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School Rover

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit. **Aristotle**



Hairdressing Term 2, 2008

We have been participating in an exercise to improve self confidence. The students in all groups have been having "Glam Shots" taken in the salon.

Their makeup is applied for photography, using highlighting and shading to accentuate their best features. The students have to pose and follow instructions as the photograph is taken - the angle varies for each individual. The shyness and unwillingness to participate has lessened with each group of students as they see the results of other photos.

I have found the students are actually proud of their photos even while denying their attractiveness. The exercise has been beneficial to the students in various ways :-

1. Knowing they look as attractive as any magazine model.
2. The more they relaxed and believed in themselves the better the photograph.
3. They have asked for another chance to be photographed.
4. Exhibiting them to friends and staff has shown their pride in their appearance.

It has been a very rewarding experience for both students and staff. What amazing students we have - when they believe in themselves. **Estelle McBride**

TAVE Students at IYMP

Djarragun College has embarked on a new boarding model for senior students at the College. Negotiations were held with the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program at the start of this academic year which resulted in positions being made available for Technical and Vocational Education students in Aboriginal Hostels' houses.

Due to the ever increasing demand for boarding positions at the College and the need to provide halfway houses into mainstream society, TAVE students were offered boarding positions at various Aboriginal Hostel houses around Cairns. Thirteen students were successful in their applications for boarding at McLeod Street, Digger Street and Claire Street.

All houses have full time supervisors who monitor student behaviour, cook evening meals, ensure breakfast and lunch provisions are available and work with the students to make sure the houses are kept clean, tidy and in good order. Strict rules have been set by IYMP and infringement of these will lead to expulsion from the program and the Hostel. There is a zero tolerance to alcohol, drugs and violence. Students may have friends visit in the evenings and on weekends but they must leave the premises by 9:30 p. m.. Sleep-overs are not permitted.

Students involved in the program include: **Seba Bourne, Sophie Billy and Daisy Noah** at Claire Street; **James Akiba and George Sam** at McLeod Street; **Kareem Tabau, Patrick Matasia, Adam McGreen, Toshi Wigness, George Mara, Warren Dau, Dalton Cowley and Alick Passi** are all residing at Digger Street. There are also two students, **Edward Nawakie and Iona Nawakie** at Joe McGinness Hostel. (cont'd p.) **Simon Cotton (Deputy Principal)**

CROSS COUNTRY



It was a cold, blistery morning on the 18th of April.....well, for Cairns anyway. The Djarragun annual cross country began in earnest, with the seniors competing on the hallowed turf surrounding the local golf course; while the primaries remained safely within the grounds of the school. Most people running 3 kms would show some signs of fatigue at the conclusion, not so for **Robert Amber** who completed the distance in roughly 15 mins. The first middle schooler to arrive was **Sibra Baragud** with the Primary helm being led by **Ralph Daniel & Jimmy Dau**. The girls were led by **Alma David, Camille Pearson, Tina Clermont** of Primary, Middle and Senior schools respectively. All in all, students who competed had a positive attitude to the day and not too many staff suffered from undue stress. Thanks to all students and staff who assisted. Same again next year.....maybe??
Virgil Gill

Cross country age champions 2008 PRIMARY

BOYS

- 1 ---
- 2 Philip Solomon
- 3 Leo Aitken
- 4 Alfred Ropeyarn
- 5 Andrew Oui
- 6 Jonah Salee

GIRLS

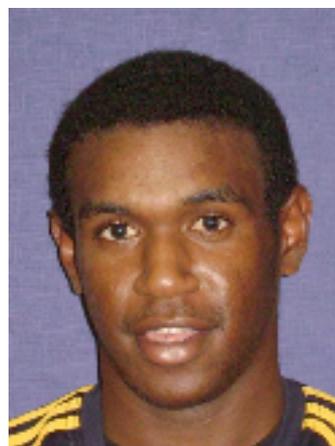
- 1 Tieone Aitken
- 2 Jessie Neal
- 3 Tayla Torney
- 4 ---
- 5 Keisha Thimble
- 6 Emmy Charlie

