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Message From Principal

Dear Families,

Six weeks of the school year have passed at lightning speed! I am happy to be back from my family holiday to Finland. The trip was magical, especially up in Lapland, aka the Arctic Circle, aka the North Pole. After being in minus 22 degree weather, it has been lovely to experience the Aussie sun before our Summer ends.



Harmony Night Picnic

I would like to share with you some information regarding our Harmony Night in Week 8 on Friday 21st March, from 4:00-6:00pm.

Harmony Day is important to us at Dinjerra. Each year we enjoy celebrating the range of cultures that make up our vibrant community. The theme for this year's Harmony Day is *'Everyone Belongs'*. We aim to facilitate an authentic celebration of Harmony Day by combining a sharing of learning in the classroom, with a relaxed family picnic, complemented by some cultural performances.

Here are the details:

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| 3:50pm | Gate opens - families may set up picnic rugs at this time |
| From 4:00-4:40pm: Classrooms | <p>Celebration of Learning – classrooms: We will start off the event with our traditional end of concept unit 'Celebration of Learning'. The classroom will be open to classrooms for students to share their poetry writing pieces via a Poetry Slam. A Poetry Slam is where the students will stand up in front of the audience and read out their poems. Due to the writing pieces being shorter than other genres, we have scheduled a maximum time of 40 mins for this section.</p> <p>A 'Celebration of Learning' is the celebration at the end of the concept curriculum unit, and we usually do this towards the end of term. It is a time for students to demonstrate their learning of the unit's Enduring Understanding, Concept and Key Questions. This unit is a whole school 'poetry slam', but other celebrations could be a variety of methods, e.g. expos, workshop, presentation, we have even had a travel expo with pilots and flight attendants before!</p> |
| From 4:40pm: Quadrangle | <p>Harmony Night Picnic: Families will make space by setting up their own rugs, blankets, chairs, on the quadrangle for the Harmony Night picnic. This is the same as our normal Harmony Day lunch celebrations, the main difference is it being in the evening instead. Families are encouraged to bring their own food. The canteen will be open for over the counter sales for snacks, sweets and slushies. Some families may choose to set up their picnic rugs from 3:50-4:00pm, before the Celebration of Learning, but we will encourage this from 4:40pm. Families may choose to share food or desserts to showcase traditional recipes from their country of heritage. This will be up to parent discretion. Please be mindful that if anyone is tasting your food, please be sure you share the contained ingredients.</p> |
| From 5:00-5:40pm: | <p>Cultural Performances – open to families! We have organised some external entertainment, in the form of cultural performances. In addition, we would like to ask any family members if they would like to dance, sing, or tell a story from their country of heritage. We would love for you to share your cultural traditions with our school community. Please contact Natalie if you have a performance in mind!</p> |

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Curriculum Day #2 - Cognitive Load Theory in Mathematics - Peter Sullivan

Our second curriculum day is scheduled for **Friday 28th March**. **There will be no school on this day**. Our teaching team will be attending a professional learning workshop delivered by Associate Professor and leader of Mathematics, Peter Sullivan. The workshop will focus on the Cognitive Load Theory in Primary Mathematics. Our Education Support staff will be attending professional learning onsite at Dinjerra.

The remaining student free days for 2025 are:

Friday 28th March Curriculum Day #2

Monday 26th May Professional Practice Day

Friday 6th June Report Writing Day

Wednesday 23rd July Student Led Conferences - students and families required to attend for 15 min appointment

Please see the below important upcoming dates:

Upcoming Events

| | | |
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| Week 7: | Monday 10 th March: Wednesday 12 th to Friday 14 th March: | Labour Day Public Holiday: There will be no school on this day |
| Week 8: | Friday 21st March 2025: 4:00-6:00pm | 'Who We Are' Celebration of Learning and Harmony Night Picnic This will include a celebration of learning in classrooms from 4:00pm and be followed by a whole school BYO picnic and cultural performances from 4:40pm. Please see below for further details. |
| Week 9: | Monday 24 th to Tuesday 25 th : Friday 28 th March: | Grade 3/4 Camp to Briar's Hill, Mornington Peninsula Curriculum Day #2 - There will be no school on this day. Kelly Club will be open if your child requires supervision for |
| Week 10: | Friday 4 th April: | Last day of Term 1. Easter Raffle drawn at assembly |



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NAPLAN

The NAPLAN (National Assessment program from Literacy and Numeracy) begins next week for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. The national testing is for year 3,5,7 and 9 students across Australia. The assessments are taken on different days. The days are:

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| Wednesday 12th March | -Writing |
| Thursday 13th March | -Reading -Conventions of Language |
| Friday 14th March | -Numeracy |

NAPLAN assessment data is used to determine how well the school is delivering the teaching and learning for all students. We will receive our school's NAPLAN data in early Term 3.

