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# School Rover

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A man who knows he has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it is committing another mistake."

Confucius

## WELCOME TO TERM 3, 2004

How quickly the holiday runs its course and again we are all back on track on the campus. With many an event to spur us on, there is urgency painted at every corner.

The School Athletics Carnival is the first hurdle and that is followed by the Annual Cairns & District Show. A considerable amount of our students' work is heading to the Expo pavilion for the public to gaze on works of art and craft of impressive quality. On July 26, Djarragun students and staff will be adding its effort to the National Tree Planting Day. We plan to have some 3000 plants set into their new home on the College campus. Last year's saplings are already an impressive display of foliage and ground cover.

A collection of songs by Djarragun staff and students has recently hit the production line and will be on sale for \$10. Thanks to Mr. John Grace (Gracey) who has patiently recorded and edited the finished product which also highlights our entry into a busy Term 3, 2004.

## TEAM TURTLE

This term we will be learning all about the ocean and the important role it plays for life on Earth. We will be looking at some of the interesting life forms we can find in the depths of the ocean as well as the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef. Hopefully, we will have time to fit an excursion in towards the end of the term to have a close look at the ocean shore.

With regards to homework, it is important that students make every effort to complete all the tasks each week. They should also practice their spelling words each week. Please make sure that homework folders and communication books come back to school each day.

If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 4056 3555 or write a note in the communication books. **Michelle Foxhall**



Ms Ana Fidow somehow got caught in the Spelling Bee!!

## WARRIORS Win!

**Congratulations** to the Warrior team which stampeded its way to the winner's dais on last Friday's Djarragun Annual Athletics Carnival held at Johnson Park in Gordonvale.

Vying for the premier position at the end of the day were also the other two teams, Vikings and Knights.

Students were impressive giving their cooperation right through the day and strong competition in the various events. The Tally Tent was particularly busy as the place-getters lined up for their blue, red and green ribbons.

The 800 metres tested more than a few competitors and many showed determination and good team spirit.

Thank you to the parents and supporters who made time to attend during the day and, in particular, Bishop Arthur Malcolm and his wife. Our on the ground photographer managed to capture a few candid shots on the battlefield. The team scores at the end of the events were totalled and announced on Monday assembly -

## Warriors 1211; Vikings 974; Knights 917

Age Champions 2004 were :-

	BOYS	GIRLS
Under 9	-	Shariah Kynuna
Under 10	Edward Daniel	Elisa Mara
Under 11 Baker	Murphy Tabuai	Wacada
Under 12	Luke Auda	Eleanor Fourmile
Under 13	Robert Pierce	Anai Ganaia
Under 14	Sabai Elisala	Luanna de Jersey
Under 15	Jacob Akiba	Emily McGreen
Under 16	Kumi Abua	Olive Baluz
Open	Joey Gibuma	Karlis Baira

Thanks to the main organizers **Kendall Green** and **Barry Weare** who kept the programme running smoothly and the element of fun alive from start to finish. Our thanks also to the Gordonvale Shire for the use of the fields and the sporting equipment and tents.

**Ms Kendall** speaks for herself :-

Friday the 16th saw Djarragun College's first ever full school sports carnival at Johnson Park. The day was an absolute success; the participation, behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding. With some students taking part in all events for their age group, others picking one or two, it ensured that each house was represented. Both staff and students got into the spirit of the carnival with the Warriors painting faces and by far the loudest cheer squad for the day. With a sea of green and red in the other two tents a Mr Barry rode his noble steed around the park, **Mr Don Standen's** green motor bike was used to cruise the Viking supporters around. Thanks must also go out to the family and friends of the students who were there to cheer the students on. It was great to see the support. A very special thanks to the staff that worked tirelessly all day to ensure it ran smoothly. House trophies and age champion trophies will be presented on Awards Night at the end of the year. **Ms Kendall**

One of our Age Champions, **Anai Ganaia** adds :-

On Friday, the 16th July, it was Djarragun College Sports Day that was held at Johnson Park at Gordonvale. My sisters, Pamela, Felicia and myself ran around our block at 7:30 in the morning just to get us warmed and ready for a long day. Just on the first lap, our bus got to our place. Before we got on the bus, I quickly ran and kissed my mum and then said, "Don't worry, I will never get a 2nd or a 3rd place. Then I said goodbye to my little brothers and sisters who go to Woree State School. Then our bus drove off to pick up **Ida Sam** and her two sisters, **Letitia** and **Andria**. We carried on up the highway to school. When our bus arrived at school, something was different. We went straight and following us were the boarders. Then I laughed to myself and said, "That's right, we're going to Johnson Park today." When we got to the park, there was not that much people. Just the Cairns bus. The boarders and the staff were still setting up the things for racing and the three tents so

that we could sit under it in our house colours. There were Vikings which are the green colour, Knights, the red colour and lastly, Warriors, the white and black colours.

It was a competitive day for me and the others but all of us got through the day and I tell you my prayers came true. At the end of the day, I got all my blues for myself and I was really happy for myself. Others may say I ran like the wind but I tell you that I was proud of myself. So is my Mum.

