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# School Rover

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The superior man thinks always of virtue; the common man thinks of comfort.”

Confucius

## INDUCTION OF PREFECTS

Congratulations to the elected Head Boy and Head Girl and their retinue of deputies and prefects. A solid fanfare of dance performances corroborated the official installation of student leaders for 2008 at the school on March 11. A sprinkling of family members and visitors attended, both as dance mentors and supporters or as proud parents of children who have earned the respect and support from their peers and the staff scrutineers.

Patrick Vandenbroek

Marcella Matthew



Head Boy 2008 : **Patrick Van den Broek**

Deputies : **Ned Ingui; Marcus Satrick**

Head Girl 2008 : **Marcella Matthew**

Deputies : **Monica Fourmile; Esther Asai**

## SPORTS LEADERS

### KNIGHTS

**Seniors** - Philip Baragud & Anai Ganaia

**Middle** - Kieren Johnson & Lane Ingui

**Primary** - Marsha Matthew & Andrew Oui

### WARRIORS

**Seniors** - Patrick Vandenbroek & Monica Fourmile

**Middle** - Alton Matthew & Ida Sam

**Primary** - Rawiri Miskin & Kiesha Thimble

### VIKINGS

**Seniors** - Leslie Sailor & Alphi Warria

**Middle** - Passi Namai & Patricia Kaigey

**Primary** - Ralph Daniel; Breanna Cooktown

# WORK EXPERIENCE



Congratulations to the TAVE students who have organised and completed their work experience. TAVE students have to complete two days of work experience in Term 1 as a requirement of their enrolment.



We have had students doing block laying, childcare, health work, diesel fitting, spray painting and house painting. In week 7, we have students going to do business admin (one with a legal firm), mechanics and work with park rangers!



Two of our students have landed some part time work with their employers as a result of their efforts. Well done to all the TAVE students for being motivated and setting a great example to the rest of the school!

Next term, TAVE students will be looking for traineeships and Year 11 and 12 students will be doing two days work experience, so teachers and parents please encourage our students to participate in this valuable learning experience. Thanks also to all the staff who helped transport the students to and from work experience.

**Cate Robins** (Guidance Officer)

**(left) Alick Passi** puts shape back into a 'road victim' at English Street Paint and Panel workshop

**(below, top) Jamies Akiba** considering an extra cylinder

## GOLD RUSH FEVER

A brother and sister team was seen scavenging the campus recently with the latest gadgetry in gold detection. Not satisfied with the lesser metals of the periodic table, both seemed to have honed the skills of the detector to the Au symbol.

Sister Teresa was patently adept with final touches of the miner's pick and in seconds held a glittering gold coin between her thumb and index finger. Brother Allan seemed intuitively to determine by the scream from the machine whether a two dollar or just the single unit was once more about to rejoin active duty in the Australian currency arena.

Unfortunately, as luck and irony would dictate, they failed to discover the plastic five dollar note just a few metres away. It was scooped up by another member of staff who had, with just a cursory glance, utilized with his 20 - 20 vision.



# PLAIN SAILING

Not exactly in the league with shipbuilding in Belfast or the Liverpool docks, Mr. Gio's classroom launched a sailcart recently which tested its wheels on the school oval. Ironically, the surface was 'too wet' and tacky for tacking. The overcast conditions also precluded enough breath to billow the sail towards any land speed record.



A brief note to the Principal from one of our past Head Girls of the College indicates that :-

## ROSEMARY TABUAI IS STILL STRIKING SUCCESS

Hey Ms Jean, How are you?  
I got the scholarship!!! My application for the Robert Riley Scholarship that I applied for a month ago was approved.

The total is \$6000 - \$3000 for this semester and \$3000 for the next semester which is a lot and is more than enough to get me through this year.

Thank you so much for your help at the last minute, you're an awesome woman.

I have started Uni already and it's challenging but I find my subjects stimulating and I'm enjoying it. I'm flying to Canberra at the end of week for our final National Youth Roundtable meeting, so wish me good luck. I really want to come out to visit the school and see how things are going, but I don't know when that will be.