Important Dates Term 1

| Monday 10th March | Tuesday 11th March | Wednesday 12th March | Thursday 13th March | Friday 14th March |
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| Week 7 Labour Day Public Holiday NO SCHOOL | | NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5 | NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5 | NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5 |
| Monday 17th March | Tuesday 18th March | Wednesday 19th March | Thursday 20th March | Friday 21st March |
| Week 8 HARMONY WEEK 9:15am Fundraising Meeting in the Conference Room | | | | Harmony Day Celebration (evening) 4:00 - 6:00pm |
| Monday 24th March | Tuesday 25th March | Wednesday 26th March | Thursday 27th March | Friday 28th March |
| Week 9 | | | | CURRICULUM DAY #2 NO SCHOOL |
| Monday 31st March | Tuesday 1st April | Wednesday 2nd April | Thursday 3rd April | Friday 4th April |
| Week 10 | | | 9:05am: 'Who We Are' Celebration of Learning | Last Day of Term 1: -Assembly: 2pm -Dismissal for end of Term 1: 2:30pm School Holiday period begins |

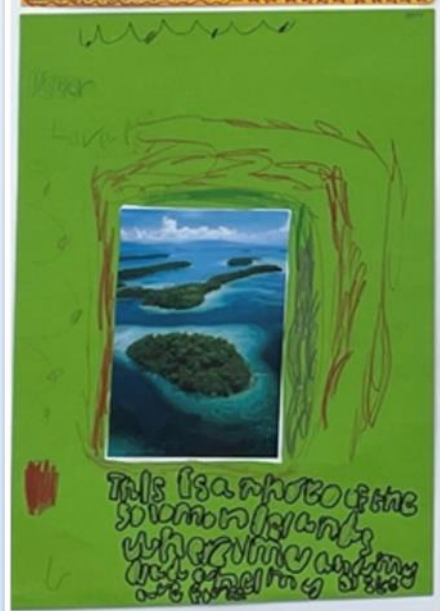
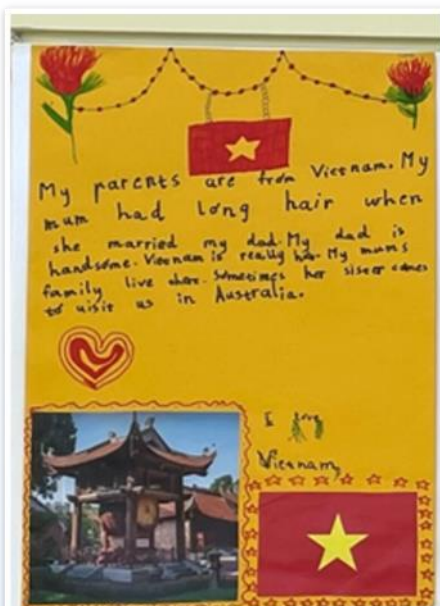
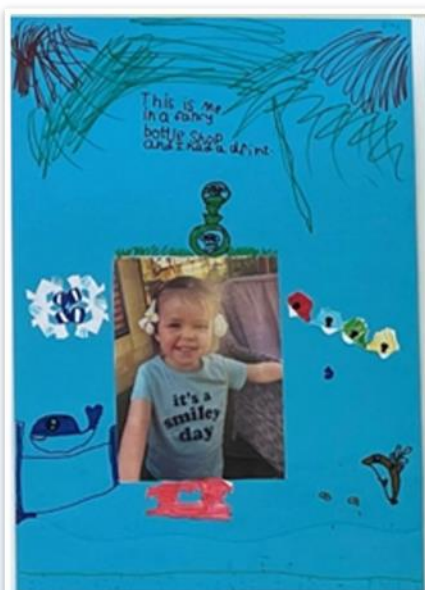


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YEAR 1/2H and 1/2M NEWS



The Concept topic for Year 1/2 this term is **Our Unique Families**. We have discussed what we know of our cultural backgrounds with our classmates. Students were asked to bring in a photo of their family or a significant artefact relating to their cultural background to share with the class. Students then created a poster to showcase their cultural identity.

