From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where did Term 1 go? It just seems like yesterday that we were welcoming people to the start of 2015. It has been the best start to a year since I’ve been at Dinjerra, especially in regards the students settling down to work so quickly and cooperatively.

We are one parent short on Council. We have a casual vacancy that will run through till the election next year. It is important that parent opinion is known and as School Council is the supreme policy making group in the school, you can see why it is important that all positions are filled. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

We also have a number of sub-committees that parents can join. The most well-known is Fund Raising, but there is also Buildings and Grounds, Finance, School Promotion and Education. These meet about once a month for about an hour. If you would like to get involved, please let me know.

The next meeting of Council will be on Tuesday 12 of May at 7PM in the staff room at the school. Prior to this meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the school that will take place at 6.40PM in the staff room. The Annual Report to the School Community will be presented to the meeting explaining the performance of the school in 2014.

At the last Council meeting it was agreed to organise a working bee early in Term 2. Inspired by Bobby Kotevski’s beautification work at the front of the school, we will be finishing off work on the front and cleaning up the garden beds next to the rotunda. Currently, the anticipated date is Saturday, May 2. More details early in Term 2.

Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal

On the Noticeboard

1. Free Picnic in the Park
2. Scaredy Cat
3. Gilmore College 90th Celebration
4. RECWEST School Holidays Junior Sports Days
5. Westgate Carnival
6. AFL Victoria Holiday Programs
Did You Know?????

- On average, you speak almost 5,000 words a day – although almost 80% of speaking is self-talk (talking to yourself).
- Over the last 150 years the average height of people in industrialized nations increased by 10 cm (4 in).
- In the 19th century, American men were the tallest in the world, averaging 1.71 metres (5’6”). Today, the average height for American men is 1.763 m (5 feet 9-and-half inches), compared to 1.815 m (5’10”) for Swedes, and 1.843 m (5’11”) for the Dutch, the tallest Caucasians.
- The tallest nation in the world is the Watusis of Burundi: 1.98 m (6 feet 6 inches) tall.
- If the amount of water in your body is reduced by just 1%, you’ll feel thirsty.
- It is impossible to sneeze and keep one’s eyes open at the same time.
- 55% of people yawn within 5 minutes of seeing someone else yawn.
- A person can live without food for about a month, but only about a week without water.
- You’ll drink about 75,000 litres (20,000 gallons) of water in your lifetime.

**Calendar of Events**

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**DINJERRA P.S. BELL TIMES 2015**

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Congratulations to these Stars of the Week:
Curtis, Jones, Daniel, Tilly, Esmeralda, Loyola, Simon, Cung, Sophia

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

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 at RecWest in Lily St, Braybrook offering heaps of awesome activities, including Werribee Zoo, Roller Blading, Build-a-Billy Cart and more!

Bookings open on 24 February, for full details and to book, visit: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au.

Thank you

On behalf of the Royal Children’s Hospital, we would like to thank all those who have very generously given to the annual Good Friday Appeal. If you still wish to contribute, would you please make sure that your donation is a school by Monday, 23rd March. Thank you.
Fundraising News

Dinjerra needs your help!!!!

We have a small fundraising group at Dinjerra who help to raise funds through a number of different efforts. We are reaching out to our school community in the hope that you could help us in our quest to raise money for our school.

Jobs for helpers include – putting together raffle baskets, distributing raffle tickets and items to grades such as chocolates and slices or special lunches, wrapping Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day presents, helping with a special lunch day or helping on a sausage sizzle at Bunnings for an hour or two.

Your time and help, no matter how small or large, would be gladly appreciated for 2015.

We managed to raise $4000 last year (that’s at least 8 new iPads). Just imagine what we could achieve with some extra help from our school community on different fundraising events. Have a think about it everyone!

Interested school community members can contact Debbie Domas by ringing the office on 9311 1598.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle....

We have a Bunnings Sausage sizzle planned for the 26th April. It will run from 9.00 – 2.00. If you could offer an hour or two of your time on this day please contact the office or Debbie Domas on 9311 1598 where you can be rostered on for an hour or two. Your help would be gladly appreciated.

Thank you everyone.

Dinjerra Fundraising Committee.

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.