



# Dinjerra Primary School Newsletter

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## Message From Principal

Dear Families,

**HAPPY HARMONY WEEK!** Harmony Week is a significant celebration for Dinjerra, as we are made up of many different cultural backgrounds. Embracing each other's differences and cultural practices is important for all of our school community, because it is important for us to learn about what is valued by others. Did you know that at Dinjerra with 215 student enrolments:

- We have over 104 students that speak a language other than English at home (48%)
- 58 of these students were born in Australia, but speak another language at home (27%)

The top 10 countries of birth for our students or parents are:



Australia  
Vietnam  
India  
China  
Philippines

New Zealand  
Ethiopia  
United Kingdom  
South Sudan  
Somalia



## Harmony Night Picnic

I would like to share with you some information regarding our Harmony Night this upcoming Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, from 4:00-6:00pm. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are combining our Harmony Day celebration with our Who We Are Celebration of Learning. Here are the details:

3:50pm: Gate opens - families may set up picnic rugs at this time

### From 4:00-4:40pm: Classrooms - 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.

### From 4:40pm: Quadrangle Harmony Night Picnic:

Families will make space by setting up their own rugs, blankets, chairs, on the quadrangle for the Harmony Night picnic. Families are encouraged to bring their own food. The canteen will be open for over the counter sales for sausages (halal), snacks, sweets and slushies.

### From 5:00-5:40pm: Cultural Performances – by students and families

We have some students and family members performing some songs and dances from their country of heritage. You may wish to sit back and be entertained, or join in the dancing! Some Zumba will also be included, so wear your dancing shoes!

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

**Natalie Vulic**  
Principal

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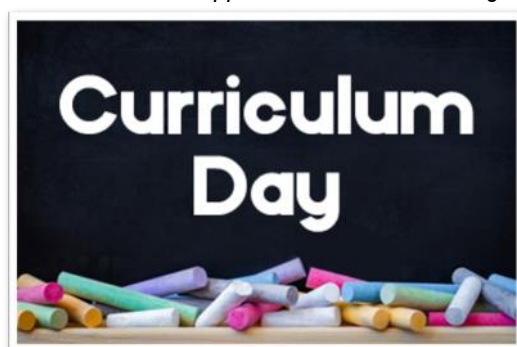
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## Friday 28th March - No School For Students - Curriculum Day #2

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 10 min appointment.

Please see the below important upcoming dates:

### Upcoming Events

<b>Week 9:</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> : Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March:	Grade 3/4 Camp to Briar's Hill, Mornington Peninsula <b>Curriculum Day #2</b> - There will be no school on this day Kelly Club will be open if your child requires supervision for the day
<b>Week 10:</b>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April:	Last day of Term 1. Easter Raffle drawn at assembly Assembly 2:00pm. Dismissal 2:30pm

### TERM 1 MOTTOS

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

<b>Week 8-9</b>	Adventure	Including Others
<b>Week 10</b>	Responsibility	Being Kind



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## PE NEWS

This term grades 1-6 partook in a fantastic two-week hockey clinic, provided by Footscray Hockey Club.

Students were introduced to the rules of hockey and shown ball handling skills, playing a variety of games such as Red Light, Green Light, and Rob the Nest to improve their abilities.

A free trail at Footscray Hockey Club has been offered to any students keen on pursuing the sport, so please pay them a visit if you enjoyed the clinic!

**Mr Cam**  
PE Teacher



## STEM NEWS

In STEM, as part of our chemical sciences focus, Grade 5/6 students have been exploring a range of reversible and irreversible changes, including chemical reactions. Students observed the 'whoosh bottle experiment', where flammable liquid is ignited in a large bottle resulting in an exciting combustion that changes the liquid to water. Students then conducted their own experiments to separate dissolved solids from liquids.



**Mr McCann**  
STEM Teacher





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## SPANISH NEWS

In Spanish at Dinjerra we have been settling into our routines and learning how to work well together as a class. Prep students have really enjoyed the musical aspect with Prep Celia's class often heard singing "Hola, como estas" all around the school!

