



# Dinjerra Messenger

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The recent State Government Budget provided Dinjerra Primary School with funding to allow us to plan for the re-development of our school. This is fantastic news as the old buildings are over 60 years old and are beyond repair. It's very hard to teach a 21<sup>st</sup> Century curriculum in buildings that were designed to teach children born in the 1950's.

Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at what our strengths are and where we see gaps in our offerings. This allows us to try to predict just what sort of school we would like Dinjerra to be in 5, 10 and even 20 years into the future. As Dinjerra is the only Government primary school in Braybrook, this re-development is crucial for the neighbourhood. We have to consider what Braybrook will be like in the future and what sort of school that Braybrook parents and children will require into the future.

At the end of that initial planning time we will appoint an architect to work on developing a design that will go to the Department for future capital funding.

This is wonderful news for the school and our thanks go to Marsha Thompson, our local member, who lobbied on our behalf with the Minister.

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 outside the school gates and to drop-off students on the far side of South Road. Students must use the patrolled school crossing.

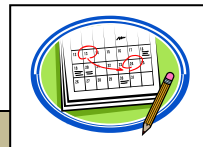
Graeme Smith, Principal

### **Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL**

Students will ***not*** be required at school on Monday, 16 May. The teachers will be writing your child's reports.

School will resume as normal on Tuesday, 17 May.

## Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 13/05	Interschool Sports Bye Week – practise at school	11.20am to 1.20pm
Mon, 16/05	CURRICULUM DAY – no students at school	All day
Tues, 17/05	School Resumes	9.00am
Thurs, 19/05	Soccer Clinics for grades P/1/2	During PE lessons
Thurs, 19/05	Basketball Clinics for Grades 3/4	During PE lessons
Fri, 20/05	Basketball Clinics for grades 5/6	During PE classes
Fri, 20/05	Interschool Sports: Away Vs Footscray West	11.20am to 1.20pm
Thurs, 26/05	Soccer Clinics for grades P/1/2	During PE lessons
Thurs, 26/05	Basketball Clinics for Grades 3/4	During PE lessons
Fri, 27/05	Basketball Clinics for grades 5/6	During PE classes
Fri, 27/05	Interschool Sports: Home Vs St Bernadette's	11.20am to 1.20pm
Fri, 03/06	Interschool Sports: Away Vs Corpus Christi	11.20am to 1.20pm
Mon, 13/06	Queen's Birthday public holiday – no school	All Day
Tues, 14/06	School Resumes	9.00am

### EAL/D at Dinjerra Term 2 2016

We are now into week 5 of our new **English as an Additional Language/Dialect** program at Dinjerra P.S. and everyone is working very well at trying to improve their English. With Grades 3,4,5 and 6 we have been looking at conjunctions or joining words which are words we use to join our sentences together to make them more interesting. Common conjunctions: AND, IF, BUT, BECAUSE, BEFORE, THEN, AFTER, ALTHOUGH, WHILE, UNLESS.

We also have been reading some interesting stories from the selection of books in our EAL room and show that we understand what the story is about by having discussions, doing drama or creating pictures to show what happens in the story and what the characters are like. In Prep 1 and 2 classes we are doing lots of speaking and trying to pronounce our words and sounds better. We are practising our numbers and letters, days of the week and months of the year. We are trying to make our work NEAT and TIDY so that other people can read it and we are trying to speak clearly so that everyone can understand each other.

If you would like more information about our EAL/D programme, please contact Ms Carmel, EAL/D Coordinator. You are welcome to visit on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.



Dinjerra outside of school care program is running an exciting term two program at Dinjerra Primary School.

**Before School Care (7am – 8.45am) and After School Care (3pm – 6pm) programs run Monday - Friday.**

We offer exciting sessions focused around sports, games, cooking, art and craft activities, structured 'free-time' and we provide healthy breakfast and afternoon tea.

