



# Dinjerra Primary School Newsletter

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## Message From Principal

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to remind us of the special experiences we have had over the last few weeks:

### Harmony Night and 'Who We Are' Celebration of Learning

Our Harmony Night was a huge success. The 'Who We Are' celebrations of learning in classrooms were a way for students to share about their unique selves, through the poetry slam. The feeling of togetherness and community was evident with our students dressing proudly in their traditional clothes and colours from their countries of heritage and also enjoyed the picnic, socialising with friends.

I particularly enjoyed watching our students and families perform - gee, we sure do have a lot of talent at Dinjerra! Thank you to Ellie-May, Prakriti and Paridi, Marta Rodrigues, Quentin, Rob, Djiraali, Tawahi and Nikau for performing. Listening to some special tunes from Quentin and Rob was such a fitting way to bring the night to a close. Happy Eid-al-Fitr 2025 to Dinjerra's Muslim community. We hope you all enjoyed celebrating with your families!

### Year 3/4 Camp

Our Year 3/4 Campers had a ball on their 2 day / 1 night camp to Mornington Peninsula. Lots of children braved challenging camp activities for the first time, showing our school value of 'Optimism', and many had their first successful night sleeping away from home. Thanks to Tom, John, Rosemary and Nora for supporting our students. A huge thanks goes out to Danielle, Andrew and Michael as our parent helpers!



### Years 3-6 District Cross Country

Congratulations to the 28 students who represented Dinjerra PS at the District Cross Country competition in March.

Our 10 year olds ran 2 kilometres and our 11 and 12 year olds ran 3 kilometres. I have never seen such determination and grit from our fierce Dinjerra sportspeople.

Thanks to Mr Cameron Beatty for organising the event.

**Natalie Vulic**  
Principal

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## Ms Celia SOARING as a weightlifter!

Many of you may not know this, but Prep I teacher, Ms Celia lao, competed in the Victorian Weightlifting Association in March. Celia lifted a 45kg snatch and a 65kg clean and jerk, which is impressive.

Celia now holds the Victorian and National Record in her weight and age category.

Congrats Ms Celia!



## Parent Code of Conduct - please contact the office if you have concerns

I would like to remind parents and families members of our Parent Code of Conduct, which is available on our website.

If you have a concern or an issue with a child that is not your own, please contact the office to speak with me.

Please do not approach the child to discuss your concern. Thank you.

## End of Term Information:

Term 1 will end on Friday 4th April. We will have an earlier finish time. Please see below:

Assembly - including the Easter Raffle 1:50pm - Dismissal 2:30pm

The Canteen will still be open. We will eat lunch a bit earlier at 12:40pm.





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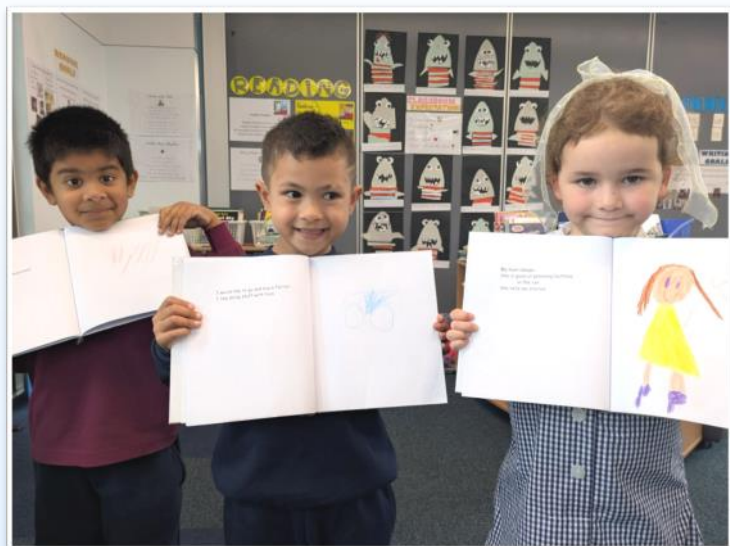
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## PREP NEWS

### Prep Authors

This term, our Prep students have been working diligently with our Literacy Consultant, Mr K, to create their own oral language books. These books reflect the students' growing skills and creativity, and we are so proud of their achievements. This week, each child will bring their special book home for a night, giving families the chance to enjoy and celebrate their hard work together. The students are also sharing their creations with their classmates, fostering a love of storytelling and collaboration within the class.

