

## Koonibba Aboriginal School NEWSLETTER

Respect

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Excellence



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## School Calendar

Week 9

20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – UP Aquatics Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – UP Aquatics Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday **Week 10** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday **Week 11** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of term 2pm dismissal

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Tjindu Foundation visited school this Tuesday to work with the upper primary students on their Tjindu STRONG program (Strength, Trust, Respect, Optimism, No Shame and Gratitude). The Tjindu Foundation were represented by Digby Barnes, Brenton Watts and Patrick Ryder. The program aims to help students develop their mental, physical, emotional and cultural strength via guided discussions that encourage sensible choices. We look forward to their follow up visits.



#### **Draft School Values and Purpose**

Last Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March I invited parents and caregivers to the school to yarn with the principal, unfortunately no parents or caregivers attended. One of the topics I was keen to discuss was the learning we have been doing as both as staff and students regarding our values. Based on staff and student voice three core values have been established Bulya or Palya (Best) Effort (we need help with the correct terminology with these terms), Learning Together and Kindness. These values help underpin our school purpose.

#### Bulya/ Payla Effort

We all learn at our own pace. Learning should be challenging, we won't always get it, but we will always try to be the best learner we can. We need to know how we can get better at our learning.

#### Kindness

We are kind when we are supportive and compassionate, knowing that by helping myself, I can help others to create a happy and enjoyable learning environment. I belong in my learning space and others accept me for what I bring to class.

#### Learning Together

Our school environment is one where we challenge each other to be the best we can. We learn together understanding that we all need help and can contribute positively to each others learning. I'm aware of my emotional state and how it affects others.

#### PURPOSE

Koonibba Aboriginal School is adding to the cultural capacities of the Far West Coast Aboriginal peoples so that students thrive in their learning goals/aspirations. Students have unpacked what the school values mean for them and how their behaviour supports values.

#### Bulya/ Palya Efforts

"Do learning, good learning, awesome work!" Harley

"Don't give up be strong! Pay attention" Ayla

"Don't stop learning, try your best!" Shawanah

"Don't listen to bullies" Quinesha

"Ask questions" Leith

"Listen to others" Elle

"Play nicely with friends and family" Noah

"Don't listen to people saying bad things-Don't copy it" Reece

#### Kindness

"Being friends" Amiyah

"When someone falls down I can help" Zaiden

"Being nice to one another" Reece

"Rainbows" Zakiyah

"Help others" Quinesha

"Share with one another" Leith

"When its raining and mum and dad pick me up in the car" Marlee

"Picking up rubbish at the beach" Noah

"Treat people the way you want to be treated" Nickylah

"Helping my sister and friends" Ayla

"Be happy" Reece

#### **Learning Together**

"We all work together, students and teachers" Ayla

"Playing and being nice together" Harley

"When you come together with the little students and teach them how to dance" Nickylah

"Students helping students learn" Quinesha

"Listening to each other" Amiyah

"Teachers helping students" Viola

"Where you come together and learn" Shawanah

While our new values are in their infancy, staff and students are referring to how we can live our values at school so that we make school an enjoyable place to learn.

Staff and students are very keen to get parent and caregiver feedback on our values and purpose, please talk to your child about our values and how they are being used in our classrooms to support student learning.

Regards, Mark

# **Community Notices**



Momen's Empowerment

This retreat is for women who need time for themselves, time to heal, time to just be.

Creating space for conversations of support for each other and to be heard around your own daily struggles, and life experiences.

This will be an opportunity for creating your own support networks with local services, meeting new people & forming new friendships.



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