

# Bushland June Update

## The season of Makuru

Now the rain has begun, the bushland is looking greener. In this transition time we can see plants that flowered over summer are now producing new seed pods. You might see green honkeynuts hanging at the end of Marri branches or on the ground. The students' cafe is named after them!

**Look but don't touch!** A Zamia near the hard court had an impressive display of big red seeds. These will irritate skin, and are poisonous to eat unless carefully prepared: Noongar people have this traditional knowledge, they name the plant Djiridji ("Girijee"), and the seeds "Bayu".

## Did you know?

Upper Primary students collected Balga grass tree seeds in term 1, and have now planted over 700 seeds in pots in the shadehouse. We expect to see green shoots some time after the school holidays. Lower Primary students have begun planting seeds of black cockatoo-friendly plants such as the candlestick banksia.

## Weed of the month

Vetch grows rapidly into a tangled carpet sometimes as tall as 1.5 metres, and smothers native plants. It produces masses of pink pea-type flowers.



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**Priority: Natural Environment**  
Conserve and manage the School's bushland and surrounds for the benefit of the community.