Thank you for supporting their learning journey!



**Miss Celia**  
Prep Teacher





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## Harmony Day / Celebration of Learning

Last week, our Prep students celebrated Harmony Day, a wonderful occasion that brought our school community together to embrace cultural diversity. The children dressed in vibrant outfits representing different cultures, showcasing the beauty of inclusivity and togetherness. Families joined in the festivities, enjoying a variety of performances, activities, and displays that highlighted the students' learning about harmony and unity. Thank you to all the families for contributing to this meaningful and joyful celebration!



**Miss Nerissa**  
Prep Teacher



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## Gate W.A.Y.S.

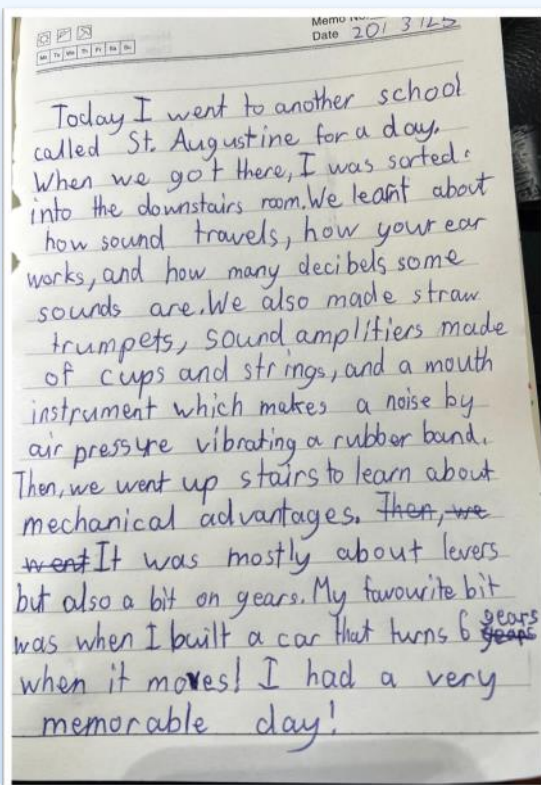
We are thrilled to announce that our students recently participated in the GATEWAYS program, "Breaking New Ground." This innovative program focuses on science and investigation, encouraging students to push the boundaries of their knowledge and explore new scientific frontiers.

During the program, students engaged in a variety of hands-on workshops designed to ignite their curiosity and enhance their analytical skills. They delved into the historical discoveries of famous scientists and used these as a springboard to explore modern scientific concepts. Through these activities, students developed their logical thinking, critical justifications, and investigative skills by posing questions, developing and testing hypotheses, and drawing conclusions.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm and dedication throughout the program. Their participation in "Breaking New Ground" is a testament to their potential and eagerness to embrace new challenges.

Stay tuned for more updates on our students' achievements and upcoming events!

### Kori Tran from 3/4C shared his reflection on the day:



"STEM is my favourite subject. It was very fun and making the musical instruments with my friends was the most fun part. Getting to play with the instruments was one of the best things. It was a super fun day and it was great to get some free play times. I would like to go again"

**Toby**

Leni "they have nice teachers at GATEWAYS. I felt pretty happy. I learnt that different objects can make something new. Something funny happened, Levi kicked the ball over the fence"

**Leni**

Levi "in GATEWAYS people were asking me for high fives because they thought I was famous. I learnt that different objects can make different sounds. We learnt about gears and we figured out options on how to get trolleys to go up and down and straight.

**Levi**

"GATEWAYS was the best time of my life! I got to try new things and meet new people. We made some instruments and we made a traditional instrument that you had to swing and it made a bee sound. The playground is pretty small at St Augustines PS.