In exploring **Our Unique Families** we have discussed the importance of cultural heritage, shared personal stories and the wonderful cultural diversity of students in our classroom. The next step is for students to interview their parents or grandparents in order to learn more about their cultural identity.



Miss Vicki & Miss Hayley
Classroom Teachers

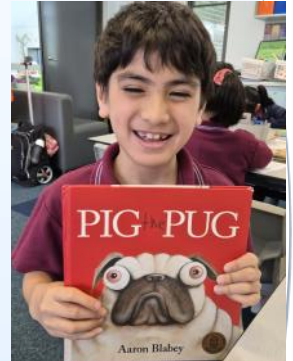
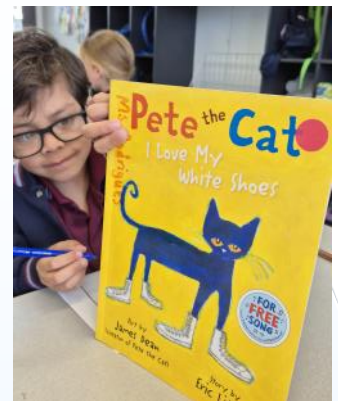
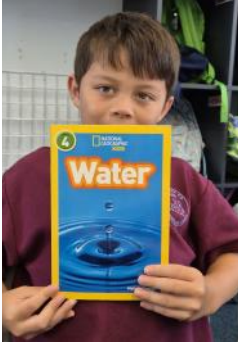


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**We love reading in 1/2DR!
These are our favourite books!**



Miss Rodrigues and Mrs Dester
Classroom Teachers



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2025 STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Congratulations to the following leaders who were presented with their leader badges last week at assembly:



| LEADER ROLE | STUDENT NAMES |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| School Captains: | Ceyone, Alanna |
| Vice Captains: | Laetitia, Bailee |
| Art Leaders: | Monica, Ango, Prakriti, Zoe, Anqi, Jaeda, Austin, Nong Mai, Audrey |
| Sport Leaders and House Captains: | Goolagong (Green): Chelsea and Dylan Freeman (Red): Zach and Marlee Barty (Blue): Anu and Aahnnaa Peris (Gold): Ayden and Leon |
| Sustainability Leader: | Tawhai |



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Class Captains:

Harry D, Ala, Luca, Freya, Akhil,
Zoe, Vihan, Joceyln, George,
Djiraali, Benjamin, Selina, Bella,
Nusaibah



Digital Leaders:

Levi, Hughey, Jasmine, Hana, To-
by, Adora, Theo, Thomas, Theo-
dore, Zach, Audrey, Jaeda, Hay-
den, Demetrius, Ahmed



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Term 1 Week 4 & 5 **SOAR** Awards

Learning...

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FOR SUCCESS

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WITH OPTIMISM

A
AS AN ADVENTURE

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AS A RESPONSIBILITY



Week 4: Hayden, Mun-Yen, Thomas, Shreyansh, Grace, Soliana, Marisol, Baylie, Kuek



