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# School Rover

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

***Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take but by the moments when your breath is simply taken away.***

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As another term draws to a close, I reflect on just how quickly the school year seems to be going. I pointed out to the Year 12s that they have just four and a half months to go until they will have completed their school studies. The 'Djarragun College rule is that if you miss more than 30 days of school in Year 12 you will not be graduating that year. Already, we have some students who have missed more than 30 days and others who are getting very close to the deadline. These students need not despair. They can return to school for Year 13 where they will undertake TAFE Courses. However, in the meantime, I encourage all students to attend regularly even if your chance of graduating this year has gone. The skills you will gain in literacy and numeracy will stand you in good stead for future TAFE courses.

Recently some of our Year 12 students sat an exam for entry into James Cook University. We were thrilled that four of these students passed their exams and have been accepted to start university at the beginning of 2004. This is a first for Djarragun College and marks the beginning of a great opportunity for these four students. We wish them well and congratulate them on their achievements. When we look back over the attendance records it is evident that these four students show good attendance with very few absences. As the saying goes, 'you have to be in it to win it.' You have to attend school to pass courses and win a promising future for yourself.

Have a wonderful, relaxing holiday and come back refreshed and ready to achieve the best you can.

During the holidays, remember the values you have learned at school this year. Patience, courage, determination, kindness and above all, respect, especially respect for yourself. Respect your mind, soul and body. Don't pollute your mind, soul and body with violent movies, bad company and drugs. Seek out truth, gentleness, goodness, peace and harmony.

**Jean Illingworth (Principal)**

## SCHOOL RESUMES : Tuesday, July 15, 2003



## END OF SEMESTER ONE 2003

Congratulations to all those students who have maintained a steady attendance during the Semester. Have an enjoyable and safe holiday break and at the start of next Term try to encourage others to join you on your quest for education and learning. After all, most things are more enjoyable when they are shared. You have probably attended well because you enjoy your life at school. Now you need to spread that enjoyment.

A lot of work has been devoted towards preparing your Reports and these, hopefully, will be worthwhile

documents for your resumes and testaments to all the honest efforts made during the Semester.

### PRIMARY SPORTS RESULTS :

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Primary Schools' Sports during the Term. Here are the names of some who earned themselves top places in their events. Next time, we might have even more who will join them in representing their school.

6 years Boys	60m	<b>Keirri Noble</b>	First
9 years Boys	200m	<b>Frank Charlie</b>	2nd
13 yrs Girls	200m	<b>Sophie David</b>	2nd
13 yrs Girls	100m	<b>Sophie David</b>	2nd
6 years Girls	60m	<b>Melody Rose</b>	3rd
8 years Girls	80m	<b>Lowanna Noble</b>	2nd
9 years Girls	80m	<b>Shaniece Noble</b>	3rd
13 yrs Girls	800m	<b>Gloria Ganaia</b>	2nd
9 years Boys	High J	<b>Frank Charlie</b>	2nd

**PRIMARY SCHOOL CAMP :** The students from the Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 took off to Darradgee near Innisfail for three days with Ms **Fay Sangster, Kenny Thaiday, Saraima and Michael Lee**. There were sixteen students who enjoyed camping out in tents, water activities and boating and fishing. There was sightseeing on the river from a boat. Mr. Kenny cut the firewood to cook beef and chicken and vegetables in a camp oven. None got sick except for one had an infected toe. Students were divided into different animal groups - Frogs, Insects, Lizards, Kwal, Snakes, etc. They had to hunt the food list for each to examine the food chain. The students had spent a few weeks beforehand selling frozen cups to raise some money towards the camps. Children had the opportunity to feed the pigs, chickens and two geese that live on the property. The students enjoyed the Ropes Course on Friday. **Ken Thaiday**

### MARCUS PEDRO : Motivational Model

Quite a remarkable afternoon was spent by the school being entertained and energized by Marcus Pedro - a one time policeman who hails from St. Paul's, Moa Island in the Torres Strait. Marcus is now occupied with a busy programme of motivational presentations all around Queensland. Marcus found the Djarragun students a ready audience and he was easily able to capture their attention for over one hour.

