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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

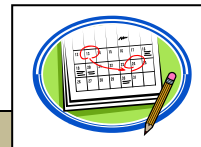
Tomorrow is Pirate Day at Dinjerra. Our Junior School Council decided to select a number of charities over the year to support and this one is to raise money for research to help find a cure for childhood brain cancer, a very nasty cancer that unfortunately kills many children each year throughout the world. To take part, your child needs to bring a 'gold' coin and can dress as a pirate if they wish instead of school uniform. All children participating get an eye patch to help with the pirate look. Why Pirate Day; I'm not really sure except that children undergoing chemotherapy generally lose their hair and often wear a bandana to both cover the hair loss or maybe just to keep warm. The pirates in fictional children's stories such as Captain Hook and even Captain Feather Sword in the Wiggles wear bandanas so this charity probably saw this as a fun way of dealing with a very serious subject.

A small number of children appear at our office saying that they don't have lunch or that they are hungry. Please try to make sure that your children have eaten a good breakfast before coming to school as this helps them concentrate on their work. If a child has forgotten their lunch we will try to ring a parent to get them to bring some food to the school. Generally the only way we can provide some food is by teachers giving the child some of their own lunch or occasionally, we get a donation of cereal or bread but that is not a constant. One of the reasons we brought in Kelly Club to run before and after school care for our families was to help families when parents needed to get to work early or were finishing well after school time. Most of Dinjerra's families are eligible for the maximum rebate from the Government meaning that the cost is very reasonable and the children who attend are fed healthy food both in the morning and in the afternoon as well as being with friends and having a fun time with adult supervision. Signing up to Kelly Club costs nothing and once they have your details, your child can attend at short notice if you are held up somewhere or have an appointment when you would normally be able to pick your children up.

Regards,
Graeme Smith
Principal



Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Time
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
Tues, 14/06	School Council Meeting	7.00pm
Thurs, 16/06	Grades Prep, 1 and 2 Premier Night	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Fri, 17/06	Interschool Sports Grand Final Matches TBA	11.20am
Mon, 20/06	Ecolinc excursion for grades 3 and 4	9.00am to 3.00pm
Mon, 20/06	Parent Teacher Interviews	3.15pm to 6.00pm
Tues, 21/06	Parent Teacher Interviews	3.15pm to 6.00pm
Thurs, 23/06	Footscray Police visiting grade 5/6L	9.00 to 11.00am
Fri, 24/06	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – HOORAY!!!	Early finish at 2.30pm
Mon, 11/07	School resumes	9.00am

EAL/D at Dinjerra Term 2 2016

We are now into week 9 of our **English as an Additional Language/Dialect** program at Dinjerra and your children continue to improve their English Language skills daily.

We are still developing our communication skills of SPEAKING and LISTENING.

In our EAL classes we have to listen very carefully then follow the instructions carefully. Please encourage your child/children to tell you about what they are learning at school, especially in their EAL/D class.

Refugee Week starts on 19th June and we are celebrating at Dinjerra with an excursion for the EAL students from Prep 1 & 2 to the Braybrook Library on Thursday 23rd to join in with the activities they have organised.

At Dinjerra we are holding a Writing Competition with the theme:

WITH COURAGE LET US ALL COMBINE

(Please encourage and support your children to enter)

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

For more information about the Writing Competition, see the posters which are placed all around the school. There is one on the door near the Office.

The competition closes on Monday, 20 June.



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

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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
9. Young Artist Holiday Program - Seddon

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

- When Krakatoa erupted in 1883, its force was so great it could be heard 4,800 kilometers away in Australia.
- The largest ever hailstone weighed over 1kg and fell in Bangladesh in 1986.
- Every second around 100 lightning bolts strike the Earth.
- Every year lightning kills 1000 people.
- In October 1999 an Iceberg the size of London broke free from the Antarctic ice shelf .
- If you could drive your car straight up you would arrive in space in just over an hour.

