



# Dinjerra Messenger

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The term is half over and the weather is starting to get very cold. This is the time of year when numerous viruses work their way through the school population and coughs and sniffles dominate classrooms. When children come to the office to tell us that they feel unwell all we can do is to call home and ask you to come and get your child. This is sometimes difficult as we don't always have up to date contact information. When children are really unwell, they much prefer a parent to our sick bay so please make sure that we have your current phone number, current address and preferably two emergency numbers in case you are unavailable. We don't want teachers and other students becoming infected from sick children so please keep sick children home.

For the first time in many years, Dinjerra has been involved in interschool sport. Our Grade 5 and 6 students have played a number of local schools in netball, mixed netball and football. Overall, the results have been great. Our mixed netball team haven't lost a game and the other teams have won and lost. What is also very pleasing has been the great sportsmanship and the courteous and thoughtful behaviour we expect of Dinjerra students. Considering all the other schools are much bigger than us it is a fantastic effort on their part and on the part of the teacher coaches, Ms Domas, Ms Leahy and Mr Carr.

Our new car park fence is almost finished at a substantial cost to the school. The previous fence was run into numerous times and was beyond repair. Can I please remind parents that our car park is very small and is not suitable for drop-offs and pick-ups. Parents of children who are temporarily or permanently unable to walk or parents dropping off or picking up children at Kelly Club are naturally exempt.

Regards,  
Graeme Smith  
Principal

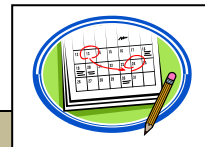
### **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CAR PARK TO PICK UP AND DROP OFF STUDENTS**

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

## Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
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
Thurs, 02/06	Soccer Clinics for grades P/1/2	9.00am to 11.00am
Thurs, 02/06	Basketball Clinics for grades 3/4	Afternoon
Fri, 03/06	Basketball Clinics for grades 5/6	9.00am to 10.30am
Fri, 03/06	Interschool Sports: Away Vs Corpus Christi	11.20am to 1.20pm
Thurs, 09/06	Basketball Clinics for grades 3/4	Afternoon
Thurs, 09/06	Soccer Clinics for grades P/1/2	9.00am to 11.00am
Fri, 10/06	Basketball Clinics for grades 5/6	9.00am to 10.30am
Fri, 10/06	Pirate Day Celebrations, fundraising by JSC	All day
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 7 of our **English as an Additional Language/Dialect** program at Dinjerra and still your children are working hard to improve their English.

The emphasis this week is on COMMUNICATION: SPEAKING and LISTENING and all the skills we need to learn to make us good communicators at school, in the community and within our family circles.

Communication Skills include:

- Learning to listen carefully for correct information
- Showing the speaker that we are listening
- Asking appropriate questions
- Smiling, nodding and agreeing or disagreeing and showing respect are all actions that show we are listening
- Introducing another person to the group and explaining about what they have written or said shows that we have not only listened carefully but can also use correct and descriptive English to share the information
- Using positive body language and facial expressions are very important for both the speaker and listener

Next week we will continue with **Communication Skills** and make recordings of the students so they can see where improvements need to be made.

If you would like more information about our EAL Program please contact Ms Carmel on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays through the school office.

Thank you

Ms Carmel

EAL Teacher



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. Meet Lulu Bell in Williamstown
5. Playgroup Timetable at various locations
6. Talking About Drugs and Alcohol With Your Kids
7. Female Soccer Players for Maribyrnong Swifts
8. Willy Lit Fest

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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????????????

1. Our oldest radio broadcasts of the 1930s have already travelled past 100,000 stars.
2. It takes 8 minutes 17 seconds for light to travel from the Sun's surface to the Earth.
3. October 12th, 1999 was declared "The Day of Six Billion" based on United Nations projections.
4. 10 percent of all human beings ever born are alive at this very moment.
5. The Earth spins at 1,000 mph but it travels through space at an incredible 67,000 mph.
6. Every year over one million earthquakes shake the Earth.

## School Banking Reminder

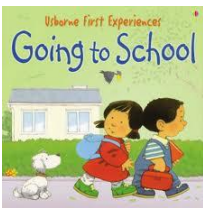
Students should bring their weekly deposit in the yellow wallet and hand it to their teacher or at the Office on **TUESDAY mornings**.

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

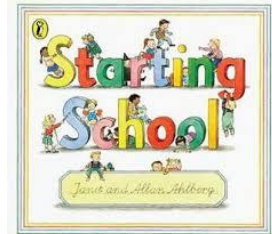
Dear Parents,

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

