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School Rover

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Too often we are so preoccupied with the destination, we forget the journey.



Timina Hobson with an Olive python

SNAKES ALIVE !!

Last week a group of hard working Wangetti Students attended Rainforest Habitat Port Douglas for three days to plant eucalypt trees for the purpose of supplying their Koala population with a readily available food source. All students were also treated to hands on experiences with various animals such as snakes, birds and of course koalas.

Cecilia Hobson said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the experience .. It was very rewarding doing something for the Koalas. They are so cute.

Graeme Patterson

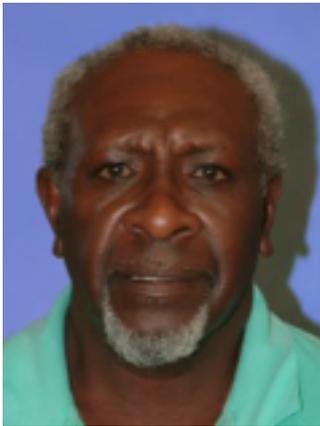


Cecilia Rocky & Bree Denman with Glen(the koala)

TB SKIN TEST'S

Tuesday (March 24) : The last Government funded application of the tuberculosis tests and serum took place for Djarragun boarding students today. School nurse, **Ms Sue Clarke** busily herded in the final handful of available recipients.

The prevalence of this disease should not be trivialized even though we, in Australia, consider it 'contained'. Our proximity to affected neighbouring countries and the massive inter-travel trade requires continued vigilance.



UNCLE AURIE MAROU

Class lessons last week focussed around the banana plant.

Over the past few weeks, students have been soaking up the linguistics of Meriam language spoken traditionally on Murray Island. Children in the Primary in **Uncle Aurie's** class have been taught the names of body parts on the head and also counting.

Did you know that the traditional counting system of the Murray Island speakers uncannily followed a binary schema that is basically the language of the modern computers? It varies from its methodical numerical cousin to also include a dabble in the quinary (base 5) configurations.

Compose your own nursery rhyme to suit this and then tally your money or count yourself to sleep :-

ne'tat, one, 1	neis, two, 2	neis ne'tat, two + one, 3	neis neis, two + two, 4	ne'tat tag one hand 5
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neis neis a neis, two two and two, 6	neis neis a neis ne'tat two two and two + one 7
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neis neis a neis neis, two two and two two, 8	neis neis a ne'tat tag two two and one hand 9
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neis tag
two hand
10

PENRITH PANTHERS POUNCE



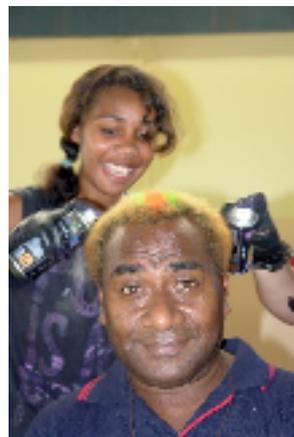
Melody Kabai waits while Mickalya Dick gets her memorabilia from a Panther's pen

March 02 was made special by the visit of two of the Penrith Panthers, **Paul Ayton** and **Jarrood Sammut**. A 9:00 a.m. assembly found the pair addressing the school and responding to various questions to a decidedly partisan host of Cowboys' fans. However, the Djarragun swarm contained enough 'renegades' who formed a queue long enough to provide writer's cramp to the willing pair of autograph bearers.



WACKY HAIR DAY

Ms **Estelle Neilson** roused vibrancy of psychedelia upon the Djarragun stage once again for the annual support of the Leukaemia Foundation.



Staff and students randomly selected or voluntarily seduced were pounced upon by spray-can wielding artisans from the HaiRhythmics salon. Some of the designs bore striking resemblance to local graffiti enough to raise eyebrows toward their penthouse cousins.

Rainbow Warrior, **Uncle Paul Garong** emerged the human equivalent to the esteemed PNG Bird of Paradise.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR VICTORIAN FIRE VICTIMS APPEAL



Isobel Ware & Shakira Thaiday serve a happy customer.

(left) Israel Sales, Kruby Neal & Neil Mc Greens don't mind giving up their Sunday morning for a worthwhile cause with other Yr. 12 students.

SENIORS TO THE POLL

Krubby Neal : Being the creature of the modern era that he is, Krubby made his first presentation of leader's speech with the advantage of the high tech audio-visual projector in the College Auditorium.



Creative to the nth degree, Krubby assumed the status of a media superhero throwing his electoral promises with the flare and abandon of a veteran politician.

His computer teacher, Mr. Ben Tiller had this to say, "Krubby did really well; he produced and edited his video by himself, and he used his initiative by coming in before school every morning to get it done."

With obvious comedic propensity, Krubby delighted the audience with his tongue-in-cheek, improvised air of superiority and engineered diplomacy.

He promised his input to encourage the cultural and sporting elements in the school agenda. "I'm a 'no shame' person," he claims to further endear his prowess. Krubby promised aims to improve sporting equipment and provide tables and chairs for the students. An unequivocal campaign to install Seniors as tutors for the younger students was possibly enough to set the standard bearers trembling down to the solar plexis and some mindful teachers pining towards wistful apoplexy.

At a later speech in front of the whole school assembly, Krubby reinforced his aspirations to be the ultimate role model especially since his eventual emergence from a particularly checkered career in the not too distant past.

