# **DJIDI DJIDI WAANGKINY**

**Term 2 Edition 4 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025** 23 Erica Entrance, Bunbury WA 6230

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Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School



Term 2 has started well, and it's been wonderful to see our students fully engaged in both school life and their curriculum learning. I am so pleased with the growth we are seeing, particularly in literacy, where students attending regularly are making outstanding progress.

Our teachers are currently assessing student learning and preparing end-of-term reports. If you have any concerns or questions, I strongly encourage you to make time to speak with your child's teacher. Reports will be sent home at the end of the term, and we hope there are no surprises — ongoing communication between school and home is key.

At Djidi Djidi, we believe in working together to create a rich, inclusive learning environment. All of our staff are open and eager to share your child's learning journey with you — it truly takes a village to help our children thrive.

We also acknowledge the importance of our shared history and cultural respect. National Sorry Day will be commemorated on **Monday 26th May** with a special assembly hosted by Yongka class in the afternoon starting at 1:40pm. **All members of our community are warmly invited to attend and join us in honouring this significant day.** 

On **Tuesday 3rd June**, we will participate in the Bunbury Reconciliation Walk. All students from Years 2–6 will attend as a whole school group. Students in Kindy to Year 1 will remain at school under supervision, or parents are welcome to bring their young ones to join the walk. This arrangement ensures safety and appropriate care for all students. We invite all community members to walk with us in unity and support of reconciliation, please see the attached flyer.

As always, I want to thank our dedicated staff for holding the highest expectations for our students and teaching with unwavering respect. Learning is a journey — not just for our students but also for us as educators — and we continue to grow together.

Finally, if you or someone you know is a former Djidi Djidi student, we would love to hear your story. We're building a collection of past student experiences to inspire and connect with our current students. Wherever life has taken you, your story matters. Please get in touch with us — our students love hearing about where our alumni are now. Please scan the QR code on the back page to hear Mandijun Kelly's journey.

If you'd ever like to pop in for a yarn, my door is always open, and remember, we have our Sorry Day assembly next Monday.

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Karen Augustson Principal

2025 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS					
WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	19 MAY	20	21 Newsletter 4	22 Student Breakfast	23
5	26 MAY Yongka Class Sorry Day Assembly	27 National Reconciliation Week 27 May-3 June	28 Wear your AFL Guernsey Colours Day	29	30
6	2 JUNE WA Day public holiday	3 Bunbury Reconciliation Walk	4	5	6
7	9 JUNE	10	11 Earbus onsite	12	13 Community Consultation Meeting @ 3:30pm



#### **CHARACTER STRENGTHS - PERSISTENCE**

Weeks 4-6 Character Strength is PERSISTENCE.

Persistence is working hard and sticking with something valuable that you've started.



Weeks 7-9 Character Strength will be HONESTY. Honesty is telling the truth and taking responsibility for your feelings and actions.

#### NOONGAR WORDS OF THE MONTH

Children have been learning lots of language specially the names of some of our native animals. Here are more words in language for you to learn.

Ngoorlak – white tail Black Cockatoo



red tail Black Cockatoo

#### **DJIDI DJIDI PARENT FEEDBACK**

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Kaya to our families.
We value your voice so if you get a minute or two can you please scan the QR code to complete a survey. Text to Talk is also available in the survey.



#### **WETJ CLASS NEWS**

This week our Year 6 Students received their longawaited Graduation shirts! They couldn't wait to put them on and show them off, and don't they all look very smart!



#### **MULTILIT CLSOING THE GAP INITIATIVE**

Attached on the back of the Reconciliation Walk flyer is some information on our MultiLit reading assessment outcomes for students.

#### WELLBEING DOGS IN SCHOOLS

Having a wellbeing dog in schools is becoming a successful opportunity to enhance learning experiences for children around Australia. Their presence has been shown to reduce stress, promote inclusivity, and foster a positive atmosphere where students feel supported and engaged.

Wellbeing dogs are very different to therapy dogs as they are targeted for the whole school rather than individual students. The dogs intuitively provide emotional support serving as a calming influence. Dogs can be integrated into lessons to strengthen interpersonal skills, encourage collaboration, and even reinforce curriculum content.

Ways in which wellbeing dogs can provide support are:

- Increased student engagement
- Reduced anxiety in students
- Increased student attendance
- Reduced incidents amongst student cohort
- Reduced number of students running late to class
- Reduced staff stress
- Increased teacher confidence and ability to connect with and support students

Dogs Connect is an organisation that connects wellbeing dogs with schools. They have introduced wellbeing dogs in over 250 schools around Australia. For more information go to their website: dogsconnect.net.au

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING**

# Community Consultation/Introduction to Two Way Science.

You are invited to join us at Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School for a Community Consultation, as part of our Two-Way Science. **See attached flyer.** 

Kindly confirm your attendance to the front office by Monday 9th June. Tel: 97249444.

## **ALUMNI PROFILE QR CODE**

Scan the QR code to read about the journey of Mandijun (Mandi) Kelly, a proud alumnus of Djidi Djidi School.

Feeling inspired? We'd love to hear your story too – your voice matters and your journey could uplift others.