School Banking Reminder

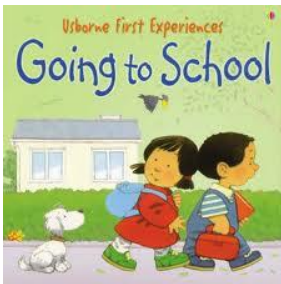
Students should bring their weekly deposit in the yellow wallet and hand it to their teacher or at the Office on **TUESDAY mornings**.

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,

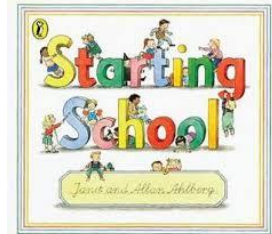
We are now taking enrolments for **Prep, 2017**.



If your child turns **5 before 30th 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

The Maribyrnong City Council has issued a magazine on-line called 'Art Bytes'. This magazine contains information on the Festival City of Maribyrnong; Youth Arts; Women's Circus; Fashion Photography; Arts and Crafts and a whole lot more.

To read the magazine, please go to:

www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/f5 or

<http://footscrayarts.com/eventf5-footscray-in-transition2016>

Don't forget our early finish on the last day of Term 2.

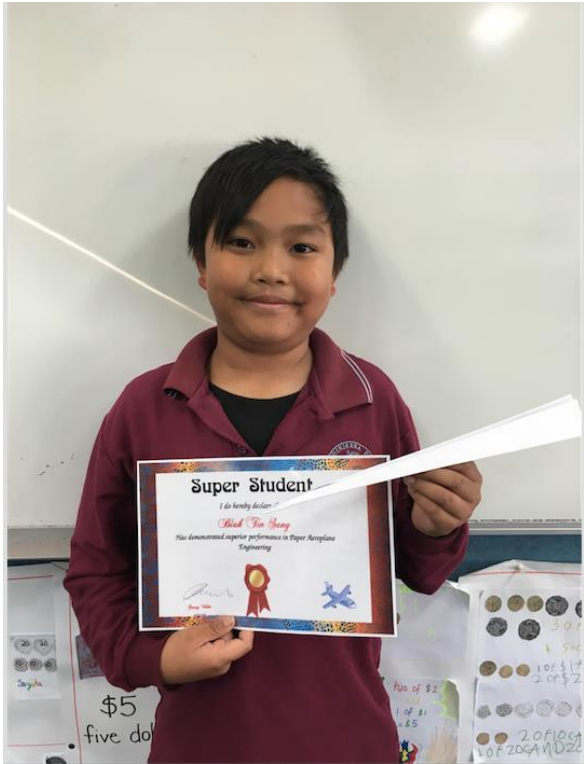
On Friday, 24 June, we will finish at 2.30pm. Please make arrangements to pick up your children at this earlier time.

News From Grade 3/4W

Last week was an exciting occasion for the students of 3/4W as we held our first 'Paper Aeroplane Tournament'. Over the week, students used mathematical and engineering skills to construct paper planes that would travel the farthest distance. Students measured and recorded wingspan and wing perimeter, and investigated symmetry in their designs, as well as experimenting reading distance in metres and centimetres during testing. The nerve-wracking final was held on Friday, and it came down to the final flight of the day to find the ultimate Paper Plane Engineer. With a recorded distance of 11.27 metres the winner was **Biak Tin Sang**, who beat second place-getter **Aymaan** by nearly three metres! Coming in a close third was **Hanna**.

Congratulations, Biak Tin Sang, and to all students who worked hard on their entries.

Seany Watts
Teacher 3/4W



Interschool Sport

It has been a wonderful term 2 for our grade 5/6 children for sport. The students played against 6 schools in the Footscray District. Your children played Football with John Carr, Netball with Catherine Leahy and Soccer with Debbie Domas. All students participated in good, fun competition. Students were both nervous and excited to compete each week. It was great to see some parents and relatives come along to support their children at matches. Special thanks to the Tunui family who supplied oranges and water to teams.

Our mixed netball team was very successful and never lost a match all term so they have made it to the finals against St John's PS. The final will be played at Footscray West PS on June 17th beginning at 11.30. Team members will have a permission note with information going home early next week.

We all wish them the best of luck for Friday 17th June!!!

Thanks everyone

Debbie Domas

Physical Education Teacher