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To Principals and staff of all schools in the Esperance District

**DJILBA WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL ESPERANCE 2026
ART EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION - SCHOOLS CATEGORY**

Sand Dunes and Seashore

The Wildflower Festival Committee is pleased to announce the 2026 Djilba Wildflower Festival Art Exhibition and Competition.

We wish to inform you of key competition details for this year's **Schools Category**. Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation will be coordinating this event again in 2026. The artworks will be displayed in St Andrew's Church through the Djilba Wildflower Festival (19th September to 23rd September).

Key Dates for Schools

- Due to limited storage space, all entries must be delivered to Esperance Community Arts Space, Shop 6, Museum Village on **Friday 11th September 2pm –5pm OR Saturday 12th September, 9am – 12pm**. Please contact us to make an alternative arrangement if neither of these times are possible (phone 9072 0094 or email community@etntac.com.au).
- Announcement and prize ceremony: **Saturday 19th of September, St Andrews Anglican Church, 11am**.
- All artworks in the Schools category will be returned to the schools located in town after Tuesday 13th October. Mallee schools can collect their artwork from the Esperance Tjaltjraak office, 11A Shelden Road, Esperance WA 6450 from **Tuesday 13th October onwards between 8.30 and 4.30pm or by appointment**.

Award Categories for Schools

We have made some changes to the award categories this year to ensure that every school that participates will be acknowledged. We will now present twenty three individual student awards and one People's Choice Award. These are sponsored by Headspace Esperance and Hope Community Services.

The theme for this year's artwork is **'Sand Dunes and Seashore'**. Esperance Wildflower Society botanist Ken Mills and Tjaltjraak Rangers Zoe Bullen and Tyrese Vincent, have prepared an educational resource (attached here) about the botanical and cultural Plants of the Esperance Beaches and Dunes in the Kepa Kurl / Esperance region. This document is also available on the Wildflower festival website: <https://www.esperancewildflowerfestival.com/>

Please note that **all individual artworks must have the student's full name on the back plus the student's year group (not split classes). First names can be included on the front of the artwork if desired**. Please submit a registration form (also attached here) for each class group. Artworks should be no bigger than A3 size. Sculptures should fit onto an A3 piece of paper. Photography is not accepted.



Judges' Awards

The judges will award **one prize in each age group for every school** that participates. These three age groups are **K-PP - Yr2** and **Yr 3-6** (primary schools) and **Yr 7-12** (high schools).

The judge's criteria for all of the prizes will be same three qualities:

- **Theme:** Sand Dunes and Seashore (See education sheet for examples)
- **Interpretation & Imagination:** demonstration of strong creativity.
- **Attention to detail:** Demonstration of care and skill.

People's Choice Award

Community members will be invited to vote for their favourite school display throughout the festival. The winner of the people's choice award will be announced on social media after the festival.

Open Category

The **Open Category** of the Djilba Wildflower Festival Art Competition and Exhibition will also run again this year. This is additional to the **Schools Category**.

The Open Category has a General Section and a First Nations Section. There will be first and second prizes for three age groups in each Section: 12 years and under; 13-17 years; 18 years and above. There will also be a Community Group Section. Additional information is available on the Festival website.

Please contact us if you have any queries (phone 9072 0094 or email community@etntac.com.au)

We look forward to receiving your school's entries on **Friday 11th September 2pm –5pm OR Saturday 12th September, 9am – 12pm** at Esperance Community Arts Space, Shop 6, Museum Village.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Djilba Wildflower Festival.

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On behalf of the Festival Committee