He spoke of his traumas as a child trying to negotiate the difficulties of school in his home community; he battled with learning English, a speech impediment and also the ostracism of his peers who did nothing towards helping him to resolve his dilemmas.

As an adult of about thirty years of age, he finally was able to enter into the academic world and successfully graduated as a fully-fledged police officer. He had, in the meantime, also become acquainted with martial arts and gradually he coalesced this physical skill with those of his cultural dance to create a novel way of motivating youth. As an indigenous performer he is rare, if not unique. Marcus strongly emphasized the notion that everybody is different and that each should discover his or her own capacities and 'go for it'.

Marcus was able to control his stuttering, master English as a second language and operate as a public performer.



**LAURA FESTIVAL :** **Mapa Kudub, Tekoa Tafea, Phillip Epseg, Tony Epseg, Ana Fidow** took off to participate in this year's Laura Festival. The event took place last weekend (June 21-22). Like the perennial camp-follower, **Mr. Ludo Kuipers**, accompanied the troupe armed with his usual trappings of lens, digital gizmos and photographic paraphernalia. **Bradley Noah** reports. " We got there on Thursday night and put up our tents. The next day we went to the Opening by the elders of the Land Council. We walked around watching the other performances and then on the Saturday we performed at 9:00 a.m. We watched, Lockhart River, Injinoo, Weipa, Thursday Island High School and Hopevale dancers. We did a second performance at 1:00 p.m. We left after that to return to Djarragun. We did Island dances from Murray Island and the traditional Kab Kar with the head dresses."

### KITCHEN & TUCKSHOP

**Spotless Caterers** provide for the boarding sector of the school as well as running of the daytime Tuckshop for the School. **Paula Brougham** is the cook/manager and **Cary Gomes** is the breakfast chef for the boarders while **Inge Stephens** is the Tuckshop convenor.

"We all enjoy working together and liaising with the students both boarding and day scholars. Next Term we shall be starting with a new menu for the Tuckshop so that the day students can also order from a selection similar to that of the boarders' meals.

The ice creams are the most popular choice and are sold only during the big lunch break. Nutritional foods like salads and fresh fruit and yoghurts are always available. We will be ordering other food stocks which are healthier choices as junk food is not allowed at Djarragun.

Thank you for making us welcome and we look forward to seeing everyone in the next Term." **Paula B.**

**REPORTS :** Always the happy hour for the School Calendar comes Reporting and Assessment season. Teachers have been seen furtively commandeering the odd computer or two after school and even during the weekends.

The Middle School Student Reports show promise of a reasonably definitive and user-friendly expose of each pupil's efforts during the semester. These personalized statements are emblazoned with a photograph of the relevant student.

**NEW FACES ON THE CAMPUS :** A very warm welcome to **Jackie Seeto** : Not too much is known about Jackie and perhaps next issue will update us with more details. She has been thrown into the thick of things at Djarragun like Florence Nightingale serving at one place and then another. Welcome to Djarragun.

**Michael Lee:** born in PNG and lived most of my life in Cairns; went to school at Trinity Bay High School and did some machine operating, had a bit of a break and am now at Djarragun. Interests include Music, Sports, Art and fishing. I am working with the Years 5/6 with Mr.

**David Scott.**

**Sue Clarke**

"As everyone is aware I am in boarding as the Housekeeping Manager. I would like to say thank you for making me feel at home. I will be looking forward to meeting everyone. For the past three years, I have been working in the Aged Care Industry in nursing. I am currently studying Certificate 3 in Education Support. My interests are fishing, singing and I am learning bass guitar and oil painting."

As part of her duties, Ms Sue supervises the meals and lunch breaks to ensure that the boarders are eating properly and regularly during the weekdays.