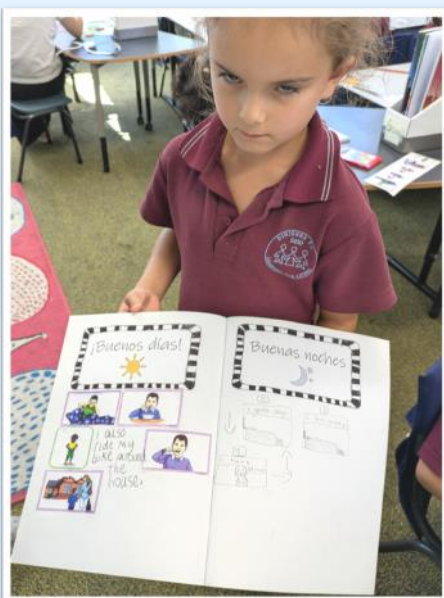
We have an excellent example of work from Huey Norriss where he wrote the best ways to show full body listening in Spanish class.

Grade 1/2 have been learning about daily routines and sequencing what they do each day into morning, afternoon and evening activities. Here there are photos of students putting activities into the various parts of the day according to the Spanish greetings; Buenos dias (morning), buenas tardes (afternoon), and buenas noches (night).

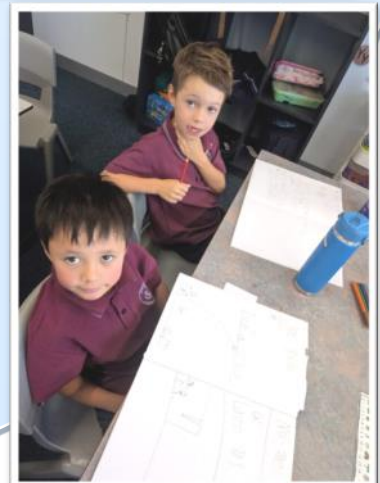
Here is some fabulous work from Declan Bath and Jasmine Macky, along with some excited students in 1/2M.

I'm looking forward to continuing to learn more about the students at Dinjerra as we explore 'all about me' and the different aspects of their life using the Spanish language.

Gracias, Maestra Katie.



by Huey







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## ART NEWS

What an incredible term it has been in the art room! Across all year levels, we have been exploring some of the Elements of Art, focusing on Shape, Line, and Colour. Students have experimented with different techniques, materials, and creative processes, producing some truly impressive work.

Our youngest artists in Prep have been developing their fine motor skills through cutting, gluing, and working with shapes, while the Year 1/2 students explored line in a fun and expressive way, creating scribble chickens with a colour wash. They also had a blast making blow ink "colour monsters," watching how colours mix and move in unexpected ways. In Year 3/4, students experimented with wax-resist techniques, layering oil pastels and watercolours to reveal hidden patterns and textures.

The creativity continued in Year 5/6 with a mix of digital and traditional art. Students created portrait collages, blending photography with words that represent their personality. They also explored composition through three-line drawings, proving that even the simplest elements can create striking artwork. Another exciting project saw students using solar printing techniques, placing natural objects onto light-sensitive paper to create beautiful sun-exposed prints.

As we head toward the end of term, colour is becoming a major focus in the art room, and I can't wait to see how students continue to experiment and create. It's been an inspiring term, and I feel so lucky to be part of their artistic journey.



**Miss Mel**  
Art Teacher





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## Grade 6 uniforms arrived today!

All our year 6 students are very excited and looking very smart, there is no chance of losing them as every jacket has a name on it. A big thankyou to Kylie and Sue for organising the jumpers and Cindy from Promo Printing in Point Cook for printing them.







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## Term 1 Week 6 & 7 **SOAR** Awards

Learning...

