Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it is week four already! Things are ticking along nicely here at Djidi Djidi. Last week we welcomed some medical students from Perth who spent some time here getting to know the kids.

Our KindiLink Program continues to be amazing with children and parents enjoying the sessions that we offer. We have a couple of places available in the program if you have a three year old and you are interested, please call Bronwyn Mumme at the school to have a chat.

The healthy food and drink promotion continues to gain momentum here. It was so great to see water bottles everywhere around the school last week, especially in such hot weather. Water is always the preferred drink option at school as many juice drinks and flavoured milks have up to 9 teaspoons of sugar in them!!! If children are going to be bringing juice to school, please make sure it is 100% fruit juice. We feel very lucky to have SWAMS Project Officer Janene Grey on board to help us continue the healthy food and drink message.

A big thankyou to all the student who participated in the lunchtime disco last Thursday, we raised $120 for the Year 6 Camp. Many thanks also go to the staff that ran the event.

Exciting times ahead as we begin to sort through the votes for Prefect and Faction Captains. Stay tuned for the results.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be major push at Djidi Djidi. Our whole school attendance rate is currently 82%. This is far below where we want to be and l we want to encourage parents to support us in making every day count. When a child misses a day ‘just because’ it’s a whole day of learning that they will never get back, which is really sad. PLEASE help us to make sure your child has the best education possible.

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

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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 Friday, 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 at the start of this term. 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. There are a couple of places still available if you are interested as mentioned on the front page.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

There is another School Development Day coming up on Tuesday, 8th March. This means students do not attend school on this day and buses will not be running on this day either. School resumes on Wednesday, 9th March. The school will send out a reminder SMS on the Friday before. There will also be another S.D.D coming up in Week 9.

**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 on this day to have their photo taken even if you are not going to order any photos. Your child or children should still come to school so that they can be included on our Staff and Student Photo Board and their 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 necessary changes and we can let families on the bus runs know if there are time changes to their bus runs. This applies if you have moved address permanently. You must let the school office know, not the bus wardens or bus drivers.

Any other changes for whatever reason need to be phoned to the school BEFORE 1pm. No changes are made after this time.

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

Remember—in the mornings children must be ready when the bus stops to pick them up. The buses are not allowed to hang around and wait if you are not organised because it makes the bus run late to 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 we see every child coming to school every day at Djidi Djidi, unless sick or other major issues happen. If a child is sick or there is cultural business or an unforseen incident and your child cannot attend school, then the school must be informed immediately. Families will receive an SMS if their child is absent from school.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The Canteen is running 3 extra canteen days this term on a Wednesday for ordering LUNCH ONLY. No recess will be available on these days. All monies raised on these days will go towards the Year 6 Camp. Check out the calendar for the dates!!!