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School Rover

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**Even a child is known by his doings,
whether his work be pure, and
whether it be right'**

Proverbs 20:11

HEAD BOY AND GIRL



Ted Richard & Rosemary Tabuai

In order to generate more leadership dynamics, Year 10 students have taken up monitoring younger groups in the Middle School.

The Seniors also take on supervision of students during the lunch breaks as well as on the buses to and from school.

HOMework CENTRE MANOORA

Each **Wednesday**, the Manoora Community Centre will host the Homework Centre Programme for one hour from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Students from Preschool - Year 10 are encouraged to attend. They must bring their own homework. A qualified teacher will supervise the session.

COWBOYS VISIT TO DJARRAGUN

Christian Woolf visited the school on Wednesday, Feb. 14 to address the Primary and Middle School students. Presenting a lively outline of his role with the Cowboys team in Townsville, **Mr. Woolf** emphasized the need for discipline and appropriate behaviour, abiding by the rules and developing to the highest standards of the profession that we choose.

The children responded positively and eagerly asked questions and answered knowledgeably when contested with football trivia questions. A group of thirty completed the visit with a busy clinic on the playgrounds to learn movements, passes and strategic routines.



The Home Economics Room is buzzing this year. Here **Uriel Ware** has no half-baked notions to his recipes. The great teamwork between **Ms Rosemary Morrison** and **Ms Peggy Chigeza** ensures that the most aromatic senses are thrust into overdrive. 'Plate to Palate' is the relevant catchcry.

CONGRATULATIONS

* Year 8 Boys who conducted the Middle School assembly last Monday morning. Deserving special mention are **Eathen Maas** (emcee) and our 'busdriver', **Eliza Jackonia**.

* **Mr. Daniel Hollis**, who has survived several visits to his pain threshold recently and is still in one piece despite shedding a cartridge of surgical staples

* **Ms Carol Dickson** who earned the 'Teacher of the Week Award' followed by **Mr. Daniel Hollis** the following week for fast-tracking his healing process and returning to the workplace promptly after surgery;

* **Mr Saggi Epsag** who carved the Teacher of the Week Award

* **Ms Michelle Soans** who has given up Dormitory life for a 'real home' existence in downtown Gordonvale

* **Thomas Reuben** who won the draw for the CD player that is the prize available each fortnight for students who have done the right thing and cleanup up litter around the school

ON THE BUSES

Transport to and from school during the week poses a little industry of its own. To maintain order and suitable routine, promptness and efficiency, students are assembling in different areas for the Primary, Middle and High School sectors. Monitors on each of the four coaches oversee the behaviour by students on the buses and report any breaches of regulations and expected behaviour.

Our practices are in line with the code of conduct endorsed by Queensland Transport in its slogan "Follow the Rules to get to School".

PREPARED FOR SCHOOL ??

Now a few weeks into the Term, some students are still not fully prepared for their classes. It is important that every student has his or her own gear. So that nobody else suffers distraction because they are being asked by another to borrow a pencil, rubber or sharpener, each student should be properly equipped. This is particularly disruptive during actual lessons.

Stationery is available for sale at school at small costs. **Please do the right thing. Buy your own.**

All teachers know the hygiene dangers associated with 'lending' out pencils. Students suck on them, chew on them, use them for scratchers, rub them through their hair, in their ears, etc.

Parents, please don't allow your child to be the victim of 'tainted' equipment. Buy them their own materials just for their health's sake.

YEAR 9 TESTING : Added to the Years 3, 5 & 7 annual testing will be one for the Year 9 level. Special attention will be directed towards instilling the skills and strategies for our students in Year 8 this year so that they will be adequately prepared for proper interpretation of testing format and language.

FOOTBALL SEASON IS IN THE AIR

Already teams have hit the fields for first games. **Mr. Tekoa Tafea** proudly announced to the school assembly that after many years of attempts, Djarragun Senior team has overcome its nemesis, Gordonvale High, to post its first win in the Senior division.

Djarragun versus Bentley Park

Congratulations to the Senior team which fought out a nailbiter on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at Bentley Park Oval. Both sides showed determination; each fielded a goodly lineup of skillful arbiters for the ball and the opening try by Djarragun sparked the Bentley side into instant reprisal. They scored the next three tries with blistering speed and definitive assertion.

As the saying goes, 'There's nothing more productive than the last minute.' As the moments ticked tantalizingly close to the final whistle, the Djarragun score was bolstered by a dashing try by **Conjohn Matthew** who outpaced the opposition along the right wing.

UNDER 15 RUGBY LEAGUE (Feb. 15): Our team took to the field at Mann Street for a warm-up game against Smithfield before its real contest against Yarrabah.

With the possible threat of losing the art of one of our skillful players, **Neil McGreen**, Djarragun players put the pace on early against Yarrabah. Unfortunately, **Alex Namai** had to retire to have a split on his skull attended to at the hospital. **Warren Dau** scored a solid try burrowing his way from the 10 metre line through some determined defence. **Neil McGreen** recovered from injury on the sideline and posted three tries with his blistering speed and evasive sidesteps. **Ned Ingui** was described by **Ms Kendall** as "the Hulk" after his impressive drive forward hauling four of the opposition with him. **Paul Walit** converted to add extra points. Congratulations, boys, for a fine effort and an entertaining display.

