# **DJIDI DJIDI WAANGKINY**

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Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School

Kaya to all our families,

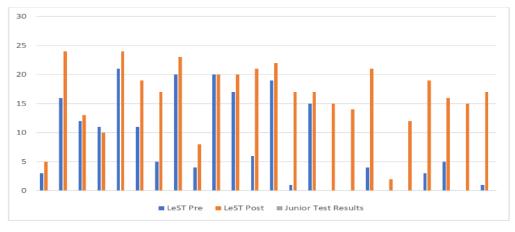




Next week we will be sending home our 8 ways of Learning portfolios for years 1 - 6. Take time to go through these with your child, these files provide you with a snapshot of your child's learning over the year. I have had the privilege of looking at many of these portfolios and they make me so proud to see the cultural and academic learning entwined to ensure our students get the very best education.

Last week we celebrated Book Week and with it our early learner's assembly, what an absolute joy! Book week is a very special time for us to celebrate the joy and power of reading. The week's theme "Reading is Magic" reminds us that books have the incredible ability to transport us to new places and introduce us to fascinating characters and expand our knowledge. Through reading we can explore different cultures, understand diverse perspectives and develop a deep appreciation for the world around us. I encourage all parents to read to their children whenever and wherever you can. Whether it's a novel, a magazine, a comic or a football budget, it doesn't matter, find something that sparks your interest and read.

Last year we began working with Closing the Gap – MultiLit programs to help all our students be better readers. Assessments show that all students who have attended regularly have increased their reading ability significantly. Could you all please sign the forms that are with this newsletter so that we can continue working with MultiLit and continue these amazing results. I will let the results speak for themselves. Please see graph below from our Early Childhood cohort (names removed) The blue line is the beginning of the year, and the orange line is week 5 term 3.



Our School Council is active at Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School and we always welcome new members to the school council. We meet once per term to discuss school issues and priorities. All members of the school community are welcome, please think about being a member and how you can contribute to supporting our school. If you are unable to join the school council, we invite you to engage with the council and myself. Your insights, questions and feedback are invaluable to us as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for our students. We welcome any question you may have regarding school policies, upcoming events, or any other topics of interest. Please submit your questions via email to <a href="mailto:djidischoolcouncil@gmail.com">djidischoolcouncil@gmail.com</a>, phone the school or drop in to speak to me at any time.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September is our Faction Sports Carnival, a day that all our community enjoy. Please come along and enjoy the day. Finally, if I don't get to see you before the end of term, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. I will be away in the holidays and then for the first three weeks of term 4, Mrs Bronwyn Mumme will be Acting Principal in my place while I am on long service leave. Stay safe and happy and hopefully I'll see you all at the Sports Carnival.

Boorda

Karen Augustson Principal

#### YONGKA CLASS NEWS

Last Friday in Yongka, our class had an online zoom meeting with First Nations author, Corey Tutt. Corey is the creator of the Deadly Science books and has just published a book called 'This Book Thinks Ya Deadly', which showcases more than 70 successful First Nations people. This book was shortlisted for 2 national awards. Yongka class showcased this book at last week's Book Week assembly.

Corey joined our class and talked to us about what it takes to be an author, books he has written, and he even showed us the pages of his unpublished book. This book is going to be published in February and is going to be the first book about Reptiles written in his language. Corey even told us he would send a copy of the book to us. It was beautiful to see all of our kids so engaged and excited talking to a real-life author.

Kim Powell Teacher





# **CHARACTER STRENGTHS**

Weeks 4-6 our students were learning about Leadership. During weeks 7 to 9 the Character Strength that children are learning across the school is PERSPECTIVE. Perspective is understanding multiple sides before making decisions, and giving helpful advice to others.



# KINDILINK INFORMATION

Kaya KindiLink families,

During Book Week in KindiLink we have been exploring the story The Magic Hat by Mem Fox. We have made a magic hat each and some magic wands made with breadsticks and sparkles (yummy). On Tuesday we had fun dressing up as book characters.

