



# Dinjerra Messenger

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next Friday is National Tree Day and a series of events will take place across the country, organised by Planet Ark. Bunnings, West Footscray, contacted us and offered to sponsor us with expertise, a bit of muscle, trees and shrubs. On the day, the Bunnings people will work with our students and teachers to plant trees out behind where the Kitchen Garden scheme happens. Let's hope the weather is good. Thanks Bunnings!

We have had a number of students arrive in the neighbourhood in recent weeks wishing to enrol. If you know of anyone who is intending to enrol children into Prep in 2017, please ask them to contact our office as soon as possible. We need to make decisions about staffing over the next month or two and we need to have good data to base our decisions on.

Some of you will have received letters asking you to fill in a survey about how you feel about Dinjerra and the education we provide for your children. Your names are generated randomly on CASES, the Departmental software that all things school have to go through. It is really important that if you have received a survey that you fill it in. If you are having trouble understanding what is required or need a translation, please call the school and we will try to help. The information goes to the Department and is then collated and provided back to us in the form of a report. No parent can be identified and your response is confidential. The report we get from your responses help us to try to make Dinjerra a better school for both you and your children.

Next week, we choose the architects who will help us master plan the school for the future. Once selected the architects will meet with members of the school community, school council members, teachers and students to help develop a plan for how Dinjerra will be physically improved in the future. This is a really exciting time for the school and we want you to feel part of these developments.

Regards,  
Graeme Smith  
Principal

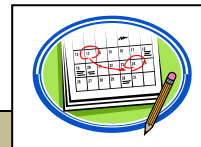
### Parent Surveys

Dinjerra Primary School's annual Parent Surveys were mailed out to selected families last week.

We thank you for taking the time to fill in the surveys and ask that they be returned to school by tomorrow, Friday, 29 July, 2016

Thank you  
Graeme Smith,  
Principal

## Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 29/07	Bunnings to help plant trees for Planet Ark	10.00am to 2.00pm
Tues, 02/08	Bringing up Great Kids – venue TBA	9.30am to 11.30am
Thurs, 04/08	Soccer Seda Group lessons – whole school	9.00am to 2.30pm
Tues, 09/08	Bringing up Great Kids – in Conference Room	9.30am to 11.30am
Thurs, 11/08	Soccer Seda Group lessons – whole school	9.00am to 2.30pm
Fri, 12/08	Chocolates and money due back	
Tues, 16/08	EcoLinc excursion for graded P-2	9.00am to 3.00pm
Tues, 16/08	Bringing up Great Kids – in Conference Room	9.30am to 11.30am
Tues, 23/08	Bringing up Great Kids – in Conference Room	9.30am to 11.30am
Tues, 30/08	Bringing up Great Kids – in Conference Room	9.30am to 11.30am

### EAL/D at Dinjerra Term 3 2016

We are now into week 3 of Term 3 of our English as an Additional Language/Dialect program at Dinjerra P.S. and everyone is working very well.

It was lovely to meet so many of the parents of the EAL/D students at the recent Parent and Teacher interviews, thank you. This term I have had a couple of parents wanting to have a chat and visit the EAL/D room, this is a wonderful thing to do not only for yourselves but also your children who love coming into the EAL/D room for their lessons.

This term we are introducing an EAL/D cooking program for the 5/6 classes at the request of some of the students. The students are very excited and so am I. We will have four sessions of cooking ( every second Tuesday) starting next Tuesday. I will purchase the ingredients and everything used in our cooking sessions will be Halal to cater for the needs of our Muslim students. Our idea is to cook as many dishes from different cultures as time allows. Hopefully our cooking attempts will be successful! As part of the EAL/D program we will create a recipe book so if you are able to share any special recipes from your country we would appreciate your contribution.

Grades Prep, 1,2,3,4, EAL/D students are concentrating on their listening and speaking skills and enjoying many stories and discussions about the forthcoming Olympic Games. Miss Hannah gave us an amazing floor puzzle map of the world which has created great discussion and fun, thanks Miss Hannah!

