Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2016!!
The school year has started off with great attendance and our Djidi kids ready to get their learn on!

We have so many exciting things planned for this year. I'd like to welcome new families and staff to the Djidi Djidi community. Our classrooms are bursting!

As always, our expectations in regards to behaviour and attendance remain high. Those students who struggle with behaviour and attendance will continue to receive fantastic support from the Djidi team but we will also be asking parents to be active participators as well, so we look forward to seeing some parents around the school & helping out in classes.

The new library planning is well underway and we have a team of Architects working on a really unique design.

Our new 3 Year Old program KindiLink got up and running last week. Congrats to Mrs Mumme and all the families who came along to the sessions. Check out our Facebook page and this newsletter for gorgeous photos.

Please continue to send your kids to school with a water bottle and remember only 100% fruit juices are permitted. Try to stay cool on these hot, hot days and we’ll let you know when our next fun water day will be!

Chat soon,

Tegan Davis (Principal) & Sam Goodlad (Deputy Principal)

CANTEEN NEWS
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Djidi Djidi kids are deadly kids because they want to be culture strong and knowledge smart so they can mix it with everyone else, which is why they are STRONGER, SMARTER, SAFER!
SOUNDWAVE BOOKS

In 2016 we are continuing our very successful Soundwaves program. The Soundwaves resource book is a book that your child works through for the whole year. They need to purchase their own book from the school ASAP so that they can begin the program.

Many families have already purchased their books which is great, so please send your child to school with $18.00 or come to the front office and pay for it by cash, credit card or EFTPOS. We will then give your child their book with their name on it and it will be kept in their classroom. Your child cannot start the program without their book and it is VERY important that they get started straight away.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The level of Voluntary Contributions for 2016 has been approved by the School Council. Voluntary Contributions are payable by 1st April 2016.

Voluntary Contributions go towards hosting cultural education events at Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School. 2016 is an extremely significant year for Djidi Djidi with the school celebrating its 20th Anniversary. Funds will also go towards NAIDOC celebrations and supplementing the cost of hosting cultural incursions and excursions.

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Note: A range of payment options are available – Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, Direct Deposit and Centrepay.

DJIDI DJIDI KINDIlink

A fantastic start to our Djidi Djidi KindiLink SWAMS began at the Withers Library last Wednesday the 3rd Feb. The 3 year olds and their mums had a great time making play dough, creating paint bags and enjoying healthy fruit yoghurt cones. This playgroup program is designed to assist children to be ready for Kindy by recognising that the best teacher for a child is their parents or carers.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

There is a School Development Day coming up next Monday, 15th February. This means students do not attend school on this day and our buses will not be picking students up on this day either. School resumes on Tuesday, 16th February. The school will send out a reminder SMS this Friday. Thank you!

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Our whole school photo day is coming up in Week 8 on Monday, 21st March 2016. All children are expected to attend school this day to have their photo taken even if you are not going to order any photos. Your child or children must still attend so that they can be on our Staff and Student photo board and the class photos.

BUS INFORMATION

Parents and carers need to keep in mind that this is a proper run bus service provided by Buswest. The school needs to be notified of any changes at least 48 hours in advance so that we can let Buswest know and they in turn can make the changes to their runs. This applies if you have moved address permanently. You must let the school office know, not the bus wardens or bus drivers. Any changes for whatever reason need to be phoned to the school BEFORE 1pm.

Parents/carers who are not home in the afternoon, must organise for someone to be home when your children are dropped off.

Remember—it is a privilege to ride on the school bus and respect should be given to the drivers and wardens. They are there to make sure your children get picked up in the morning and arrive home safe after school.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

It is compulsory for students enrolled in Pre Primary to Year 6 to attend school, and, as kindergarten is essential towards preparing young children for formal schooling, once enrolled in a kindergarten program they are also expected to attend school every kindy day (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). It is expected that every child coming to school every day at Djidi Djidi, unless sick or other major issue happens. If a child is sick or there is cultural business or an unforeseen incident and your child cannot attend school, then the school MUST be informed immediately. Messages will be sent to families mobiles using SMS if their child is absent from school. If you receive this message please reply back or ring the school. As every child is capable of learning, we can guarantee academic success if they attend school for more than 90% and they are fully involved in their learning.

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