Come along and join us in KindiLink every Monday and Tuesday during a school term from 9am to 12pm. We have our own Djidi Djidi KindiLink Facebook page, but you will need to request to join.

Hope to see all our regular families and some new ones too!









Boorda Sharen and Tameka

# **DERMOKALITJ CLASS NEWS**

Dermokalitj have been busy learning about the weather in science. This week they are building a shelter to protect their pet rock from the sun and rain.

Rachael Murphy
Early Childhood Teacher



#### SCHOOL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Families can check out our website and Facebook page for regular updates and photos of what is happening at the school.

Facebook:

Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School

Website:

www.djididjidiaboriginalschool@education.wa.edu.

### WHAT'S COMING UP AT DJIDI DJIDI

# **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

Are you interested in what our school council does? Do you want to ask us a question?

Please email the school council on djidischoolcouncil@gmail.com and we will put your query forward to the council.

Help us to continue to grow and develop.

Boorda

Karen Augustson

# **SPORTS CARNIVAL DAY**

Our sports day is at the end of week 9 on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Jumps and Throws days will be during the week. All students are expected to participate and have a go, even if it's cheering from the sidelines for your teammates. When everyone comes to school it makes for a great day! Please come along and wear either Red or Yellow to support your child's faction.

Morning Tea plates, coffee/tea will be available from the Canteen. Coffee van will be onsite on the oval and a sausage sizzle lunch (pre-ordered), please bring cash where possible. Eftpos will be available for orders over \$10.

All lunch order bags for the Sausage Sizzle need to be handed in by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at the latest as quantities for sausages and buns have to be ordered beforehand.

# **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

What a great day this was, all the kids looked great on the day too. Any orders placed for school photos will arrive at the school early next term.

#### **BUSWEST UPDATES/INFORMATION**

For those families who are unaware or just need a little reminder, the bus service is provided by Buswest to Djidi Djidi and is a registered bus service which has established routes. It is important that we can maintain and value this service as it is a privilege to travel on our buses. The rules below apply to all families and students travelling on our buses.

#### **RED CARDS**

Poor behaviour choices being made by some of the students on the buses result in Red Cards being given out. If your child receives 3 Red Cards during a school term, they will be suspended from using the bus service (usually 1-5 days) depending on the behaviour. Parents and carers are then expected to transport

their child to and from school during the bus suspension if this is the case.

#### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

The school office must be notified of any address changes at least 48 hours in advance and only permanent changes can be made.

We want to make all families aware that our bus service does not make short term or temporary changes for the buses. This can get confusing for Buswest and School Office staff.

Please do not call the office to make any bus changes <u>unless it is permanent</u>.

#### AFTERNOON DROP OFF

Please phone the school **before 1pm** (No changes will be made after this time) if you are not going to be home for bus drop off but will be picking children up. Children need to be picked up when school finishes at 2:35pm. Staff are busy after school with meetings etc, and office staff are busy working too so picking your children up in a timely fashion is a must. We find any children left waiting in the office get anxious and upset if they think they have been forgotten.

Just touching on afternoon drop offs, don't rely on the bus dropping off your child at the same time every afternoon. Some students do get picked up during the day or after school so a bus run will be much shorter than usual due to less student drop offs.

Can parents and carers make sure they are home in the afternoon for drop off. If you are not home the office gets a call, we call you to find out where you are and if you are too far away from home then your children will be brought back to the school for you to come and pick them up.

Thank you everyone for your co-operation. Djidi Djidi Admin.

# **KAARDA CLASS NEWS**

Kaarda class have been learning how to type on a computer keyboard. We have learnt all about the home row keys. It is that middle horizontal row of the keyboard that starts with A and goes all the way across. The idea behind the home row is that each finger remains in light contact with a particular key there when it is not typing in order to keep "grounded", providing a reference point for every other key.

Students have been putting their learning into practise by collaborating with Nyingarn to create our own book for Book Week called "If I was a..." It has been fabulous to watch them all because young authors and illustrators!