**Marianne**

**Miss Naz Edwards**  
Intervention Leader





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## Wellbeing

Dear Dinjerra Families,

After a few years in the making, Happy finally did! He passed his final assessment, Making him a certified Therapy Dog, earning him his jacket. On the 17th of March Happy and I left home at 6:30am to make our way to Ferntree Gully. We arrived nice and early allowing us time to go for a walk before starting the assessment day at Lead The Way Institute. Happy throughout the day undertook a series of assessment's checking his obedience which tested he could follow commands of sit, drop, stop, leave it, No. He engaged in scenarios where other people walked him and where I had to pay attention to other dogs ( Happy didn't like me petting other dogs, but he managed).



They tested Happy on his resource guarding to see he could be patted when eating and share his food, he also was tested with noises, like vacuums, angry people, and excited people ( lucky no one clapped really loud lol) and crowding which he passed his flying colours lifting his leg up asking for a belly rub (thank you for the training everyone).

Happy was tested and passed lots of other scenarios. The biggest one was his community visit to Yooralla. Where he shone and brought happiness to many people manoeuvring around motorised wheelchairs and interacting with people of all abilities. I'm extremely proud of Happy and would like to thank you all for helping me train him and prepare him for his certification. All your pats, tummy rubs, attention and claps made Happy and me prepare for his assessment.

Now that Happy is certified he will be coming to school more often, slowly increasing the amount of days he comes to work. Remember when you see Happy the rule is you say hi to me first and ask if you can pat him, so that he is ready.



Our Fortnight SWPBS shop was open today for students to come in and cash in their positive rewards tokens. This was the first which was run entirely by the school captains. Our leaders supported lots of students to purchase rewards such as baking classes, an excursion to Braybrook hub and even lunch with Mrs Vulic, our principal. Thanks to Mr Tom Penberthy for leading us in School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPBS).



Thank you to Year 5/6 student **Audrey** for her outstanding art work.

Ms Carla was so grateful to receive a portrait of Happy, Dinjerra's Therapy Dog.



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## Term 2 Information

We are adding more events on our Compass calendar, such as student free days and special events. Please ensure that you keep up to date with these dates. If you are having problems with Compass, please see Hong in the office. She is our Compass expert. If you are not checking Compass, you could miss out on important information, as this is our main communication channel. Here are some general dates for Term 2 that you may want to add to your busy calendars:

Please see the below important upcoming dates:

### Upcoming Events

Week	Date	Event
<b>Week 1:</b>	Monday 21.04.25	Easter Monday - Public Holiday - no school
	Tuesday 22.04.25	First Day of Term 2
	Friday 25.04.25	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday - no school
<b>Week 2:</b>	Friday 02.05.25	Mother's Day Stall
<b>Week 3:</b>	Monday 05.05.25	Mother's Day Stall
	Thursday 08.05.25	5/6 Students visit to Braybrook College
	Friday 09.05.25	Mother's Day Morning (in P-2 classrooms)
<b>Week 4:</b>		
<b>Week 5:</b>		
<b>Week 6:</b>	Monday 26.05.25	Professional Practice Day - Individual Assessment Appointments There will be no school on this day, however some students will be required to attend individual assessment appointment times (30 mins). Kelly Club will be open if your child requires supervision for the day.
<b>Week 7:</b>	Friday 06.06.26	Curriculum Day #3 - There will be no school on this day. Semester 1 Report Writing Day Kelly Club will be open if your child requires supervision for the day.
<b>Week 8:</b>	Monday 09.06.25	King's Birthday Public Holiday - There will be no school on this day.
<b>Week 9:</b>		
<b>Week 10:</b>		Celebrations of Learning - dates and times to be confirmed
<b>Week 11</b>	Friday 4th July	Last day of Term 2: Assembly 2:00pm. Dismissal 2:30pm

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday break and Easter!

**Natalie Vulic**  
Principal



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## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY  
&  
MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

open before & after  
school in the Art room.

