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# School Rover

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"We do not inherit the earth from our parents. We borrow it from our children." Native American proverb

## CAREERS EXPO

It looked like Fiesta time had hit the Djarragun campus. Tents and marquees dotted the lawns and an air of studied surveillance settled upon a milling crowd of students from surrounding schools that briefly descended onto the venue of another Careers Day. Various presentations were provided by the Defence Forces, TAFE, Universities, Departmental units and Companies to endorse their products and services.

Ms Cate Robins engineered the initiative this year with the assistance of members of staff and students. Kayla Dodd, Tammy Ludwick, Tonya Ludwick and Marcie Ambrym acted as hostesses for the event ushering the visitors to the relevant areas of interest.

Students from the Djarragun Hospitality sector produced the goods for the day and arranged and served morning tea and edible treats to appreciative stall presenters.

Marcella Matthew organized the Sausage sizzle which ultimately raised \$396 funds towards the Senior Social. Staff in the Middle School set up the tables in the undercover area on the previous afternoon and, on the day, Ms Linda McKeown ushered the companies into their respective allocated areas.





(left) **Ms Cate Robins** reports an enterprising exercise and forwards thanks for such show of magnificent (as always) efforts by **Ms Peggy Chigeza** and **Ms Rosemary Morrison** whose Home Ec. talents never seem to go off the boil. In customary fashion, the small band of

automatons from The Shed emerged and neatly set up stage, tarps, cordons, hessian, flags and decorative plant pots. **Mr. Joe Tamberin** organized a set of signs to provide more directions than the compass points.



Other staff supervised the seminar stations and more escorted the various classes through the learning curves. The sausage sizzle also needed the watchful eyes of **Mr. Rob Hodge**, **Mr. Shane Cockerell** and **Mr. Tekoa Tafea**.

Thanks to schools who supported with their attendance; some from as far as Mareeba and Kuranda and those from St. Monica's , Hambledon State School.

## BILL GRANGER SHOW

"Our Hospitality team once again have made the headlines. I am so impressed with the Hospitality team and the outcomes they are achieving. We all know how hard it is to achieve just one outcome - never mind the huge list that this team is achieving. The debut for them (or rather their students) was on Friday May 23, when they were invited to take part in Bill Granger's TV Food show. Bill Granger and his film crew came to Djarragun to film students making chocolate filled French toast. (It sounds disgusting to me!)

From my perspective this team is achieving because:

- They are committed and hard working;
- They do whatever it takes to make it work even if this means long hours and being available for each and every student at all times;
- They act professionally at all times;
- They have a vision of what they want their students to achieve and they do not let anything sway them from this path;
- They are innovative, creative and always put the students first.

Well done to Ms Peggy, Ms Rosemary and, in recent times, Ms Maree. You are making a huge difference in students' lives."

**Ms. Jean Illingworth**

## JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



(above : Ms Chrystelle & Ms Kelly)

Djarragun College acknowledges the trickle of students which trundles into the school programme each year to complete practice teaching assignments. Each bears his and her own measure of talent and expertise and our students can reap the benefits of new faces and ready enthusiasm.

Welcome to **Kelly McKenzie**, **Chrystelle Anthony**, **Vita .....** and **Lee .... & Donna Blackshaw**

One student, Ms Chrystelle, in particular, appears to have entered into her third avatar - her lifetime of experiences is astounding. How would the following feature on a "This is Your Life" episode?

*Training as a dancer (many styles including ballet, funk, hip hop, African, belly dancing and contemporary indigenous Australian), prior choreographer and costumer for Sydney University revues, African drumming training, singing in choirs, medical degree Sydney University and many postgraduate medical qualifications plus general practice (30 yrs. a GP...on-going p/time in Cairns), herbal medicine and mental heath, Dip in Frontline Management, Certificate IV in*

Assessment and Workplace Training, CELTA ESL teacher (taught English to foreigners in language schools in Sydney, Byron Bay and Cairns). Speaks German and French. Posted voluntary work in reception in 1970s while still a Medical student @ the Aboriginal Medical Service in Redfern, Sydney (the first of its kind in Aust.). Currently 1 of several GPs doing well child checks in Yarrabah; married to Mike Tupper (Barba) an indigenous man from Innisfail (South Sea Islander, Chinese, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage). Current studies: Grad Diploma of Education @ JCU while taking a year off from BA in anthropology (many indigenous-related subjects) and psychology also @ JCU (almost completed).

Ms Chrystelle believes that health and well-being come from education, empowerment, self-esteem, healthy lifestyle and nutrition, spiritual strength, dance and music.



Ms. **Sian McCullough** is a fourth year Bachelor of Education student at JCU who is interested in Early Childhood Education. Her Practicum for this year was in the Prep classroom with Miss. Riona. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Djarragun College.

Ms. **Kelly** is a Grad. Dip. Education student who was at Djarragun working with Ms. Michelle - her Prac Co-ordinator for 7 weeks this term. Ms Kelly has been mainly in the Primary School Learning Support Unit. She grew up in the Cairns area - going to primary school in Edmonton and Secondary school at Cairns High. Her hobby is studying Karate. She has found Djarragun College a 'lovely school full of friendly, smiling faces' and she looked forward to, and enjoyed her few weeks here.

Ms. **Vita** is a third year Bachelor of Education student from JCU, who was doing her practicum at Djarragun College with Ms Jade Allgood in Senior English and SOSE. Ms. Vita will be back at Djarragun in July.



# RATEP Maths Fest



Two weeks ago on the 4th of June, Year 5, 6 and 7 went to a Math Fest at Cairns TAFE. The Maths Fest is held every year by RATEP (Rural Area Teacher Education Programme) students who are studying to be teachers. This year's theme was Space, and we were called the Djarragun Jets.



We did some fun math activities. Some activities involved measuring water in litres, adding pizza slices and making bar graphs. We had lots of fun and we enjoyed it. The photos are of us doing some activities.



Thank you to the RATEP students for inviting us.

By a Year 6 student.

