Dear Parents, Grandparents,

Guardians, Carer’s and Community members

We have had a wonderful start.

It is exciting to welcome our new teachers. Lijana is taking the senior class and Kali is responsible for the junior area. Ray continues to be our liaison person and teacher assistant. Amanda is now in the junior class and is enrolling in a course to be a teaching assistant. It is also wonderful to welcome Kim Hill as our new administrator. Sister Mary McDonnell has arrived from the Kimberley’s as a volunteer and she is sharing the driving of the bus with Wally Hamilton.

Mary Senj is on our Aboriginal Advisory Group & an expert on curriculum who has supported us in our program development last week.

The term started with the staff looking at our vision and building curriculum that is culturally and academically appropriate for our children here at Redfern Jarjum. On Friday we had an orientation day for all our volunteers with a turn out of 20 willing participants. Such an amazing group of people involved in the evolving culture and life of Redfern Jarjum College. We are making a lot of plans for excursions and opportunities for community involvement. Watch our for our stall selling lemonade and plans for art and music.

Welcome Back - 2014

Parents, Carer’s & Community Members Welcome

We would love to see parents, carer’s & community members come in to visit. You can share a cuppa tea or coffee or you can come to help in the classroom and see what we do. If you like you can share a yarn, help us paint or share a special talent or morning tea. Whatever the occasion you are always welcome and we’re sure our Jarjums would love to see you too.

Logic can take us from A to B, but imagination can take us everywhere.

Albert Einstein
2014 will be a great year for RJC. As usual we have Uncle Ray back supporting our Jarjums across the school. Amanda will be working closely with the Jarjums in the juniors with their teacher Kali. Amanda is looking forward to her new role as Teachers Assistant and we’re sure our Jarjums will benefit from her contributions.

Lijana, our senior teacher, hails from Dubbo, Wiradjuri country and is a fantastic teacher with loads of experience across both Indigenous and non-Indigenous schools.

Kali, our junior teacher is also back again ready to share her enthusiasm and energy with our Jarjums. Both of our teachers have great programs prepared and Term 1 will be both exciting and rewarding for our Jarjums. Kim Hill will be on reception, so please make her welcome when you come in to visit.

term 1 Focus - Communication

Hello...

Dear Parents & Community,

Hello, my name is Kali & I will be teaching the Lower Primary children. By way of introduction, I have been teaching for about 20 years in many areas of education. For the past 9 years, I have been in remote Aboriginal communities from the Kimberleys, Wave Hill/Darguragu (desert) to north-east Arnhem Land. I can speak and understand a few Indigenous languages and feel privileged to have this opportunity to now work with your children.

My strengths as a teacher are Music, Art, English as an additional language, Play & Experiential based learning along with experience working with Indigenous children & their families.

My educational intentions for the children at RJC is to help them develop confidence in English, Maths & all other subjects we teach at school. I will be working towards helping them to gain knowledge & skills that build their abilities as students for mainstream schooling. For me & as a mother myself, I believe a ‘holistic’ approach can foster a 'love for learning' that can be placed in the heart of a child & remains as a flame throughout adult life.

In our classroom, we respect & cultivate a place where learning is crucial for each other. The students will learn about their culture from Uncle Ray & Miss Amanda as well as develop skills that build strength & resilience in the future.

Imagine a bridge of success; where each child preparing to cross can reach the other end. This is my purpose as an educator at Redfern Jarjum College.

I would like to thank all those who support me here, encouraging all parents & carers to visit the classroom at any time if you would like to see what we are doing or wish to speak with me.

On that note I will end my thoughts & wish every success for this year.

Catchunha

Kali
Hi there...

Hi There!
We’ve had a fantastic start to the year. It’s been wonderful meeting the boys, girls, teachers, volunteers and all of the parents who make this community of ours, Jarjum.

I’ve just moved to Redfern so was thrilled to have the children take us on a tour of their favourite spots in the area last week. Growing up in Dubbo I developed a love for the country. I studied teaching at Charles Sturt University & teaching for me will always be about the children. I believe that each child is a gift and it is my privilege as a teacher to develop your child’s strengths & offer support on their learning journey. I have taught in Cebu, in the Philippines but returned to Australia to teach in an Aboriginal community in Wilcannia. I had a composite class of Murri kids from grades 3-6

This term, we will base our studies on Nadia Wheatley’s book, ‘My Place’. We will talk about what our place, Australia, used to be like, what it is like today and what it may be like in the future.

Our kids are full of spirit and eager to learn. I look forward to a fantastic year working together with the Jarjum Community. Come in and say hello any time, I’d love to meet you!

Miss Lijana

“Children need models rather than critics.”
—Joseph Joubert

Our Volunteers...very special people

How fortunate are we to have such wonderful volunteers to help our Jarjums! Twenty two of our volunteers attended an informative Induction Day on Friday 31st January led by Judith for PIFA. From the day we found a whole load of fantastic skills and talents that our volunteers possess. Many are keen gardeners and it looks like we may have to install a mini herb and vegetable garden. How fantastic would it be to grow some of our own herbs and veggies! The dedicated teachers in the group are ready, willing and able to work closely with our teachers Kali & Lijana to support our Jarjums to increase the reading, literacy and numeracy skills.

Our dedicated volunteers help with reading, art, preparing meals, driving the bus, setting up workstations, talking and listening to our Jarjums. Thank you volunteers...the job you do is AWESOME!
NCIE & REDFERN COMMUNITY CENTRE

We plan to have swimming lessons on Thursdays and Fridays. This year we will split into 2 groups. The juniors will attend on Thursday & seniors on Friday from 3:00pm. The group not swimming will go to the Redfern Community Centre.

We need ALL PAPERWORK completed for the Community Centre otherwise children will not be permitted to go. Bus will take children home later.

2014 Term Dates

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After School Care

We will resume in 2015 on Monday FEBRUARY 2

RJC Aboriginal & Torres strait Islander Advisory Group 2014 Meeting

All Meetings will be from 9:30—11:30 am

1. Monday 10 FEBRUARY
2. Tuesday 25 MARCH
3. Tuesday 6 MAY
4. Tuesday 10 JUNE
5. Tuesday 5 AUGUST
6. Tuesday 7 OCTOBER
7. Tuesday 18 NOVEMBER