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# School Rover

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE GROUP SHARES THE RESULT OF THEIR RECENT STUDIES

Mr. Daniel Hollis and the Years 8 & 9 students provided the whole school assembly with a pertinent vignette portraying in appropriate proportion the demise of a whale in the Cairns Trinity Inlet in recent years.

An autopsy of the whale later established that it had died as a result of six cubic metres of polythene shopping bags that had been ingested into its stomach. Possibly

mistakenly taken for jellyfish, the whale gulped up the bags during its usual forage for food. Subsequently, the build-up of such a massive load of indigestible material caused havoc to the whale's consumption and respiration. Its untimely and agonizing death was a travesty imposed unnecessarily upon one of our gentle giants of the ocean.

A near-to-life size cardboard profile of the whale was trundled onto the stage and from the autopsy incision was drawn out a 70 metre length of plastic bags tied together, stretching around half of the full assembly.



(above) Mrs. Shankaran extends the line of plastic bags that emanate from the belly of the whale. (below) No Jonah in the whale nor in the captive audience.



**OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

Students trekked to Kearney Falls as part of the outdoor Education programme. Obviously, the water activities provided enjoyment, leisure and relaxation. **Kumi Abua** enjoys his share of the cascade (above) while **Michael Au** creates his own water wizardry (below)



**NO WHALES WERE HARMED IN THIS PRESENTATION**





# INDUCTION OF PREFECTS & LEADERS

Head Boy: Ted Richard  
Head Girl: Rosemary Tabuai

## Boarding Captains

Maia Akiba & Helen Billy  
Ray Noah & Rosaline Day  
Ted Richard & Karen Noah

## Prefects

Tali Tabuai; Aniba Waianga  
George Sam; Keagan Spratt  
Jacob Akiba; Roy Kepa  
Clevanna Fagan; Emily McGreen  
Edith Wosomo; Caterina Armanelli

## Middle School Captains

Ned Ingui; Jackson Baker  
Anai Ganaia; Marsella Matthew

## Primary Captains

Comrie Tabuai; Helen Walit



## YEAR 8 GIRLS : LEADERS FOR 2006

Congratulations to the following :-

Captain **Zelma Kynuna**  
Vice Captain **Maluka David**  
Leaders - **Lane Ingui**  
- **Wacada Baker**  
- **Renartha Bounghi**

In our class, we show respect by being polite to each other and talking in a quiet voice. Looking after each other's property and respecting each other's thoughts." Rhianon Hill

On Wednesday, during Rock and Water , we celebrated International Women's Day by learning self defence.



**Thomas Reuben** : has been selected for the Under 16 Crusader team to attend the Country Championship held in Cairns from April 19 -24.

**Desmond Billy** has been selected for the Under 15 Volleyball Peninsula team that will travel to Toowoomba in mid-May.

**Olive Baluz** and **Alice David** have been selected as shadows for the Open Volleyball Girls' team.

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

from the Coaches, Managers and boys in the Rugby League teams to Ms **Emma Ingui** for providing afternoon tea for the team on Wednesday, March 15.

Mother to **Benjamin** (Under18) and **Ned** (Under 15), Mrs Ingui is always there supporting her sons and showing support for the Djarragun teams.

## WRITER'S CRAMP

In the morning at dorm, we have breakfast. When we are all finished from breakfast, we put the cups and plates in the dishwasher. Then all the kids go to swim and get ready to go to school. All the school kids walk to school. When the bell rings, all the kids go to their Form Classes. When the second bell goes, everyone must be in their classes before you see Ms Jean.

You will be sent to Ms Jean's office. You will see Ms Jean sitting there with her yellow shirt and her red shorts. She will sit there watching you like a little bird.

Then the bell rings again. The bell goes because it is lunch time. All the boarders go under the tuckshop and all the day students go to the undercover area.

Then you will listen to the bell again. You will see people walk to the covered area to have a little game under there.

Then it will ring again. The teacher will tell you where to go and he or she will show you where to go.

When you get into your Form class, you will do a really hard Maths or your teachers gonna (sic) tell you what to do.

The bell will go again. The bell means big lunch. When all the kids finish their food, they rush to the Computer Room until the bell goes again.

When that bell rings, you will go to your group. The last bell will go and you will have to go. You will have to stop what you are doing. Ms Jean will tell you to go to the meeting. When the meeting is finished, all the boarders will walk down to the boarding house and the day students will walk to their buses. All the boarders will have to go swim and get ready to go to supper. When the supper is finished, all the boarders will go to their rooms to sleep.