FOR SUCCESS

WITH OPTIMISM

AS AN ADVENTURE

AS A RESPONSIBILITY



Week 6: Clayton, Marianne, Krestian, Eileen, Celine, Mojtaba, Sabrina, Carter, Sofia, Kate



Week 7: Kevin, Herimela, Violet, Andrew, Abubakar, Daniel



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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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## DINJERRA PRIMARY SCHOOL'S



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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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**  
Program

Register Today



## Unlock Adventure

Altona – April Scout School Holiday Program

Thrilling bike rides, an amazing morning out to the Surf Life Saving Club, survival challenges, tracking and bush tucker, bottle rockets, drones and hammer art, solar and campfire cooking and the grand challenge of building the famous Da Vinci bridge — our action-packed programs are designed to get your kids aged 5-14 outdoors and loving every moment.

Whether building confidence with bushcraft or exploring new skills, there's something for every young adventurer. Join us for an unforgettable holiday filled with discovery, fun, and lifelong memories!

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXUGQ>



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## De'Coupage / Collage: decorating a hinged wooden box with fine artist, Beverly Inch.

### WHAT IS COLLAGING?

"Collage is an art form where materials are composed in a visually interesting way by overlapping and gluing pieces of fabric, paper, beads, trinkets, photos, and other matter in a structural way".

### WHAT IS DE'COUPAGE?

"De'coupage is an art form where an object is decorated by gluing coloured papers and magazine cut outs in layers, adding paint and gold leaf (if desired) which are sealed with varnish."

**WHEN: 1.00 PM MONDAY THE 31ST OF MARCH 2025**

**WHERE: 113 MELON STREET BRAYBROOK 3019**



Please RSVP by Monday the 24th of March  
by calling (03) 9317 5610 or email  
[office@bmnh.org.au](mailto:office@bmnh.org.au)

## SOFTBALL

**School Holiday Program**



**Locations:**

Dandenong Softball Association  
Geelong Softball Association  
Glen Elira Moorabbin Softball Association  
Hume City Softball Association  
Melbourne Softball Association  
Northern District Softball Association  
Sunshine Softball Association

**TERM 2 HOLIDAYS**

Time: 9am - 1pm

Scan the QR Code for more info and to register

[www.softballvic.org.au/events](http://www.softballvic.org.au/events)

Cost: \$75.00pp for non members, \$50.00pp for members

**Price Includes a glove and ball (or a \$25 Ausport Voucher)**



Ready to try something new?

## Join Scouts

10th Footscray Scout Group is looking for young people to join their Group!

Scouting actively engages and supports young people aged 5-25 in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Section meeting nights are

Joey's | ages 5-8 | Thursday 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Cubs | ages 8-11 | Wednesday 7pm - 8:30pm

Scouts | ages 11-14 | Tuesday 7pm - 9pm

Venturers | ages 14-18 | Coming Soon

Rovers | ages 18-25 | Thursday 8pm onwards

We meet at 10th Footscray Scout Hall,

Graham St, West Footscray

For more information or to join, please email

[gl.10thfootscray@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.10thfootscray@scoutsvictoria.com.au)



**10th Footscray**  
Scout Group

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**K< KARTING MADNESS**  
**AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST INDOOR GO KART VENUE**  
**RACING LEAGUES / BIRTHDAY FUNCTIONS**

✓ ADULT Karts  
 ✓ ROOKIE Karts  
 ✓ DUAL SEATED Karts

**OPEN 7 DAYS**

ARCADIE GAMES  
 POOL TABLES

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 9A/841 Mountain Hwy,  
 Bayswater 3153

**BRAYBROOK**  
 (03) 9317 8222  
 234 Ballarat Rd,  
 Braybrook 3019

[WWW.KARTINGMADNESS.COM.AU](http://WWW.KARTINGMADNESS.COM.AU)

Lasertag  
 Bowling



## Celebrating National Playgroup Week

Join us for a fun-filled morning of play, learning, and community connection!

Get ready for a Magic Show, Auslan Bilingual Story Time, and games for children.

Plus find out more about Council's Early Years, Maternal and Child Health and Sustainability services.