**BEST OF LUCK FOR THE FUTURE :**

**Mr. Lifu Sipi** : No longer on the staff is Mr. Sipi to whom we record thanks for the one and a half years spent at Djarragun College. Mr. Sipi worked in the Middle School and was active in the areas of Behaviour Management and the ASSPA Committee of which he was the President. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

**YEARS 7/8 BOYS :** Seen busily crafting away like the proverbial little Santa's helpers were the likes of **Dennis Salee, Samuel Gela, Adam McGreen, Shaun Waianga, David Kerry, Tyrone Dotoi, James Akiba and Toshie Wigness.** Uncle **Tony Eseg, Mapa Kudub** and **Roland Reck** had 'all hands on deck' as Adam and David Kerry were fashioning out their wooden dinghies. Toshie was busy putting together a picture frame and Shaun Waianga was assembling his coffee table. James was at the desk drafting out his next design. Tyrone was keen-eyed, guiding some plywood gingerly through the band saw. It will be a marvellous tribute to both the students and their instructors when the sawdust settles and the final products array the display shelf.

**On yet another note,** congratulations to the Years 7/8 Boys who have been heard trilling away in the mornings the well-known song, " Joshua fought the battle of Jericho". Also popular on their growing repertoire are other songs, "Father, Lift Me Up; Dove; Hummer Bummer Bashmobile".

**CHARMAINE AKIBA :** QUEENSLAND YOUTH SPACE FORUM : Congratulations to Charmaine who has been chosen to take part in this even in Brisbane, June 29 - July 03. This is a first for Djarragun and we hope that in subsequent years we might see others follow in her footsteps. We will have a full report later.

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## **OFFICIAL OPENING**

*The Chairman, Board of Directors, Principal and the  
Staff and Students of Djarragun College*

*warmly invite*

*to the official opening of the Boarding  
Accommodation and Science Facilities by*

*Senator, the Hon Ian Macdonald  
and to the dedication of the facilities by*

*The Right Reverend John Noble*

*Bishop of North Queensland*

*and Acting Metropolitan of the Province  
of Queensland Anglican Church of  
Australia*

*Monday, July 21, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.*

*at Djarragun College*

Officiating at the Service will be :

**The Right Reverend James Leftwich**

Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of North Queensland

The Anglican Church of Australia

**The Right Reverend Arthur Malcolm** (retired)

The Anglican Church of Australia

**Father George Langston Nai**

The Anglican Church of Australia

## **WRITERS' CRAMP**

Hamlet came back from Wittenberg for his father's funeral. The Queen was so upset and cried over the King's casket. Hamlet, the son of the King took some sand sprinkled it over his father's casket. A month later Gertrude, the Queen, wanted to marry Claudius, Hamlet's uncle. Hamlet said that he wasn't going to the wedding because he wasn't too happy about it. Then Horatio, Hamlet's friend told Hamlet that he saw Hamlet's father's ghost at the battlement. So that night, Hamlet went up to the battlement with Horatio and talked to his father's ghost. The ghost told what he had died from. The next day, Hamlet asked the actors to act out

the story that the ghost had told him. When the players did the act on stage, Claudius was guilty. He stood up and asked for air and light because he knew that the act was all about his putting poison into his good brother's ear so that he could be the King. When he rushed out all the people in the castle rushed out after him.

...to be continued... **Helen Billy**

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

What exciting times for some students who are tightly entrenched in a selection from no fewer than eight of the Voc. Ed. Courses being conducted through the school. Deputy Principal, **Mr. Ian Turton** is at the hub of business in this area and provides the statistics-

YR 11 Subjects	No. of Students
Engineering	7
Hairdressing	6
Outdoor Recreation	8
Music	4
Business Administration	8
Construction	9
Information Technology	3
Seafood	4

Congratulations to the students who are persisting in their studies and who are paving the way for Djarragun :