Regards to everyone,  
**Rosemary Tabuai**

# DC DISCO

Unfortunately, this term did not provide us with the usual supply of after-hours beat-pumping activities. Largely this has been disrupted by the unseasonal rain that has deluged Cairns and regional areas at the present time. Hopefully, next Term will see the emergence of all our rappers and beatboxers.

**The discos are held as fundraising projects by the Senior students towards their Graduation ceremony at the end of the year. Please support their efforts.**

**Below are the usual conditions for attendance.**

**7 P.M. - 11 P.M.**

**18 years & under**

**ZERO DRUGS**

**ZERO ALCOHOL**

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## BACK TO THE FUTURE

What's new around town? Not much, perhaps but for past student, **Karen Noah**, definitely a different perspective from the one she had entertained for the previous four years.

Karen has become the new 'fly on the wall' and now experiences the dormitories from the other side of the fence. Welcome, Dormitory Supervisor, to the frenetic side of boarding school. You'll be able to gloat over your 'good old days' but will be busy now curtailing the present incumbents from creating their own. You will be aware of all the old tricks - and yet, be presented with even more; and wonder why you didn't think of them in your 'previous' life.

Karen is a walking organizer and was an exemplary boarder at Djarragun in her student days. Her good sense, quiet demeanour and solid support are an amalgam of talents and qualities worth retrieving. Once, again, welcome. Come and enjoy.



Photo : **Alick Passi and Karen Noah at Graduation Night 2007 - Cairns Convention Centre**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS FOR COMPLETING YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE TERM 1**  
**Ghandi Buie, Keith Ambrym, Lottie Schrieber, Daisy Noah, Mabel Marou, James Akiba, Toshie Wigness, Patrick Matasia, Sophie Billy, Seba Bourne, Adam McGreen, Caitlind Mossman, George Sam, Dalton Cowley, Alick Passi, Charlie Dau, Karen Noah.**



## EASTER MESSAGE

We take our Term break under the pretext of Easter celebration. Along with the Christian sentiments, there are other elements of human responsibility that should encourage our charitable engagement.

Year 8 boys were reminded of certain symbols of that emerge from the Easter tradition - the crucifix, the Paschal candle and the two robbers either side of Jesus. They needed no reminding about the Easter eggs and the Easter bunny.

They were drawn to consider the message of Easter which even from its non-Christian beginnings was a ceremony invoking the gods to sustain and regenerate life.

While the death of Jesus is a momentous occasion, we celebrate the resurrection as the promise of a new life. To transfer some of that image to present context, our students have been enjoined to make of themselves 'Easter eggs' that bring life and hope to the rest of their families.

The two robbers had different attitudes from each other. One of them challenged Jesus to save himself and others, as well. The other broached him, with the reminder that they were being punished for crimes for which they were guilty and deserved their punishment.

At Easter, let us all take up the challenge of our responsibilities. Others should respect us for the life and joy that we bring to them. It is a privilege that deserves to be exercised.

Let us not just hope, but do it for each other.

Easter greetings, one and all.

### TCS & PENINSULA VOLLEYBALL

On Thursday 13th of March, **Mary David, Esther Asai and Julia Thaiday** played in the Peninsula Open Girls Volleyball trials; while **April Mosby, Juniko Kepa and Carmen Noah** played in the Under 16 trials. **Mary and Esther** were then selected in the Open Girls Peninsula team and **Julia** as a shadow player. **April and Juniko**

were selected in the Under 16 Peninsula team. The Open Girls team will compete in the State Championship in April 19th to 22nd on the Gold Coast and the Under 16 will compete in the State Championship from May 8th -11th at Gladstone.



The following day **Desmond Billy, Leroy Kris, Richard Billy, Urial Matthew, Tom Mosby and Charlie Asai** played in the Peninsula Open Boys Volleyball trials. **Desmond** was selected in the Peninsula team and **Leroy, Richard and Urial** as shadow players. The Open Boys Peninsula team will compete in the State Championship - April 19th to 22nd at the Gold Coast. Well done, girls and boys, and best of luck in the State Championships.  
 Mr. Aisea Pulini

**Term 2 starts  
 WEDNESDAY  
 April 02, 2008**

# Djarragun College Prefect Induction Ceremony

by Simon Cotton

Djarragun College held the annual Prefect Induction Ceremony at the College in Gordonvale on Tuesday the 11th of March.

