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# School Rover

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“To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest” -  
*Mahatma Gandhi*



## SPORTS DAY : JOHNSON PARK, GORDONVALE

### VIKINGS : WARRIORS : KNIGHTS

Congratulations, all round to everyone who made the day an enjoyable one. As always happens, some really shine and others just shy but the programme ran to form and happy faces spanned the oval from starting line to the finish. An obvious disparity in the register had the Knights outnumbering the Warrior and the Viking teams but the signs of true grit still emerged from belaboured athletes. It was also comforting to watch a few of the staff participating on the track and being pipped at the post by less than a generation gap.

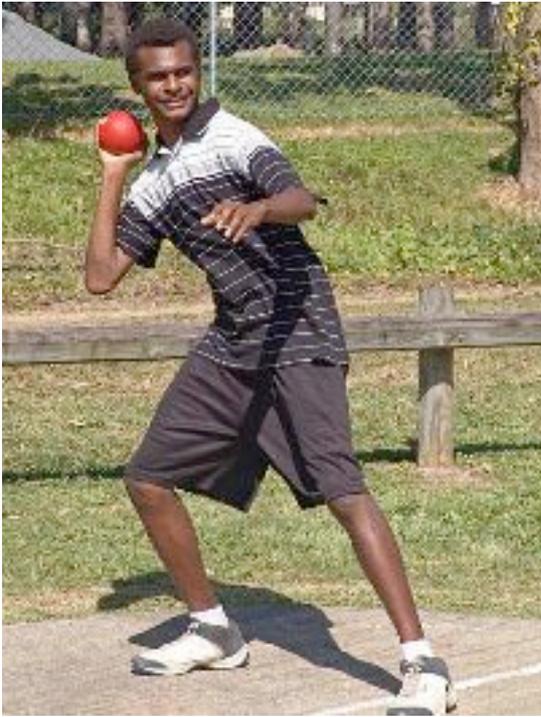
Another had higher aspirations but gravity wasn't too kind to him at the high jump pit. The “Life - be in it” slogan could well have changed to “Life - be with it” on this occasion.

Almost as a parting gesture before her entry to culture in the desert of Oman, Ms **Kendall Green** scored another blue ribbon for the organization of the carnival. Our very best wishes to her on this adventure in her teaching career. May the camels be with you !!

Notable achievements went to the following students who displayed skill and natural talent -

The throwing of the javelin made it patently obvious who were far removed from the ‘traditional’ skills and whose campfires would have been devoid of the customary minya that night.





Possibly more in keeping with modern space probes, **Ray Noah** kept thrusting himself heavenwards somewhere just below the ionosphere. The return to the 'scissors' highjump style made the efforts more impressive.

**Aniba Waianga** heaved the giant Jaffa while **Clint Davis** tried his luck in the slipped discus circle. Right down to the Primary eager beavers, action was a fair description of the carnival. The results of this day will almost certainly determine the squad which will represent Djarragun at the coming Trinity Coast South trials.

#### **TEAM SEA SNAKE - Riona Delargy**

Team Sea Snake is a warm and welcoming classroom. The children are happy and enjoy their schooling. The children were asked to share their thoughts of their experiences. Here are a few samples.

**Vanessa Anau** : In Team Sea Snake, we do cooking and handwriting. The thing I like to do the most is Maths and Spelling. If you get 100% in the Spelling test, you get to get up on assembly and get something. At lunchtime, I play elastic with Loren. When the bell rings, we go into class.

**Loren Tabuai** : We are learning about looking after our environment. I hope you look after it too. Team Sea Snake is the best class I have ever been in and I hope I will be in it next year.

**Zeke Darkin** : Team Sea Snake is the best class in the school. We do fun stuff. The environment is good in our class. We keep on trying for Ms Riona. We are incredible.



### INFO-TECH MOTIVATIONAL PRESENTATION

Students in the Middle and Senior School sectors were treated once again with a thumping sense-surround audio-visual presentation titled, "Catalyst".

It focussed upon the need for humans to become a part of the fabric of society and to achieve certain goals in their lives that promote self-satisfaction and the sense of fulfilment.

Role models included a professional gymnast, a career businesswoman and a survivor from a train accident readjusting his quality of life with an artificial leg.

Lyrics through the presentation hauntingly refrain upon the "I" in all of us that has the capacity to generate the potential in others. Every individual has modelled himself or herself on exemplars in his or her own life.



**DARE TO ACHIEVE** is the catchcry for the Years 8 & 9 boys. Each Tuesday, they have faced challenges thrust in front of them with the expressed intention of 'achieving goals' and keeping connectedness to their learning. It almost goes without saying that truancy never raises its head for these sessions. What the students mightn't absorb from the classroom books, they can osmoze through practical, hands-on activities.

The boys have so far constructed an obstacle course, trudged up the Red Arrow Walk, cleaned up the mouth of the Barron River, made improvements to the state of The School Farm and learnt fire-making and fire control skills.