AKI, Genni	Music	Seafood
ARUBA, William	Engineering	Construction
ARUGU, Amy	Hairdressing	IT
BAUDU, Talofar	Engineering	Construction
BOUNGHI, Wendel	Outdoor Rec.	Construction
DAU, Harriet	Outdoor Rec.	Business Adm
DAU, Tom	Outdoor Rec.	Seafood
DOTOI, Nelson	Outdoor Rec.	Seafood
GARA, Zui	Hairdressing	Business Adm
GULIGO, Samuel	Engineering	Construction
GULIGO, Sila	Hairdressing	Business Adm
KAWORO, Isach	Engineering	Construction
MARTIN, Matara	Outdoor Rec.	IT
MESSA, William	Outdoor Rec.	Construction
MOANA, Melita	Music	Business Adm
NOAH, Bradley	Engineering	Construction
NOMOA, Lily	Hairdressing	Business Adm
PASSI, Alfred	Engineering	Construction
PAU, Peo	Outdoor Rec.	Construction
RICHARD, Annalina	Hairdressing	Business Adm
RICHARDS, Fernanin	Music	Business Adm
SANDS, Martina	Music	IT
WAIANGA, Christina	Outdoor Rec.	Business Adm
WOSOMO, Trevor	Engineering	Construction

YR 12 Subjects	No. of Students
Engineering	5
Hairdressing	2
Outdoor Recreation	5
Music	5
Business Administration	6
Construction	8
Information Technology	5
Seafood	2
Certificate II Business	1

AKIBA, Charmaine	Outdoor Rec.	IT
ARUBA, Jessie	Hairdressing	Business Adm
BOUNGHI, Eva	Music	IT
CEDRIC, Arethea	Outdoor Rec.	Business Adm
DAU, Kura	Outdoor Rec.	Construction
DAY, Bablu	Engineering	Construction
EPSEG, Saggi	Engineering	Construction
GIBAS, Matilda	Outdoor Rec.	IT
GIBUMA, Joey	Engineering	Construction
KING, Dulcie	Music	Business Adm
LOWATH, Nazareth	Music	Business Adm
PASSI, Koza	Engineering	Construction
PEARSON, Paul	Music	Seafood
RICHARD, Benjamin	Engineering	Construction
SALEE, Bobby	Outdoor Rec.	Construction
SAVO, Pauline	Hairdressing	Business Adm
SIPI, Mavis	Outdoor Rec.	Business Adm
TABUAI, Angelica	Outdoor Rec.	IT
THOMPSON, Naomi	Cert II Business	IT
TOM, Edith	Outdoor Rec.	Seafood
WAIANGA, Gabriel	Music	Construction

Students also have the advantage of visits by Ms **Maryanne Tranter** from VPG (Vocational Partnerships Group) doing follow-up work on communication skills with both Years 11 & 12 groups.

Congratulations to all students who are committing themselves to a busy workload. There are others also who were enrolled but who have, for various reasons, opted or dropped out of the system. In any event, it is still an impressive line-up of students who deserve full credit for their perseverance.

### SAVING LIVES : BASIC FIRST AID

Mrs. **Judy Turton** conducted the programme in Basic First Aid for those who are undertaking the Seafood and Fishing Industry Course. Students have completed the CPR theory and practice components as well as looking after people with fractures and severe bleeding. The favourite mannequin is the baby that has been nursed and loved throughout the Course. Congratulations to **Gennie Aki, Tom Dau, Paul Pearson and Edith Tom** who have all passed. **Judy Turton**

### AUSTRALIAN HEARING SUPPORTS STUDENTS AT DJARRAGUN

During the Term, we have been lucky to acquire the assistance from Jana Fogarty from Australian Hearing. It is very encouraging that students are now utilizing their hearing aids and recognizing the benefits of wearing them.

Next Term, we will be installing in the Lower Primary a sound-field system so all students can hear the teacher's voice more clearly.

**Rose Marie Nokes-Tafea**

### COLD WEATHER IS HERE

**Students are encouraged to purchase the red School Jacket especially as the cooler weather is approaching. Because the Wet Season seems to have extended itself as well, it is an added motivation to keep sickness away. COST : \$25.00**