The Ceremony was the culmination of an intense period of student lobbying, nominations, speeches and finally student voting.

**Positions to be filled this year were:**

**Head boy and Deputies**

**Head girl and Deputies**

**Male and Female Sports Captains and Assistants**

**Boarding Captains and assistants - Girls and Boys**

**Senior prefects**

**Senior Student Mentors**

**Middle School Captains - Male and Female**

**Primary School Captains - Male and Female Cultural Leaders**

**House Leaders - Senior, Middle and Primary School**

**Sport Teams Captains**

Djarragun College continues to grow with current enrolments at 546 from Prep to TAVE (Yr.13/14). Due to the large number of new enrolments, nominations were held off until new students had time to settle into the school and established themselves amongst their peers. This also gave time for leadership potential in students to emerge and be recognized by their fellow students.

Once nominations were received for all positions, a period of intense lobbying took place, including scheduled public speaking. Students performed particularly well in this field and provided evidence of a continued growth of self-confidence by our students. Some of the key speakers certainly have an ability to deliver a powerful speech with pertinent messages for the younger students. Every year the standards lift and the personal qualities of the student leaders become self evident.

Elections were held in week six of the term and after the counting of all votes a clear trend was observed in student voting.

A new student to the College was elected as Head Boy with a clear majority.

The Prefect Induction Ceremony was attended by the whole school body and included many parents and invited guests giving a total audience of over 700. The event started at 10:45am with the formal presentation to the school of the successful candidates. Student leaders were dressed smartly in College Blazers and long black trousers and were seated at the front of the large crowd.

**Ms. Harriet Tapim** took on the role of M.C. for the event and kept the program running to schedule. Djarragun College Principal, Ms. **Jean Illingworth** opened the ceremony with a speech directed to all of the College students and especially the 2008 Prefects. Ms. Illingworth's message was clear- 'With Leadership Comes Responsibility'.

All prefects were inducted into various areas of the school and this was then followed with the DC Band and representative Cultural Dance Groups. The Induction Ceremony was followed by lunch served by the Hospitality Students at the DC Café`.

## *Leaders for 2008*

**Head boy - Patrick Vandebroek**

**Deputies -**

- o Ned Ingui
- o Marcus Satrick

**Head girl- Marcella Matthew**

**Deputies -**

- o Monica Fourmile
- o Esther Asai

**Sports Captains - (Girls)**

- o Monica Fourmile
- o Assistant - Marcella Matthew

**Sports Captain - (Boys)**

- o Patrick Vandebroek
- o Assistant - Philip Baragud



### **Boarding Captains - Girls**

- o Rittia Tapim (head)
- o Annie Mabo; Alphi Warria ( assistants)

### **Boarding Captains - Boys**

- o Ned Ingui (head)
- o Andrew Passi; Neil McGreen (assistants)

## **Senior Prefects**

- o **Faylene McGreen**
- o **Tamara Dodd**
- o **Patrina Gordon**
- o **Garette Hobson**
- o **Oliphanu Elisala**
- o **Desmond Billy**
- o **Shanay Pearson**
- o **Leilanie Lingen**
- o **Anai Ganaia**
- o **Catherine Sailor**
- o **Nadia Anau**
- o **Samuel Kepa**
- o **Justine Wasiu**
- o **Richard Billy**
- o **Leroy Kris**
- o **Edward Nawaki**
- o **Samuel David**

### **Senior Student Mentors ( TAVE students)**

- James Akiba**
- Gandi Buie**
- Alick Passi**
- Servanna Walker**
- Seba Bourne**
- Sophie Billy**
- Karen Noah**

### **Middle School Captains Alton Matthew and Lane Ingui**

### **Primary School Captains Ralph Daniel and Dalaru Epsseg**

**CONGRATULATIONS**



Ralph Daniel (above) and Dalaru Epsseg (below) are the up and coming leaders from the Primary School in 2008. These two are energetic powerhouses and already indicate a bright, resourceful future for Djarragun College.

