



Kaya,

Week 4 is now upon us, and we are thrilled to see students and staff settling in and building strong relationships. We are incredibly proud of how well our students have adapted and embraced the new school year.

### Diverse Learning Experiences

At Djidi Djidi, we are committed to enriching student knowledge through diverse learning opportunities. This includes both incursions and excursions to support our students' extension and generalisation of their learning. Our Wetj class recently participated in a leadership excursion, which proved to be a powerful and valuable experience. We are also excited to welcome the AFLW to our school this Friday to share their experiences and development as footballers.

### Harmony Day Celebrations

Harmony Day falls on the 21st of March this year, and **Djidi Djidi will celebrate on the 27th of March** with an assembly from the Nyingarn class at 9:30am. This day is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the importance of inclusivity for all people. Following the assembly, we invite parents, carers, and community members to join us for a cuppa. Our classrooms will be open for everyone to see the fantastic work our students are doing.

### A Big Thank You to Our School Council

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated school council members who have been volunteering their time at Djidi Djidi for several years. At our recent open council meeting, we welcomed Theresa Khan to our school council. We invite any other interested members of our school community to nominate for the school council and help guide Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School. We especially encourage Elders to join us and share their invaluable cultural knowledge.

### Support Our School Raffle

Our raffle to raise funds for the 2026 school camp is now open! We encourage all community members to purchase a ticket and support our students. The first prize is a signed 2024 AFL Geelong guernsey with a letter of authenticity, and the second prize is two \$50 Kids vouchers.

### Welcome New Enrolments

We are delighted to welcome many new students to our wonderful community this year. Please feel free to communicate with our teachers and admin if you need any support or have any questions about your child's education.

Thank you for being a part of the Djidi Djidi community. Let's continue to grow, learn, and celebrate together!

Boorda

Karen Augustson  
Principal

## 2025 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	24 February	25	26 Newsletter 2	27	28 AFLW – Wetj & Yongka Classes
5	3 March Labour Day Public Holiday	4	5	6	7
6	10	11	12 Geelong Guernsey Raffle drawn	13	14 Swimming notes & money due

## CHARACTER STRENGTHS - GRATITUDE

Weeks 4-6 Character Strength is GRATITUDE.

Gratitude is being aware of, and thankful for, the good things that happen in your life.



## KINDILINK INFORMATION

Kaya KindiLink families,

Welcome back to all the families for KindiLink 2025. We have had a very busy two weeks learning about ourselves and each other. We love cooking with our families', sharing stories, singing, dancing and especially outside play. We are looking forward to the rest of the year in sharing many more learning opportunities for our koolangka (children) and moort (family).



Come along and join us in KindiLink every Monday and Tuesday during a school term from 9am to 12pm.

Boorda

Charmaine Collard and Tracy Hansen

## DERMOKALITJ CLASS NEWS

The Kindy / Pre-primary's have had a fabulous start to 2025 and have been immersed in lots of hands-on activities helping them to create new friendships, strengthen their negotiating and sharing skills, deepening their connections to their environment whilst developing their literacy and numeracy skills. They have participated in letter/sound and number recognition, name writing practice, singing/dance and movement, story time, Body to Brain exercises, identifying different emotions and feelings, building and creating, drawing and painting, and a host of fine motor activities promoting control, coordination and concentration. Every day the children are getting more confident in their learning environment.



## NYINGARN CLASS NEWS

Nyingarn students began the term by exploring our bushland with a walk on Country using their senses to see, smell, listen and record what we found as we investigate the Noongar season of Boonaroo. Students could be heard expressing their excitement exclaiming,

"We see these at hunting" (Pointing to a Balga).

"Look at the bees. There are lots on this tree" (Marri tree below).

"Look I rub over this bark to see it on my paper".

"Shh listen I can hear the birds".

"Quick, look at the footprints! I wonder what was here?".



## YONGKA CLASS NEWS

Yongka have started 2025 with our consistent and predictable routines that make coming back to school so much easier for the students. We have continued with our Body 2 Brain Learning from day one. All students do an amazing job at staying focused and completing all their B2BL activities. Well done, Yongka!



## NOONGAR WORDS OF THE MONTH

Children are learning lots of language specially the names of some of our native animals. Here are a couple for you to learn.

djerup – birds in general

boodalang – pelican

djakal ngakal - galah



## WETJ CLASS STEM CHALLENGES

Over the past few weeks, Wetj class have enjoyed participating in lots of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) challenges. They have built towers with only 3 materials and created some amazing catapults with a partner. They have worked exceptionally hard and shown great creativity, ingenuity and of course ...fabulous TEAMWORK!  
Well done Wetj!



## 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.djidadjidiaboriginalschool@education.wa.edu.au](http://www.djidadjidiaboriginalschool@education.wa.edu.au)

## BUSWEST UPDATES/INFORMATION

For those families who are new to Djidi Djidi and are unaware of how the bus service runs or families just needing a little reminder, the bus service is provided by Buswest to Djidi Djidi and is a registered bus service which has **established routes**. The bus service does not drop children off at unknown addresses. 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 the students travelling on our buses.

### RED CARDS

Poor behaviour choices being made by 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 staff and School Office staff.

**Please do not call the office to make any bus changes unless it is permanent.**

### AFTERNOON DROP OFF

\*Please phone the school **before 1pm** if you are not going to be home for bus drop off but will be picking up your child/ren (**The office will not be making any changes after this time**).

\*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 and may not be able to look after children, 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.

\*Can parents and carers make sure you 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. Buses are instructed not to wait too long at your home.

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



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DJIDI

**SWIMMING LESSONS** – Week 9 from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Get your permission notes and money in by FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH.

**HARMONY DAY** – **As mentioned on the front page, we are celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am in the under covered area with an assembly hosted by the Year 1/2 Nyingarn class. Afterwards the classrooms will be open for all families to go and have a look at what their children have been doing this term. Orange is the colour of Harmony Day so feel free to wear orange to school on this day.**

### SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE, IT'S TIME TO ENROL!

Every year Dental Health Services (DHS) offers parents and carers the chance to register their kids for free dental care at the School Dental Service (SDS). The offer is open to every student from the year they turn 5 until their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday and includes check-ups, fillings, and simple extractions.

Your child will soon bring home an envelope with an enrolment form, Frequently Asked Questions, and reply-paid envelope from DHS. Just fill in the enrolment form, pop it in the reply-paid envelope, and put it in your nearest post box.

Once we receive your form at DHS our team will register your child and arrange for you to receive an appointment in the mail.

If you would like further information on DHS services and the SDS please visit our website:

[www.dental.wa.gov.au](http://www.dental.wa.gov.au)

or scan the QR code.