Bring your money on the day

all presents priced between \$2 to \$8







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## Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

**saverplus**

1300 610 355 [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)



## Martial Arts - Fitness & Self-Defence Classes

### Corpus Christi Primary School

19 Ormond Rd, Kingsville

**Classes: Tuesday & Thursday**

**5:00pm – 6:00pm**



- Gain confidence & improve fitness.
- Increase co-ordination & skills.
  - Catering for all ages
- Come and join us in a safe and friendly environment.

**Register your interest by texting Helen on 0448303272 with student name and age and receive 2 free complimentary lessons.**

**View our locations :**

**Sunshine College West Campus**  
25 Lachlan Rd, Sunshine West  
Junior & Senior classes Tue & Thur  
5:30pm – 6:30pm & 6:30 – 7:30pm  
Contact Luz 0424 782 161

**Rec West Sporting Facility**  
Lily St, Braybrook  
Class Sat 10am – 11am  
Contact Luz 0424 782 161

**Yarrabing Secondary College**  
40 Recreation Rd, Aintree  
Classes Tue & Thur 5pm – 6pm  
Contact John 0435 050245

**Burnside Primary School**  
35 Lexington Drive, Burnside  
Classes Tue & Thur  
4:45pm - 5:45 pm  
Contact Brodie 0415 633 043

**Moveille Primary School**  
39 Gum Rd, St Albans, VIC  
Classes Mon & Wed 6pm – 7pm  
Contact Kayla 0402 694 653

**Corpus Christi Primary**  
380 Geelong Road, Kingsville  
19 Ormond Rd, Kingsville  
Tue & Thur 5pm – 6pm  
Contact Helen 0448 303 272

**N earning Primary School**  
85 Polly Parade, Tarneit  
Classes Mon & Wed  
5:30pm – 6:30pm  
Contact John 0435 050245

For general enquiries Luz on 0424 782 161  
[www.kobudokaimartialarts.com.au](http://www.kobudokaimartialarts.com.au)

## SUNSHINE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Our junior program is now open to all players (both boys and girls) and their families.

All Junior teams train every Friday evening and play on Sundays during the football season.

Our club is based at Kindersmith Reserve, Lily Street, Braybrook.

We take great pride in being a family-friendly club with a passion for footy and a strong connection to our local community.

Come down and check us out !



For further details please contact Sarah on 0402315419 or [juniors@sunshinekangaroos.com.au](mailto:juniors@sunshinekangaroos.com.au)



**Pricing \$50**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Come and join us for an action packed school holidays with a range of games and activities on offer. Our programs offer fun and casual based sport games, as well as specialised sport clinics for those participants wanting a unique edge.

### Programs

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Badminton
- ✓ Ultimate Sporting Challenge
- ✓ Specialised Bootcamps



**April 7 - 16**  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
RecWest Braybrook,  
39 Lily Street, Braybrook

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**autumn School Holiday Program**

Neurodiverse affirming social and emotional capacity building group program

**WEEK 1 - 7TH - 10TH APRIL 2025**  
**WEEK 2 - 14TH & 15TH APRIL 2025**

128A Roberts Street  
Yarraville

**Limited Spots Available!**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**FOR AGES 6-10 9:00AM - 2:00PM**

**Lego/Minecraft (BYO device)**  
**\$337.80\* per day**  
\*plus admin/supervision fee  
Payable with NDIS or private funds

**Safe neurodiverse affirming space**

**Amazing Lego resources for endless creativity**

**Small groups with high staff ratio for success**

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**We NDIS**

admin@autismconsultancy.com.au 0423 888 530

**School Holiday Program**

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**

**BEGINNERS AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS**

**7th - 10th April 2025**

128A Roberts Street  
Yarraville

**Limited Spots Available!**

**Beginner/New Players 9:00am to 2:00pm**  
**\$337.80 p/day\***

**Experienced Players 11:00am to 2:00pm**  
**\$202.68 p/day\***

\*Plus a one off admin fee of \$195.20  
Payable with NDIS or private funds.

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