# **DJIDI DJIDI WAANGKINY**

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Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School



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

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and would like to congratulate everyone for commencing 2024 in a curious, confident and connected way.

I am extremely proud of the students and staff at Djidi Djidi, everyone has thrown themselves into learning and setting the bar high with high expectation and great results.

Tomorrow, we celebrate Harmony Day across Australia. Harmony Day celebrates our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Kaarda Class (years 2 and 3) will run the assembly starting at 9:30am and afterwards we invite all community members to our open classrooms with a cuppa afterwards.

Although Harmony Day shines the light on racism, we do not tolerate this on any day. There are many things we can all do, but with these three simple ways we can begin to address racism: speak out, get informed about the issues and engage with others. Let's all work together for peace and harmony to make our world the best place for our children's future.

**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 also our website where we will continue to update our school news. Our newsletter will be sent out twice a term 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 notes that may be there.

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 also at any time. Successful learning comes when we all work together as a team to ensure every student has every chance of success.

**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.

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

I am one of a kind, 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.

# Boorda Karen Augustson

2024 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS					
WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Term 1 8	18 March	19	20	21 Harmony Day and Kaarda Class Assembly @ 9:30am	22 Wetj Class Collie River Excursion
9	25 March Year 5/6 School Camp	26 Year 5/6 School Camp	27 Year 5/6 School Camp	28 Year 5/6 School Camp	29 Good Friday Public Holiday
	1 April Easter Monday Public Holiday	2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	4 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	5 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	8 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	9 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	10 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	11 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	12 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Term 2 1	15 School Development Day	16 Students return to school	17	18	19

### **SCIENCE AND ART CLASSES**

Yongka class have been repurposing colourful and patterned scrapbooking papers to create a large flower collage. Repurposing materials is link to the Chemical science topic the class has been learning about. Last week students conducted investigation to test the elasticity of different balls and looked at the materials the balls were made from.

Wetj class has been learning about the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Last week they investigated the viscosity of hair conditioner, tomato sauce and golden syrup.

Kaarda class have drawn a fish after studying their features, including line and pattern. They will continue to build layers of paint to make a colourful, abstract artwork.

Below are some photos of what the students have been doing in science and art.









### **YONGKA CLASS**

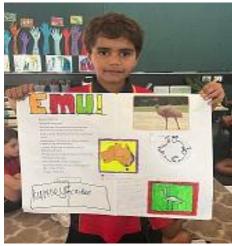
Kia ora and Kaya!

We have had a brilliant start to 2024 here in Yongka! Who could believe the term is coming to an end already, it feels like it has just begun.

Everyone has settled in beautifully and this amazing class of koolangkas are fully into learning. They have produced some incredible work to date, including native bird inquiries, a study on bull sharks, their literacy and numeracy programmes, they have been part of a cricket programme, SciTech shows, and would you believe they have even been a big part in the creation of a new school song. Yongka has also recently taken on the role of 'Kaitiakitangi', or guardians of the school garden. We are going to spend time re-vitalising the garden, getting it to a place where we can harvest, share and create food for the school community.

I very much look forward to meeting some of you at our Harmony Day Assembly tomorrow.

# **Kim Powell Class Teacher**







#### **NYINGARN CLASS**

Nyingarn class have been exploring play-based learning. The students worked together to design and create an amazing dinosaur park.

This term we have also enjoyed cricket sessions with Cricket WA and had the opportunity to explore music with Tanya from WAM, and Kris from Grass Roots Music Foundation. In Science students have investigated the properties of materials to see if they bend or stretch.

Denise Holst Class Teacher



### **DERMOKALITJ CLASS**

Dermokalitj have enjoyed sharing stories with their friends. We are becoming much better listeners and more confident when talking about "who" is in the story.

# Rachael Murphy Early Childhood Teacher



#### **WETJ CLASS**

Wetj has had a busy term with Cricket clinics, visits with SciTech Scientists and showing their wonderful, individual creativity within the classroom. What an amazing group of students!



#### **KAARDA CLASS ASSEMBLY**

Harmony Day Assembly is tomorrow, and we are inviting everyone to join Kaarda Class for our class assembly at **9:30am**. You are very welcome to join us in following the assembly for some Harmony Day activities in our classrooms and a cup of tea. Looking forward to seeing you!



## **SCHOOL UPDATES**

### **KINDILINK**

A Djidi Djidi KindiLink Facebook page has been set up for KindiLink families, you will need to request to join.

KindiLink's last two days of this term are next Monday and Tuesday and then we are on two weeks school holidays. We wish everyone a lovely holiday break and we will see you all back here next term. KindiLink's first day back for Term 2 is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Djidi Djidi School is not open on Monday.

### **EASTER RAFFLE**

Please get your tickets and money in by next Tuesday morning 26<sup>th</sup> March, at the latest. We will be drawing out 16 winning tickets. Checkout the prizes on our Facebook page. Goodluck everyone!!!

# **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

All families that pay their children's contributions by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Term 2) will go into our meat raffle draw. The draw will take place during our Wet Class assembly on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. More information will be sent home with student's early next term.