SECONDARY

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|------|------------------------|------------------|
| U13 | Ralph Daniel/Jimmy Dau | Alma David |
| U14 | Sibra Baragud | Camille Pearson |
| U15 | Henry Tabuai | Lane Ingui |
| U16 | Robert Amber | Tina Clermont |
| U17 | Mimo King | Marcella Matthew |
| OPEN | Adric Morris | Leilanie Lingen |

Photos - **Maiden Handicap on the Race track**
Andrew Oui checks in;
Age leaders : Robert Amber; Philip Solomon;
Tieone Aitkin; Leilanie Lingen

CONGRATULATIONS ALL





ANZAC MEMORIAL



With almost an expected form of contrast, Djarragun students provided special instances of memorial services which provided pertinent recognition to this historic feature of Australian history. The Primary school conducted a respectful assembly of students, staff and parents in the Boarding School Activities area. An engaging programme of speeches,

Not to be outdone, and in more 'light infantry humour', a squad fresh from the Company of the Unknown Soldier parodied onto the College stage to commandeer the afternoon attention of the whole school assembly. In SAS fashion, young men emerged from the secret service hideout located somewhere deep in the confines of the 'Shed'. They produced a vignette espousing military



tributes and presentations secured the values of hope, determination, comradeship and bravery into young minds who, hopefully, will never have the need to witness the atrocities suffered by ancestors during the spates of war.



precision to an appreciative clutch transfixed to parade composure.

Subsequently, it is believed that a tidy bevy of military-minded casuists is marching up a formation of peacetime cadets. A sample phalanx was recently spied obediently rivetted, standing stock-still to 'At-Tenni-shun'.

LEST WE FORGET

TAVE cont'd from page 1.... **Simon Cotton...**

Djarragun College provides transport for all of these students to and from school and sporting commitments during the week. These students also have the opportunity to make their own lunch at the hostel or to eat in the dining room at College.

At College all TAVE students are expected to follow a code of conduct modelled on Workplace Occupational, Health and Safety regulations. As a part of their course requirements all TAVE students are required to partake in Work Experience Placements every term leading to gaining a School Based Traineeship or Apprenticeship. These traineeships and apprenticeships involve one or two days in the workforce and the other days undertaking the requirements of their registered VET Certificate courses. Six Construction students are currently undertaking work placements on the site of the New Primary School and Skills Centre being constructed at the College. It is an expectation of all TAVE students that they attend College or work placements every day, work hard to achieve their goals, and maintain a positive attitude. After all they are the most senior students at Djarragun and are looked up to as role models by the younger students.

The Djarragun College/IYMP/Aboriginal Hostels partnership provides opportunities for our students to prepare themselves for the pressures of independent living, budgeting and the successful integration into the workforce.

SPECIAL MENTION

Thanks to **Grant** and **Spotless team** for preparing meals, catering for camp at short notice and trying their best to "deal" with the ongoing food orders and demands of the college students. Your great effort is, by no means, going unnoticed.

A special thank you **John Chan, David Smith, Laupisi Asi, Alan Edwards** and **Paul Hollis** with school gardens and maintaining the school property and school farm, as well. Both these sites look fantastic. David has also been working on Saturday morning in the Admin building surrounds.

Many thanks **Teresa Forster** and **Cheryl Edwards** for the wonderful job you are doing. Your efforts and attention to detail is appreciated every morning when we walk into clean rooms!

NEXT STEP 2008

The Queensland Government will again be conducting its annual State-wide destination survey of all students who completed Year 12, or equivalent, in 2007. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and live choices made by Queensland school leavers.

Any person who completed Year 12, or equivalent, last year, can expect to receive a telephone call or a paper-based survey by mail, between March and May, 2008. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate in the survey. Thank you for your support of the NextStep survey in 2008.

For more information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587

CRUSADERS

For everyone's information, after our recent success in the U12 Future Stars cup, two of our students



Levi Matthew and **Ralph Daniel** have been selected for the U12 Crusader team. They will be travelling down to Brisbane on Friday June 6th and will be back Thursday the 12th .



Also **Comrie Tabuai, Patrick Atu, Murphy Tabuai** and **Eddie Daniel** have been selected for the U14s They will leave on Thursday the 5th of June for Rockhampton and be home on Tuesday the 10th .

Stephen Daniel