**Anai Ganaia (Yr 8)**

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### COMMUNITY FOODS!!

Cairns' non-profit community run food store

Mostly organic, and as local as possible

- \* grains, nuts, dried fruit
- \* herbs, oils, spices, condiments
- \* environmentally friendly cleaning

products

(locally sourced wherever possible)

- \* locally made sweet snacks and

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(great for school lunches)

- \* fresh dates from Alice Springs
- \* tahini, shoyu or cider vinegar

Bring your own jars and bottles and fill them. Most food is bulk, not packaged and you can buy as much or as little as you need. Bulk prices apply to whole bags if pre-ordered.

Opening hours are Monday & Thursday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Telephone (07 4041 5335 Andrejics Arcade between Grafton and Lake streets.

Staffed by volunteers : By the Community for the community,

Food for people, Not for profit.

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## WRITER'S CRAMP

### GOING CAMPING

On Monday, we went on the bus to Tinaroo for camping. When we got there, we took the bags into the dorm. I slept next to Luanna and Telita. It was my first time there. On Tuesday, we went canoeing in the lake. Ms Penny took us down to look at the lake. We went out in the canoe and when she blew the whistle, we all had to go to her. On the way into the bank, **Megan**, **Selma** and I fell in the water. It was cold.

On Wednesday, we went on the flying-fox. I was scared to climb up the big pole because I am frightened of heights. I did not climb up but **Ms Keren** went first. She like the flying-fox. It was fun looking at the girls going on the flying-fox.

Then we had lunch and went on to the next activity



which was the Milk Crate. **Anna** and **Selma** went first. They were trying to make the basket higher but it fell back down. When it fell, we got to swap people. We had ropes hooked onto six people. On Thursday, we got up and had breakfast. We got our hats and drink bottles and then went on the Possum Glider. It was fun. I went up and was squealing and crying when they lifted me up. We then had lunch and got our bags from the dorm and put it in the bus with **Mr. Dowling**. He told the Grades 7 and 8 to jump on the bus first. On the way back down, all the kids were singing. I had a good time camping. I hope I go back up next time. **Danielle Chong**

**HOUSEPARENTS & SUPERVISORS**

In any boarding school, the roles of houseparents and supervisors are inextricably woven into the lives of children under care. Long hours and tedious tasks can take their toll on the most willing of souls. However, we have the personnel who take on the challenge - and 'loving it.' (as Maxwell Smart would jibe). Above Gabriel & Lency Sailor, Sue Clark and Penny & Leigh Douglas manage to keep up their smiles and find fun and laughter in their work.

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**Kids choose fruit when offered : survey**

A new survey released today indicates the eating habits of young Australians are improving. A Roy Morgan Poll shows 56 percent of children nominated salads and soups as an enjoyable meal and they are snacking more on fruits and playing sport. With obesity still a major problem, their favourite food remains hot chips or fries, closely followed by pizza, pies and hamburgers. Angela Brooks from Roy Morgan says the survey shows children are developing a taste for healthier food. "They like to eat healthy food where it's offered," she said. "When they have a choice, fruit is the main snack that they will choose, so the main thing for parents, the main message is, give them a choice and give them a healthy choice wherever possible." **Saturday, June 19, 2004 7:15 a.m. (AEST) ABC News**

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**STUDENT SUPPORT FROM HOME**



Welcome to **Thane Epsseg's** mother, **Mrs. Thane Epsseg** who has attended school with her daughter as a form of support. Mrs. Epsseg has sat in on class lessons and accompanied her daughter through her school routine. This is a great initiative which other parents might like to copy to show that level of interest in the progress of their children that may be helpful.

**NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF**

**Mr. Barry Marr** : Welcome to Mr. Marr who is teaching in the Middle School and to **Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Martha Babao**, new



boarding supervisors. **FAREWELL TO MR. BRIAN DOWLING (Mr. D)** One of the prominent features to the Middle School sector decided to move into another transitional stage of life. We hear that he is now busily

reshaping his home and taking in all the lessons from Ground Force and Jamie Durie Hints Show. Whenever the housewarming happens, it's probably another occasion to celebrate. Thanks to Mr. D. for his input at Djarragun over the past couple of years. The Rock and Water programme benefited from his passion as did the organization of the Tinaroo Camps and the Boys' Education Programme implemented at Djarragun.

**Ms Riona Delargy** is not only taking leave from Djarragun, she is heading off to another continent altogether. Good luck in your upcoming journey to Ireland and the

new surrounds of the British Isles. It should be somewhat different and only an e-mail away. Cheers

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## VISIT BY BISHOPS

A note of welcome to the bishops who visited the school on Wednesday, July 21 on their way to Yarrabah.

Archbishop **Phillip Aspinall** (Brisbane)

Bishop **Robert Nolan** (Brisbane)

Bishop **Ron Williams** (Brisbane)

Bishop **Godfrey Fryar** (Rockhampton)

Bishop **John Noble** (North Queensland)

Bishop **Jim Leftwich** (Cairns)

Bishop **Saibo Mabo** (Torres Strait)

Bishop **Philip Freier** (Northern Territory)

## JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Welcome to the following students who are spending three weeks practicum at Djarragun.