In his opening scene, Krubby appears as the mediator between fractious students. Bullying in school will be effectively eradicated. His final salute to all, "Peace out."

HUCKLEBERRY FINN REFASHIONED BY GIRLS

Busy hands manipulated a water craft into existence. The contraption wasn't thrown together like its classical counterpart but was prepared with intricate skills, adroit measurements and calculated mechanics. This project was undertaken to completion by none other than a ready crew of our Djarragun 'GELZ'. Now let's see what they can make of the expression - "hauled over a barrel".



(above) Jamaica Beard & Vanessa Ambrym in precision mode
(below) final stage - when a drum roll is in order



Well, done, girls. Now, just add water!! Mr. Daniel Hollis congratulated the girls for their persistence, precision and patience that were essential qualities necessary to complete the challenge.

JERAYMAS MYNGHA - FITTER AND TURNER



Teacher, Mr. Rob McBride turned attention to the fabulous work completed by Jeraymas in his plumbing activity recently. Jeraymas showed particular skills in a not too easy folding of metal guttering. Mr. Rob pointed to the excellent cutting and then the flawless joinery that would upstage a professional in this field. Jeraymas applies himself with honesty - a true quiet achiever.

JOE TAMBERIN AWARD FOR INDUSTRY



Waxing lyrical over the output by his latest protégé, **Walter Ware**, Construction teacher, **Mr. Joe Tamburini**, proudly commended the efforts of this newcomer to the Shed.

“Walter comes before me and leaves after I do. He’s ready and prepared to work and is waiting like a chook on a perch for me to arrive. He engages himself immediately and clearly outshines other students who have been attending since last year. The other students who have shown this kind of commitment and application were Lane Ingui and Kimberley Graham.

Walter enrolled late in this Term and has already completed 8 out of 14 units and I don’t mark them with any soft touch. He is a genuine worker and deserves being modelled for others to follow suit. Walter has almost completed enclosing one section of the shed and this has not been an easy task because it requires modified adjustments to compensate for the irregular floor level and the need to cut out the metal panels so that we can install windows. I would love students of this calibre ANY time.

I find that Walter draws more and more of my time and attention because he is so eager and doesn’t get distracted. This is an ideal teaching and learning situation to be landed with for a change. Are there any more Walters out there, PLEASE?”

New resources in the library

Rosie

“This DVD docudrama explores the troubled life of Rosalie Fraser, a child who suffered physical and emotional abuse at the hands of her foster mother. As Rosalie recounts the key points in her relationship with her foster family, her sister and her husband, we experience her pain, anguish and finally joy at being able to confront and accept the past.” 26 minutes.

Macbeth Basics and the Character of Macbeth

“It’s the Macdaddy of macabre murder mysteries - Macbeth. You want blood - you got it! You want conniving conspiracies - done! You want spooky witches? No problem! Plus dripping daggers, perambulating plants, and lots of off-kilter kilts. It’s creepy, it’s crawly, it’s the Scottish play on words, and that’s no lie”. Rated E. Duration 35 minutes

Information Literacy - Perils of Online Research

“Information literacy has become a survival skill. But what exactly does information literacy mean? With a focus on the Internet, this video explains how to conduct solid online research by collecting information in an organized, efficient and ethical way. Professor Maurita Holland of the University of Michigan School of Information provides expert commentary and guidance on a range of research activities, including evaluating the credibility of web content and paraphrasing - not copying - the words of others.” 21 minutes.

The Last Poets - 1960s-1970s

“The Last Poets were a group of black poets formed in the 1960s through to the 1970s in Harlem, New York, whose work was based on strong direct ideology and revolutionary ideals. The film traces their place in the late 1950s and 60s in the background of the Black Panthers and the Civil Rights movement. The Last Poets testify lucidly to the ambitions and effects of their poetry within a time of growing strength, confidence and optimism within the black communities in America.” 60 minutes.

WANGETTI STAFF

In a quiet corner of the universe, an embryonic nebula is emerging with its very own cluster of stars and meteoric entities. At last, we have images of some of those ‘heavenly bodies’. Perhaps, our new-born ‘Northern X’ has the makings of a constellation to match the Southern Cross. One of the resident ‘pointers’, **Mr. Simon Cotton**, indicates roles -



“**Gillian Cosgun** is our Literacy teacher, who is a tireless quiet achiever. She is prepared to accept new students, rewrite programs and motivate students into their learning. Gill is highly organized and caters for all ability levels in her classes.



John Lewis

is the Construction Tutor. John came to us from the building industry and brings considerable skills and experience to the program. John has a warm personality and takes a quiet and patient approach to the delivery of the competencies that are required for success in his course.



Paul is a boarding supervisor, responsible in the first instance, for boys but in reality, he is a dad for all students. Paul enjoys helping young men find their way in life through active engagement in sport, fishing and swimming. We often see Paul in a mentor role playing big brother, dad or sometimes just another kid! One thing we do know about Paul is that he is dedicated to the students of Wangetti.



Maree Cotton is the Hospitality Tutor at Wangetti TAVEC. Students have enjoyed the practical aspects of this course and are engaging in the required written work. Many students have now been out on Industry visits to the Rainforest Habitat at Port Douglas, which will now be followed up with work experience placements. Maree is often cooking up a storm with her students.”

(below) **Charlie David and Eliza Jackonia** at woodburning