**Newmen Savage**

Cyclone Larry lost the plot and broke the trees. He was a big fish in a small pond. The boarding parents wrapped us up in cotton wool. The cyclone was as angry as a cut snake. Before the cyclone, we went to Lake Tinaroo to swim but I didn't swim because it was freezing like a snowy hill. **Elaine** and **Juniko** broke the ice and after those two, **Joselyn**, **Maluka** and **Lisa** jumped in. **Ruth**, **Faylene**, **Letarnia** and I didn't swim because we were cold. When we came back, we told **Joel** and he was asking us to say this and that word again and I told him that I don't cook potatoes twice. **Avril Omeenyo**

**COMPUTER ROOM BYTEBACK** : Congratulations to our MacLab Master, **Mr. Ludo**, who is gradually ironing out many computer glitches that have been plaguing our network within the school. It is known that hours of his weekends have been dedicated to restoring normalcy to the computer lab. Burning the midnight oil is nothing new to Mr. Ludo who manages to convert hundreds of photos to size and pixillation integrity and has them available for the School Rover and for general access by staff and students on the school network. Little wonder that **Mr. Ludo** merited the Friday afternoon Pear Award at the School Assembly.

## CYCLONE LARRY AFTERMATH

Not content with the upset caused by Larry, Mr. **Dean Garside** decided literally to stir up another hornets' nest which saw him subsequently dispatched to Cairns Base Hospital to tend to the agony of multiple stings.

The drama unfolded when members of staff were helping the cleaning up of foliage debris in the dormitory vicinity.

The luxuriant growth that previously provided a verdant canopy which secluded the school buildings from the roadside view has been savagely cropped.

The flyingfox colony looks depleted in number and decidedly more constrained in the noise department.

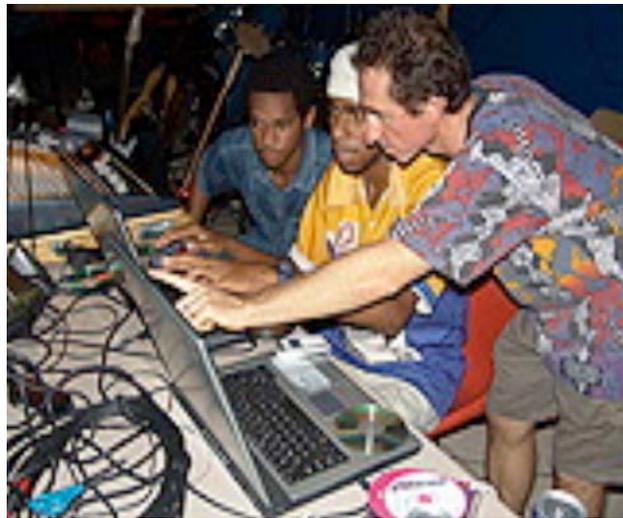


## KIDSKILLS GYMNASTICS

Our Primary students have been involved in a gymnastics program this term run by Steve and Natalie from Kidskills. This program introduced students to the fundamentals of gymnastics and broadened their physical activity experiences. Exercises ranged from balancing including a culminating activity of making a pyramid with the students. They learnt basic gymnastic movements and many showed promising talent. This was a five week program and the students enjoyed it thoroughly.

**Ms Kendall**





**SCHOOL DISCO # 1, 2006**

Right gear,  
right music,  
right moves  
**Alfred Passin**  
passin



(Top) Bodies wrangle to the pulsing beats  
(Middle) **Isaiah Tom, Conjohn Matthew & Mr. Gracey** at the sound system controls

(Left) **Ruth Day** waiting for the right song



**Aunty Harriet, Uncle Noel, Uncle John & Aunty Elaine** on their leg rests

### THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

“Be thankful for what you have - you’ll end up having more.” Oprah Winfrey

To celebrate the induction of the Student Prefects and College leaders, the school assembly highlighted the event with a special ceremony.

The Principal, Ms Jean Illingworth pinned badges to the Prefects and praised the current Senior class as the most promising set of students that has to date graced the school. Already, the group has shown cohesion, enthusiasm and fine organizational skills.

Ms Clara Tabuai, mother of the Head Girl, Rosemary Tabuai, congratulated the students on achieving the status of leaders and encouraged their efforts in an increasingly difficult, changing social and cultural environment.

**Mr. Baker** (grandfather to the Baker clan at Djarragun) also stressed that the sights of today’s indigenous students should be raised. The opportunities and possibilities for leaders on the islands of the Torres Strait and other regional communities are likely to be graduates from our schools. Education is high priority.

A couple of brave performers hula-ed their way on the stage joined by enthusiastic exploiters of fun, **Mr. Tekoa, Mr. Tau and ‘Manu’ Johns**.

A magnificent cake was turned out in the shape of Djarragun Pyramid by **Ms Peggy Chigeza**.



(Above) **Ms Clara Tabuai** addresses (below) The cake sports the names of leaders (left) Ms Jean presents Head Boy badge to **Ted Richard** (below left) **Rosemary Tabuai**; two dancers, **Lillia Gabi & Delarue Epseg** pose after their routine



### WELCOME : NEW STUDENTS

**Bobby Brandon** (Yr 8) : Mount Isa  
**Kurt Lakefield** (Yr 8) : Yarrabah

### WELCOME : NEW TEACHERS

**Darren Osmond** : Outdoor Education  
**Miriam Torzillo** : Year 12