Feb. 22 : Djarragun U15s versus Bentley Park

A much better drilled team from Bentley Park had our side reeling from the start. Congratulations are still deserved by our players who didn't give up despite the overhaul. Some vigorous passages highlighted the tenacity of players such as **Ned Ingui**, the mercurial **Neil McGreen**, **Warren Dau**, **Desmond Billy** and **Keith Dau**. Size, height and weight left our side to particular disadvantage. **Warren Dau** denied an almost certain try by the Bentley Park winger as he mowed him down along the sideline

U/15 Djarragun versus Woree State High School - this game fell heavily in favour of the Woree side which scored in routine fashion to demolish our pint-sized lineup. Definite skills and aggressive attack became the bugbear to the Djarragun side which also showed great spirit and the promising breaks by **Warren Dau**, **Neil McGreen** and **Dean Tymbanwooka**. The diminutive figure of **Billy Bowenda** down the sideline threw bravery into the picture along with a dose of 'hold your breath' suspense.

COUNTER ATTACK

Keeping the trade over the counter busy for the calorie collectors, our tuckshop caterers are providing popular servings of a good variety of lunches and hot meals. A very modest \$3.00 takeaway container bulges with vegetables, meat, pasta, stirfries and chicken. Thank you, **Chef Carey** and helpers for the wholesome menu which induces salivation that Pavlov would have been proud to document.

DISPLAY COUNTERS : Thanks to the efforts of **Saggi Epsag** and **Aaron Barroda** in the 'Shed', three neat display cases are being rejuvenated. They will eventually house artifacts from cultural groups within the school.

THEMES ACROSS THE CLASSROOMS

An amazing range of topics are being covered by students throughout the school.

Years 8 & 9 are respectively covering myths and legends of ancient Greece and procedure writing which so far this term included processing the rules of a game of chess, nappy folding instructions and a weaving pattern for coconut leaf mats.

Both groups in Literacy are busily editing versions of narratives which are injected with newly learnt metaphors, similes and stock expressions.

Dragons and **Sea Snakes** (classes) are drawing and getting lots of exercise in painting

Geckos and **Goannas** are designing their own logos and medals and studying a theme about the Commonwealth Games. In addition, they are studying symbolism behind the logos of previous Games.

Grade 8 girls are doing art work concerning Greek mythologies. They also are incorporating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander myths.

They are looking at the differences of a celebrity and a hero and how they are portrayed and idolized. They are now doing paintings of themselves as heroes in a situation where they are performing something 'heroic' in their own ethos. They have to insightfully consider what qualities in humans are highly prized.

Grade 10 boys are doing lino printing. Images based on aspects of their own culture are the theme. Examples of Alick Tipoti have been studied for emulation.

Grade 11 & 12 VET classes are working silk screen printing. Their task was to design and print a multi-coloured image suitable for a T-shirt. They had to keep in mind the type of images that would be likely to be sold at the Night Markets. Their course is career-oriented towards producing indigenous marketable commodities suitable for realistic trade for tourists.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF IN PRIMARY:

Josphat Chapeyama (Zimbabwe)

WELCOME : NEW STUDENTS

Thomas Wigness (Horn Island)

Newmen Savage (Yorke Island)

Waireg Kawiri (Saibai)



One of the projects in 'The Shed' is the construction of outdoor chairs with ceramic mosaic decoration.

Congratulations to the following who recently attended trials :-

Students selected in TCS Volleyball

Olive Baluz

Cathy

Sainty Mabo

Cyril Sakail

Desmond Billy

Roy Kepa

Assa Satrick

Kempo Larry

Touch Football

Olive Baluz,

Jessie Dau

Malu Waianga

Seba Bourne

Assa Satrick

Cyril Sakail

STUDENT TEACHERS: Again, as in previous years, Djarragun will be host to students from the Teacher Training centres engaged in their practicums. Ms Tulani introduces herself : -

Hi, my name is **Tulani Terry**. I'm a Graduate Bachelor of Education student at James Cook University. I'm doing professional experience at Djarragun College for two days per week until May. I'm very much looking forward to my time here.

-BRAINBUSTER- Djarragun's Academic Challenge

On Wednesday 22nd February, two classes went head to head on the search for the brainiacs of the first Academic Challenge of 2006.

It was the Grade 11s versus Grade 12s to see who was the better. The rush of energy that you get to think of the answers in less than a minute is awesome! In the challenge, time was of the essence. As soon as you've worked out the answer, your runner has to run as fast as he can to the score keepers.

The participation level was great and the credit all goes to **Mr Shankaran** for making it a very fun and very exciting event. Also to **Mr Matt**, **Ms Cecelia**, and **Ms Rosemary** for contributing to the challenge by being quiz masters. I had lots of fun , and I am really looking forward to the next competition. The key is to have a go, participate and have fun!

Rosemary Tabuai
(Head Girl)



Ms Rosemary Morrison oversees the mindgames during the heavier session.



Intellectual heights is what it's all about but what happens to those who suffer vertigo?

Jessie Dau is tops for the moment

Rosemary Tabuai, Hilda Lui, Seba Bourne form a first floor frame while the ground zero level is rock solid with the following students - Brian Sam, George Sam, Ahboo Waianga, Maia Akiba



Maia Akiba, Ted Richard, Ray Noah and Rosemary Tabuai compare notes - surfing the brainwaves !!

REMINDER
END OF TERM ONE FOR
STUDENTS IS THE END OF
THIS MONTH : MARCH 31