



Kaya and welcome to all our families and community that share in the education of our children.

We had a wonderful start to the school year and would like to congratulate everyone for commencing 2023 in a curious, confident and connected way. There is a real buzz around the school as students reconnect with old friends and make new friends. We would like to welcome two new teachers to Djidi Djidi, In Yongka, we have Mrs Jorgensen and in Nyingarn we welcome Mrs Holst, we know that you will bring new ideas and learning, and we wish you all the best as you join our community. We also would like to welcome all our new families to our school, and we are looking forward to getting to know you all.

Communication matters - There are many ways we communicate between school and home to ensure that parents and carers are kept informed about what is happening both in the classroom and on a whole school level. Please link into our Facebook page and our website where we will continue to update our school news. Our newsletter will be sent out fortnightly and will be updated onto our website. Notes will go home with the eldest student in the family, please check your child's bag regularly for any notes that are sent home.

If I have one piece of advice to all parents and it is "Talk to your child's teacher". If you are unable to contact your teacher, my door is always open. You are welcome to speak to me at any time. Successful learning comes when we all work together as a team to ensure every student has every chance of success.

Professional Learning - Prior to school commencing we had two days with teachers developing our Professional Knowledge. We visited Roelands Village and listened to stories from our respected Elders who were generous to share their memories. We continue our cultural journey and are keen to listen to your stories and share your knowledge with our students. Please contact me if you can come and visit our school at any time, we value and welcome the Aboriginal Elders and community in our school.

We also focused our Professional learning on our Kaadadjiny Moordijabiny – Learning and becoming stronger curriculum. We reviewed our assessment and intervention models of Numeracy and Literacy to ensure we are updating and learning new ways to improve our students Literacy and Numeracy.

Attendance is the Key - Every day matters, and we know that students who attend regularly have the best opportunity for success in their lives. If your child is sick or unable to attend, please ring the school or go onto our website and complete the absentee request, this will then be sent directly to admin. You can also reply to the SMS which goes out at 10am everyday if your child is not at school.

If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%

Updating Medical Records - The Department of Education requires Asthma Action and Anaphylaxis plans to be updated annually. Existing and newly diagnosed Asthmatics must have an Asthma Action Plan. If your child no longer needs an Asthma plan, please notify Terrina or Brenda in the office.

If your child requires medication during school hours you must complete a Medication Authorisation form, these can be obtained from the front office. The medication must be brought into the office and signed over by a parent or carer.

The 2023 NAIDOC Theme is “For our Elders”

Across every generation, our Elders have played and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones. They guide our generations and pave the way for the paths we can take today. At Djidi Djidi we want this theme to be throughout the year, not just in NAIDOC week.

Finally, our Kaadadjiny Moordijabiny continues to enforce, the 6 kinds of best.

I am kind to myself, I am kind to others, I am kind to country, I am the learning kind, I am the achieving kind, I am the community kind.

One of your greatest strengths is simply being kind. You can change a life by being kind, you can give hope by being kind, you can bring joy by being kind, you can make someone’s day by being kind, so listen and today choose to be kind.

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Karen Augustson

2023 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS					
WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Term 1 2	6 FEBRUARY Waitangi Day	7	8 Newsletter 1	9	10
3	13 Constable Care Incursion Years 1-3 & 4-6	14	15	16	17
4	20	21	22 Newsletter 2	23	24 Matinee Yr 3-6 Charlie & the Choc Factory
5	27	28	1 MARCH	2	3
6	6 MARCH Labour Day Public Holiday	7	8 Newsletter 3	9	10
7	13	14	15	16	17
8	20	21 HARMONY DAY	22 Newsletter 4 Harmony Day Assembly and Open Classrooms Morning Tea 9:30am	23	24

KINDILINK NEWS

Kaya families,

KindiLink for this year commences next week (Monday 13th Feb) and will be on Monday and Tuesday 9.00am until 12.00pm during a school term. Could you please bring a piece of fruit to share, a hat and drink bottle. We look forward to seeing you and your little koolangka's.

Thank you
Sharen and Tracey



SCHOOL BOOKLIST SUPPLIES

Wow! What a great start to the 2023 school year. We would like to thank all those families who have already brought their child/ren's booklist supplies to the school. If you are still waiting on any items or purchasing items just send them in with your child as soon as you can. If you need a copy of your child's booklist, just come into the office or call the office and we can send one home with your child.

SOUND WAVE BOOKS

Just touching on school supplies, all our Year 3 to 6 students will need a Sound Wave Book (which are part of the curriculum) for their learning.

Year 3 to 6 Students – Sound Wave Books are \$17.95 each and can be purchased from the office.

Parents and carers can arrange for payment over the phone via EFTPOS, you can send in cash with your child or use Centrepay that can also be arranged via phoning the office. Thank you to the families who have already purchased these books for their children.

2023 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The School Council has approved the level of Voluntary Contributions for 2023.

2023 Voluntary Contributions are due by Thursday 6th April.

Voluntary Contributions go towards hosting cultural and educational events at our School. Funds also go towards NAIDOC celebrations and supplementing the cost of cultural incursions and excursions.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS		
	Kindergarten	Pre-Primary to Yr 6
TOTAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$20.00	\$30.00

Payments can be made at any time during the term in the school office between 8am-4pm.

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

DERMOKALITJ CLASS NEWS

Dermokalitj have had a wonderful first week back at school. We have made lots of new friends and started to learn about ourselves in our HASS lessons.



GROWING LANGUAGE

Speech Pathology Tip of the Week:

Big Words Small Stories on ABC iView is a hilarious, short cartoon series that teaches one BIG word per episode like gargantuan, bamboozled, scrumptious, gibberish, pernickety, and rambunctious. A great way to help build your child's vocabulary skills, while they watch.



GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM - BSHS

If your child is currently in Year 6 (Year 7 in 2024) and enrolling next year at Bunbury Senior High School, they can apply for the above program. There are limited places for students who enter Years 9 & 10 in 2024. Applications close on SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2023. Contact BSHS for more information.