**Location:** Braybrook Community Hub Hall, 107-139 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook 3019

**When:** Tuesday 18 March 2025 from 10-11.45 am

**Bookings:** No bookings are necessary.

**Cost:** Free.

**More information:** Contact Early Years - Playgroup Development Officer on 9688 0200 or [playgroups@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:playgroups@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au).

[www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Events/Celebrating-National-Playgroup-Week](http://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Events/Celebrating-National-Playgroup-Week)



## Calling all parents!



Want to find the best free and budget-friendly activities for your kids?

Our 'What's on for Families' e-newsletter has got you covered! From fun events to educational programs for parents - there's something for the whole family.

Subscribe now and get the latest family-friendly activities delivered straight to your inbox.







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## KELLY CLUB DINJERRA UPDATE

### What's been happening...

Last week, our Harry Potter theme brought magic to life! Kids crafted wands, flipped enchanted pancakes, and played thrilling Quidditch making it an unforgettable adventure filled with creativity and fun!



## KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**KELLY CLUB**

**APRIL 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

DINJERRA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
44 SORFUS ROAD BRAYBROOK 3009

WEEK 1		WEEK 2	
<b>Mon 7 Apr</b>  <b>HYBRID HOOPLA</b> Let's see how crazy things can get when reality starts colliding! Create your own hybrid creature - imagine a robot, mermaid, rock, or dinosaur. Cooking Colours - Capstones to test if you can create the possibilities are endless, and the colours are better!	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$40.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$40.64	<b>Mon 14 Apr</b>  <b>KC'S GOT TALENT</b> Today, we're showcasing the hidden talents that Kelly Club kids have to offer! Whether it's dancing, singing, drawing, or something totally unique, we can't wait to see what you've got. Get ready to shine and showcase your amazing skills!	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$62.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$62.64
<b>Tues 8 Apr</b>  <b>INCURSION DAY (NETBALL CLINIC)</b> A day with no limits sounds like the perfect opportunity for an exciting challenge! If you're switching gears and looking ahead to a brilliant Clinic, you could make it equally exciting!	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$62.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$62.64	<b>Tues 15 Apr</b>  <b>INCURSION DAY (FACE PAINTING)</b> Get ready for a brilliant day of creative delight! It's time to let your colorful face paint, creating wild, vibrant masterpieces. Get ready to pose a smile, because the world is about to get a whole lot more colorful!	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$62.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$62.64
<b>Wed 9 Apr</b>  <b>EXCURSION DAY - THE TINY CHEF</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to The Tiny Chef (Bendigo). Kids will have a choice to cook, bake, decorate, and more! Please remember to bring a drink bottle and a hat.	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$62.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$62.64	<b>Wed 16 Apr</b>  <b>EXCURSION DAY - FLIP OUT</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to Flip Out Daybreak, 67 Albury Street Bendigo VIC 3486. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, slacks and a hat.	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$62.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$62.64
<b>Thurs 10 Apr</b>  <b>OUR AMAZING RACE</b> We're about to race like never before! It's time to test your skills and see who's the fastest! Who will take the crown as the ultimate winner? Will it be the fastest or the fittest? Here's what's coming your way: Sports Day, Sports Challenges, Success Stories, Creative and Fun Day!	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$62.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$62.64	<b>Thurs 17 Apr</b>  <b>EGGSTRAVAGANZA! THE ULTIMATE EGG GAMES</b> Join us for an egg-citing day full of fun and games as our Great Easter Egg Hunt brings your coloring pages and who knows what kinds of surprises you'll find hidden in the grass! But that's not all! Get ready for even more excitement with exciting Easter Bounce Pops and Easter Buns!	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$62.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$62.64
<b>Fri 11 Apr</b>  <b>WONDERFUL FRIDAY</b> Let's break the week in a wonderful way! There are so many fun and exciting things you can do. What will today hold? Come along and join in!	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$62.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$62.64	<b>Fri 18 Apr</b>  <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Goodbye!	<b>FULL FEE</b> \$62.64 <b>AFTER MAX CCS*</b> \$62.64

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\* Children's subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia for eligibility and entitlements.

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