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



## Kelly Club Dinjerra

Get along to Kelly Club Dinjerra OSHC program for loads of fun, sport, games, cooking, craft, arts, structured free time and healthy, yummy breakfast and afternoon tea! This term we have a special month of OLYMPICS happening in August!

We're open **Monday – Friday** for **Before School Care 7am – 8.45am** and **After School Care 3pm – 6pm**, **providing breakfast and afternoon tea.**

Our programs are approved with subsidies available, prices start from \$3.00 per session with your CCB rebate!

Ask at the office or contact Lara for more information and to book:

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### On the Noticeboard

1. Koorie Emergency Relief Program
2. Maribyrnong Grants Program
3. Meet Lulu Bell in Williamstown
4. Playgroup Timetable at various locations
5. Talking About Drugs and Alcohol With Your Kids
6. Panda Squad – free Hip Hop classes
7. Bringing Up Great Kids – MacKillop Family Services
8. 2017 Enrolment Information Sessions – Harvester Technical College
9. Yoga For Kids, Maidstone

### 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!

### 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.

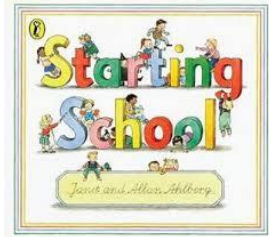
### **Contact details:**

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



## Fundraising News

This week, your children are going home with a box of Cadbury's chocolates to sell for our school. Please try and sell as many as you can. This is our major fundraiser and if we sell them all we raise an amazing \$1800 for Dinjerra. Please return the money if you sell them all or the money and left over chocolates to the office at school as soon as you can. If you can sell another box please let the office know. You have until Friday August 12th to return everything.

Thank you from the Fundraising Committee.

## Did You Know????

- The thermometer was invented in 1607 by Galileo.
- Englishman Roger Bacon invented the magnifying glass in 1250.
- Alfred Nobel invented dynamite in 1866.
- Wilhelm Rontgen won the first Nobel Prize for physics for discovering X-rays in 1895.
- The tallest tree ever was an Australian eucalyptus – In 1872 it was measured at 435 feet tall.
- Christian Barnard performed the first heart transplant in 1967 – the patient lived for 18 days.
- The wingspan of a Boeing 747 is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.

## From the Assistant Principal

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING

## Developing positive relationships

### How to be a good friend

**If you want to have a good friend, then you need to be a good friend yourself.**

#### **What is a good friend?**

Well, a good friend is someone who is always loyal, kind, thoughtful, stands up for their friend, spends time with them, tells their friend about their feelings and listens to their friend's problems. If you act like a good friend towards them you are more likely to find someone who wants to be your special friend.

#### **Getting along with others.**

We are not born knowing how to get along with others or knowing how to be a friend. This is something we need to learn how to do. We all have to learn how to do it just like we learn how to read, how to write and how to count. We have to practice what we have learned all the time. The key is to be consistent with your behaviours. To get along with others you have to stop and think about their feelings, not just your own. You should always think about what is fair for them as well as what is fair for you.

#### **We can have more than one friend.**

Many people have more than one friend at a time. It's good to try to make friends with several people because there usually are a lot of nice people to be friends with and if one of your friends is away, the rest of you can play together. It is very helpful to get to know lots of different people because we can all learn from one another.

#### **What you can do at home to support your child.**

As a family sit down together and discuss what strategies you can use to initiate a friendship with another person who might be on his or her own. Discuss what inviting someone to join a group might look like and sound like. Practice behaviours like looking them in the eye, smiling and using positive language to invite someone to play. Practice using a friendly voice and saying statements like: "Would you like to play with us?" and "Would you like to join us again?"

Discuss what you do as an adult to make a new friend and how you develop your relationship with them further.

These articles will be published in the newsletter every fortnight. I hope you find the articles useful and I look forward to any feedback.

**Mr. Bobby Kotevski**  
**Assistant Principal**