Week 5: Prakriti, Sardar, Timnit, Noah, Zeeky, Ben, Aldo, Finley



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TERM 1 MOTTOS

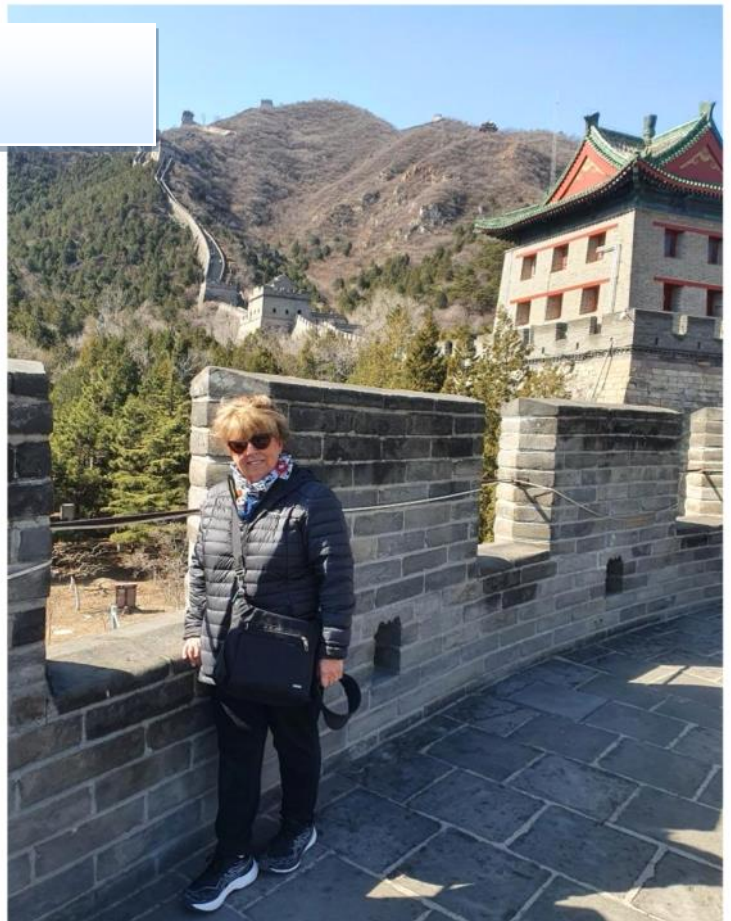
Each fortnight at Dinjerra, students will learn about a new behaviour motto.
Here are the behaviour mottos for Term One:

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Week 4-5 | Success | Being Your Best |
| Week 6-7 | Optimism | Bouncing Back |
| Week 8-9 | Adventure | Including Others |
| Week 10 | Responsibility | Being Kind |

Mrs Domas - Trip to the Great Wall of China!

This is the Great Wall of China, one of the most famous walls in the world. It is so long that it stretches over mountains and valleys for thousands of kilometres!

Did you know that - People built the Great Wall a very long time ago to help protect China. Today, visitors can walk along the wall, climb its towers, and enjoy the beautiful views.





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The Ellis Family Adventure – DPS Students Maisie (Year 5) and Nella (Year 3) are on a Family Caravan Adventure Around Australia



Greetings from the Yorke Peninsula, South Australia!

We've been on the road for two weeks now, embracing van life with all its ups and downs. Our journey has taken us to the stunning Moonta Bay on the Eyre Peninsula and now, we're soaking up the beauty of the Yorke Peninsula near Port Gibbon. After a few hiccups with our car and van, we've hopefully sorted everything out and are settling into our nomadic lifestyle. Maisie and Nella are thrilled with all the driving, as it means they get some device time. But once we reach our destinations, the screens are swapped for rock pools, stand up paddleboarding, snorkeling, and water park slides.

Despite the challenges, we've had an amazing time exploring new places and creating lasting memories. The girls are loving every moment, from the thrill of discovering marine life in rock pools to the joy of gliding on their paddleboards.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue our adventure across Australia. We're excited to share our experiences and the beautiful sights we encounter along the way.

Happy travels!





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Celebration of Learning: Who We Are



Harmony Day Celebration

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Date: Friday, 21st March

Location: Dinjerra P.S

Join us for a special Celebration of Learning as we explore
Who We Are
and come together for Harmony Day!



Come and celebrate our diverse community!
We look forward to seeing you there.
All families welcome!



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To win, please write your name & number and keep ticket stub

\$1 EACH 1st, 2nd, 3rd
& lots of small prizes to win

RETURN TICKETS BY 1ST OF APRIL 2025
DRAWN 4TH APRIL END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

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ordering will be done
via COMPASS.

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18TH MARCH.**

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accepted

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HOT DOG**

1 HOT DOG IN A ROLL
PRIMA OR WATER

TUESDAY APRIL 1ST

\$1.00 each

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TERM 1**



**Mondays and
Wednesdays
Lunch time**



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Kelly Club Photos