Mother Nature's supersaturation of adrenaline and testosterone in such a concise group recalls the words of famous Prime Minister of Britain, Winston Churchill - "Never has so much been owed by so many to so few." He, of course was referring to the nation's fighter pilots defending their country. At Djarragun, we have our own 'high-fliers', the perennial 'On Alert' band for which dogfights are custom-built. These daredevil corsairs and impresarios are pummelling to burst out of their own bodies if they had the mind to actuate it.

So like two Pied Pipers from Hamelin, Mr. **Dan Hollis** and Mr. **Gio Douven** lead their squadrons of Spitfires, Mustangs and Wildcats into the wild blue yonder. Flight formation isn't an issue yet and any innate navigational system peculiar to the Snow Goose hasn't been tapped at this stage. However, they return loyally each week with little on the casualty list so have achieved, at least, the propensity of the homing pigeons.

It may well be our two crafty masterminds to whom Winston Churchill today could direct his famous reference - 'Never has so much been owed by so many .....





## DREAMTIME AWAKENS

The recent visit by the Loreto College girls prompted a striking resurgence to public attention by our Aboriginal dancers. The Dreamtime is undertaking a quiet awakening.



Strong support from Ms **Kendall Green** and Ms **Francesca Shankaran** rallied a concourse of performers to their feet to tramp the 'shake-a-leg' trail. New arrivals, **Ginger Neal** showed the dances and **Bradley Matheson** made good with the didgeridoo. **Daniel Corrie, Edward Cooktown, Andrew Solomon** and **Aaron Taiters** corroborated in mimographics of kangaroos and a honey tree.



**Shane Mimi, Chulkul Neal** and **Neil Butcher** represented the younger set with a stirring repacehage of quixotic leg pivots.

Dances performed were the Honey Tree, Kangaroo and Welcoming Dance. Girls did the Crocodile Dance and presented a colorful cordon of .

Students in the troupe hailed from Yarrabah, Lockhart, Weipa, Cooktown Hopevale, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Atherton Tablelands and Gordonvale.

Congratulations, to this group for a grand effort. Troupes of this kind generally brandish a key songman and support elders. This composite group melded itself into a convincing scenario which was entertaining as well as embracing. Their bravery in this undertaking overshadowed possible hurdles of the members emanating from disparate communities.



(l) **Bradley Matheson** keeps the rhythm on didgeridoo.

(r) **Aaron Taiters** makes his move

(below) The full ensemble decked for the grand show.



On School Assembly, August 26 **Ms Jean Illingworth**, the Principal announced the installation of some new leaders in the College.

Head Boy **Tali Tabuai** has taken on the reins of leadership and new boy deputies include **Gandi Buie** and **Maia Akiba**.

For his first speech, **Tali** commented how proud he was in being selected for a position of honour in the school. He knows the responsibility that has been endowed upon him and hopes to be a model student for others to follow. He thanked the staff who also were instrumental towards mentoring him towards this achievement and he promised that he would face the challenges with his best effort.

Year 11 leaders include prefects **Urial Mathews** and **Benjamin Ingui** for the boys and **Seba Bourne** and **Sophie Billy** for the girls. These students will ply their leadership skills for the rest of the year and hopefully, give more structure and support to a very heavy and busy programme in the school.

In the Boarding sector, **Karen Noah** remains the girl captain and **James Akiba** adds a feather to his cap for the boys. The hive of industry and activity is the norm for any dormitory establishment. Congratulations and good luck for both these leaders in an arena which can be 24/7. These are candidates who will apply and demonstrate responsibility in the service of others - and do so willingly.

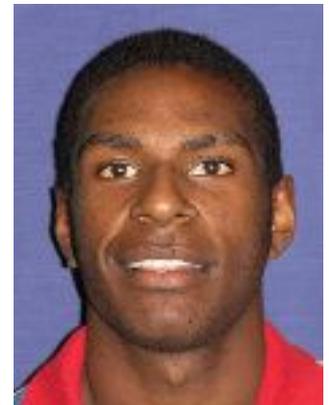
Sports Captain for the School is **Jacob Akiba**. Where the Skills Department are opened after-hours, this is definitely someone who will fit the bill. Congratulations to **Jacob** for this deserved status. He has not only the mastery of many talents but the modesty to accompany it.

These are wonderful representatives from their families and communities who deserve praise for their achievement. Let's hope that the rest of us heap praise on them simply because they are the type of people who won't go around looking for it.

## NEW LEADERS



(Above, left) Gandi Buie & Jacob Akiba do their talking on the dance floor. (right) Benjamin Ingui, braided and ready (Below, left) Sophie Billy - a seasoned, industrious student; (right) Tali Tabuai - a constant role model for our youth.



(Above, left) Seba Bourne - a constant dynamo with workaholic tendencies: (right) Uriel Mathews wears his heart on his sleeve (and he has a big sleeve, as well) (Below, left) James Akiba has draws attention to himself as a leader of merit; (below, right) Karen Noah - the steady, constant figure of assistance or persuasion.