**Keith Tardent** - Which Way? I am Cairns born and bred. My mother is of Torres Strait Island descent (my grandmother was born on Hammond Island and my great grandmother is from Darnley). My father is from an Island 400 km off Fiji called Rotuma - so I am an islander no matter which way you look at it! I was raised at Machans Beach and completed all of my schooling here in Cairns. I am a 2nd year Bachelor of Education student studying to be a primary school teacher and I am at this College for 3 weeks. I have been asked why I want to become a teacher and my answer is simple - to help empower black people with knowledge and skills for life. Initially, I wanted to get my degree and move to the Cape or up to the islands to teach - but now I want to come back and teach here at Djarragun! The students here are friendly, considerate, respectful and keen to learn (from what I have seen) and are not shy to say "Hello" should I see them in town or elsewhere. Keep it up guys, your school pride is strong and it shows and makes me feel like I want to be a part of it.

**Lucy McCarthy** Hi and thanks for the lovely welcome from the teachers and students. I grew up in Toowoomba and then moved to Cairns 8 years ago.

I am a 3rd Education - Early Childhood student, and have worked in the childcare industry for the past 5 years.

For the last month I have been co-teaching with Miss Michelle. We have been doing lots of 'ocean' activities, the students have taught me about fishing and catching turtles. I had great time at athletics day - go the **Vikings!**

**Kaylene Leftwich** I am from Cairns. My mother's family is from Yarrabah and my dad's family is from Yarrabah and Fraser Island. I am currently in 2nd Year at James Cook. I have three children - 2 boys and 1 girl. My main interest at the moment is my studies and I really want to teach in any stream of education. This is my first practicum at Djarragun and I have a great passion for teaching children. I have done adult and high school tutoring and I would like to be of assistance to those who are struggling.

## BOYS FROM THE BUSH

THE AUSTRALIAN newspaper (Monday, June 28, 2004) published an article (with coloured photo) by Anika McLaren featuring our two representatives from Djarragun College - Kirri Blarrey & Godfrey Kerry. These two students attended an Expo held in Sydney.

"The expo acted as a showcase for programs that aspire to increase the status and standards of vocational training and work skills. It was also a stage for the exchange and discussion of experience, knowledge and practical know-how, dispelling the typical division between students, teachers and experts.

The Dusseldorp Skills Forum, an independent, non-profit organisation, launched the expo because, as DSF chairman Jack Dusseldorp says: 'There's a hunger. Not just to tell but to show [their programs].'

From Cape York Peninsula, the Boys from the Bush are involved in an enterprise-based program founded four years ago, and run in addition to normal schooling at Djarragun College.

Their 100 percent natural line of products includes oils, rubs, insect-repellent spray and medicated soap, are all manufactured and sold by the boys.

The success of programs such as Boys from the Bush shows that some young people possess a passion that is inconsistent with the traditional education system, but if harnessed correctly can be the foundation for success outside school."

**Godfrey Kerry** says - When we got to Sydney, we unpacked our luggage and stayed at the Novatel at Homebush near the Telstra Stadium. We went to McDonalds for kai kai and then later to Southee for a meeting with the landowners.

That night we enjoyed a karaoke programme at Southee; we had a rest for the big day that would follow. We made our presentation the next day to the rest of the audience and they liked it. Casper and Kirri spoke and I was handling the computer presentation. I did a few mistakes and the audience didn't mind. They enjoyed our presentation and told us to keep it up.

On the third day, we repeated the presentation to a different group of audience. Later we packed our bags to come home.

This was my first trip to Sydney and I am looking forward to going there again. We sold some oils at Southee and they all liked the smell of it.

I would like to thank the Hoon Goonz (they were our supervisors) who looked after us down there and the organizers and sponsors from the Boys from the Bush program who paid for the flight and accommodation. Also thanks to Mr. Milton James who took us down to Sydney from Cairns and back again. I liked the activities where we had to save ourselves from crocodiles, boiling water and timing games for how fast we could solve problems.

**Godfrey Kerry**

**City Mall Market Stall : Kirri Blarrey, Johnathan Thompson, Godfrey Kerry and Cyril Graham** sell products in Cairns from Wednesday to Friday each week 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The most popular sales are soaps, air fresheners and insect repellents. The record sales reaches over \$500 for the day which indicates the level of sales pitch and application by the sellers.

Much of the interest has been shown by tourists who like the soaps made from teatree oil and coconut oil. The rubs and insect repellents also draw a fair trade.

The boys wear a distinctive shirt designed by a local Aboriginal artist. It is a mixed colour of ochre, yellow, black and white. The youngest salesman has been Murphy Tabuai who featured in one of the earlier Rover issues.

Last week, Kirri Blarrey and Johnathan Thompson took a trip up to Petford and harvested Melaleuca Nervosa and also investigated a new species called Cyprus Pine that might have possibilities in an after-shave or deodorant.

Distilling of the batch of Nervosa took two and a half days with three boys operating the still at Walkamin.

**Johnathan Thompson**