Prices for each session starting from just \$3.00 with your rebate!

**For more info and to book, phone Lara: 0466665941 or email [dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au](mailto:dinjerra@kellycluboshc.com.au)**

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### On the Noticeboard

1. Koorie Emergency Relief Program
2. Maribyrnong Grants Program
3. Preschool Story Time at Central West Shopping Centre – English, Hindi, Bengali, Vietnamese and Cantonese
4. Playgroup Timetable at various locations
5. Talking About Drugs and Alcohol With Your Kids
6. Health West Partnership
7. CoHealth new appointment times
8. Football at Braybrook Auskick Centre
9. Bike Parking Design Competition
10. 10<sup>th</sup> Footscray Scout Group

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### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is **closed on Wednesdays**, but is open every other day of the week for your convenience.

Students, please do not use the Office area as a short cut to your classrooms. This is a quiet area and we are trying to work!

### Did You Know???????????????

- The names of all the continents end with the letter they start with.
- On every continent there is a city called Rome.
- The oldest inhabited city is Damascus, Syria.
- The first city in the world to have a population of more than one million was Rome.
- The most populated city in the world – when major urban areas are included – is Tokyo, with more than 37 million residents.
- The Vatican is the world's smallest country, at 0.16 square miles (0.44 square km).

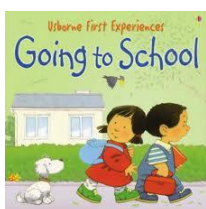
## School Banking Reminder

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!

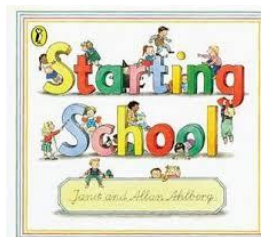
## Prep Enrolments for 2017

Dear Parents,  
We are now taking enrolments for **Prep, 2017**.



If your child turns **5 before 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**, please come to the school office and fill in an **enrolment form** and receive an information pack.

Please bring with you a birth certificate and a completed immunization form.



Any questions about the enrolment process please don't hesitate to visit our office.

### School Tours:

School tours operate every Tuesday morning at 10:00am.

If you wish to attend the Open Days or a School Tour please assist us by phoning the office to register.

### Contact details:

If you need further clarification or any other information please do not hesitate to call the office or speak to our Assistant Principal Bobby Kotevski.

Thank you,

Transition Coordinator and Prep Teacher

Ivy Leach

## Physical Education News

### Fundraising News....

We hope all the mums out there in our school community had a lovely Mothers' Day last Sunday.

The Mothers' Day stall at school was a huge success and your gorgeous children were very excited choosing their gifts for you. Big thankyou to Magz Tunui, Di Heffernan and Fortinee Nosair for packing the presents and running the stall.

Thankyou everyone from the Fundraising Committee.

### Physical Education News....

Dinjerra Primary has been fortunate to receive a grant to run a month of sports clinics with specialized coaches during PE classes. From the 19<sup>th</sup> May, grades Prep/1/2 will be coached in the skills and techniques for the game of soccer. From the 19<sup>th</sup> May, grades 3/4 will be coached in the skills and techniques for the game of basketball. From the 20<sup>th</sup> May, grades 5/6 will also be coached in the skills and techniques for the game of basketball. These are popular games at Dinjerra and major games that we play for Interschool Sport. We all look forward to improving our skills and game sense while having great fun at the same time.

### Interschool Sport....

Ms Domas, Ms Leahy and Mr John continue to be very proud of the children in Grade 5/6 at Dinjerra who represent Dinjerra admirably. We have been coaching these children in the sports of netball, football and soccer. We continue to play other schools in the Footscray District which are bigger than Dinjerra and play mostly grade 6 children. Our children get onto the sporting fields and courts with determination and great sporting behaviour. We also continue to celebrate the wins, draws and even the losses. Well done everyone!

Mrs Domas  
PE Teacher

