, in whatever you do. I’ll give you a helping hand whenever you’re blue.
I’ll try to maintain the excitement of sport. So leave the wizardry to Mr. Voldemort.
I’ll cheer if you win, louder if you lose. I’ll always cheer louder that covers the boos.
I’ll come up to you, every once in a while. Tell you a funny joke that will make you smile.
If I am your leader, I’ll make the school rule. Then I’ll ask teachers for a gigantic swimming pool.
I would like to give thanks to the lovely Ms Domas, who kept me learning sport and who’s always very honest.
And thankyou to Ms Watts for letting me improve. Step by step, giving me clues.
If you don’t choose me, I still won’t mind, but it’s a promise that I’ll always be kind.
I’d like to say it again, my name is Leena T. Thank you for your time and I hope you vote for me.
A poetic speech by Leena 4/5/6

Good morning teachers and students. As you all may know my name is Asmaa and this year I will be nominating myself to be a Sports Captain for Gold team. I believe I am responsible for my actions and trustworthy to be a great Sports Captain for 2015. If you vote for me I would encourage you to always do your best and to never give up. I chose to be a Gold team captain because I wanted to make up new games and get new equipment for our school. I will help everybody to put their full potential into participating in events and helping others around them. If you vote for me I guarantee that we will make the best memories this year and have a joyful year.

Thank you very much for listening to my speech, I appreciate your support.
Speech by Asmaa 4/5/6
We Are Safe
As a school we applaud the efforts of the following students for demonstrating our school value, We Are Safe, over the last 2 weeks
From prep /1B Leah, Tayven, Brianna, Joseph, Karidarshan
From Prep / 1A Manny for showing how to be safe on five occasions Ann, Amos, Jamaal and Cung on two occasions, Isabella on 4 occasions and Sumiya on 3 occasions Also Steven, Tue, Joseph, Zainab, Phoenix, Jamari, Simon, Winta, Kunghat and Travis.
From grade 2 / 3A Leo, Biak tin Sang and Cung Tha Uk.
From 4 / 5 /6A Tran, Biak Sui, Saranes, Tito, Esther, Sarah and David.
From 4 /5 /6B Sanjeev and Juliannah on two occasions and Elisha E, Daniel and Elisha Johnston
Thank you for helping to make us feel safe.
Our school value focus for the next two weeks is, We Are Thoughtful
Joy Dunstan for the SWPB Group.

Ride To School Day
Friday March 13th is National Ride 2 School Day. Children may ride, walk, scoot or skate. Let’s do our best to help promote the day and more importantly promote a healthier lifestyle. The bike racks are filling up each week!

Gilmore College 90th Celebration
Gilmore College is putting together a showcase of some of the history and culture that typifies the educational outcomes over the past 90 years. They welcome all past, present and future students, former and current staff members and the general public to help them celebrate. Saturday, 28 March from 11.00am RSVP by 20 March to Gilmore College for Girls, 298 Barkly St Footscray, 9687 3868 or register online: www.gilmorecollegeforgirls.evenbrite.com.au