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School Rover

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Too

In the small matters trust the mind, in the large ones the heart.

Sigmund Freud

Start of Term 4

The start of term kicked off amidst the smoke and haze of our tropical Spring to Summer transition. Students didn't really flood back to campus but a sizeable proportion provided promise to another exciting chapter to the school year.

During the holidays, particular staff were kept on their toes in preparation for the School Audit. The TAVE programmes undertook its overhaul just prior to the end of last term and during this final term, the rest of the school will also take to the scrutiny.

Ms **Linda McKeown** is taking on the semblance of a vertical file. Her unenviable task is to compile ordered records of literally thousands of pages of assessment material which have to correlate with hundreds of pages of educational programmes coursing through the college in the Secondary School and TAVE sectors.

Ground staff practically are ceaseless in its maintenance surveillance around the school. Particularly in this spate of hot and dry weather, all vegetation is prone to fall victim to water restriction and dry, debilitating heat.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS



September 15 last term, found the Primary students kicking up the dust at Johnson Park in Gordonvale. All the athletics apparatus was out for the seasonal airing and the usual spirit of fun and frivolity pounded out at the various event stations. Mr. **Virgil Gill** coordinated the programme and all of his dedicated helpers assisted in making another success worthy of recording.



Mr. Michael Lee making sure the details are correct and in order (under watchful eyes)

(Top right) Changeover of batons in the relay

(right) Shot putt in three easy lessons



FASHION, FUN AND FLAIR

Trinity Bay State High School on October 16, 2009

Ms Mbongaleni Chigeza had good reason to be beaming on the School assembly on Monday morning. Her group of girls had launched a successful campaign on the catwalk on Friday night. The girls' dresses were up for show and a solid capture of prizes landed in their laps.

To show the depth of interest and participation, the girls ranged from Year 6 to Year 13. Congratulations, girls, for not just designing and making the costumes but also taking part in the fashion show.



ENTRANTS

Leota Munro (Yr. 6);
Vanessa Anau; Breanna Yeatman (Gr. 7);
Jasmine Raymond, Justice Beard (Yr. 8);
Jamaica Beard, Enid David (Yr. 10);
Laura McLean, Lane Ingui, Aileen Murgha, Lisa Peter (Yr. 11);
Roselyn Asai (Yr. 12);
Christina Baluz (Yr. 13).



WINNERS

Vanessa Anau (Gr. 7) won 1st prize for her creation in gold and black.

Leota Munro (Gr. 6) took 2nd prize for her gathered dress ensemble in purple and blue.

Jasmine Raymond (Gr. 8) designed her yellow tail dress which was modelled by **Leilani Lingen**.

Aileen Murgha (Gr. 11) produced her masterpiece for visual impact in light blue hue and it was modelled by **Rachel Pau**.



(Left top) - Vanessa Anau slinking across the catwalk

Left middle) - Edith Peteron her confidence walk

(Left bottom) - Leota Tom turns for the crowdpleaser

(Right toptwo) - Lane Ingui & Rachel Pau both shimmer shine in cloudy blue

(Right middle) - Leilani Lingen struts out in the yellow-tail dress created by Jasmine Raymond

(Right bottom) - Roselyn Asai swirls glamour onto the rack with her hot lilac number

Year 12 Conference



One of the final exercises last term for the Seniors was the annual Senior Conference when the Year 12 students cast all of their powers of persuasion into a two minute spiel.

This year's theme was "**My Passion : My Life**". Students could use their own initiative to present in whichever medium they chose to promote a message in a creative,

constructive and convincing manner.

The obvious choice was the use of today's audiovisual and IT facilities. Sprinkled amongst the presentations was the odd playing of the didgeridoo by **Israel Graham** and a dance routine by **Elizabeth Gebadi** and **Edetu Kane**. These two girls featured with **Isobel Ware** to provide a triple treat - speech, IT presentation and dance routine.



Ms Peggy Chigeza obliged yet again and provided a welcomed morning tea to stave the vaguest suggestion of nervousness that might venture into the auditorium. However, with such efforts of students like **Neil McGreen** there is little likelihood that jitterbugs was a likely source of concern on the day. Known more for his slick movements around the football field, Neil stunned the audience with the businesslike approach of a veteran microphone hog.

MC for the day was **Ida Sam** whose confidence at the helm measures as competent as a radio DJ. (right) **Ida Sam at the microphone** (below) **Shakira Thaiday lets her hair down**



Thanks to parents who managed to fit in this programme which lasted most of the morning - Mr. & Mrs. **Robert & Gloria Ware**.

Music Room

A hasty installation into the new deluxe beatbox finally sees Mr. Gracey and his Grammy grabbers safe within the haven of a designed music domain. Comfortably housed with enough room to swing a tiger or two, Mr. Gracey is understandably spaced out by the present distances apart of his opposite walls. It's suggested that he may well be forced to maintain contact with his mentees by way of EPIRB. Apparently the space has also reintroduced to the musicians the natural phenomenon of echo that their previous practice quarters couldn't accommodate.

Anyway, high 5s to the musos with their custom-built recording studio, storage rooms and space to think, plink and sync. Dark drapes covering expansive glass sliding doors is highly suggestive of discotheque intentions and the stage outside clearly insinuates future entertainment gigs immediately adjacent to the dining room.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF BREA SPEECHLEY

I moved to Cairns at the end of last year. Throughout this year I have been working for Autism Queensland. Previous to this, I lived in an Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory for two years. During this time, I was teaching on an outstation North of Wadey. I am very excited to have come on board at Djarragun and am looking forward to getting to know everyone as they come through the library.



- 1 Tanita Allen spoke about her personal experience with an injury.
- 2 Israel Graham, abandoned by his group, carried on regardless.
- 3 Lena Babia & Tomalina Matthew team up strongly.
- 4 Paul Walit & Alex Namai with support from Mia Akiba & Iona Nawakie putting their message with a beat.



BAMAGA & BACK

AUSSIE RULES

Patrick Atu attended the Bamaga venue where the annual contest in Australian Rules is held amongst the players from the Cape and Torres Strait Island campuses.

Patrick earned the Player of the Field Award. The boys' team lost by one point to Thursday Island's Tagai team.

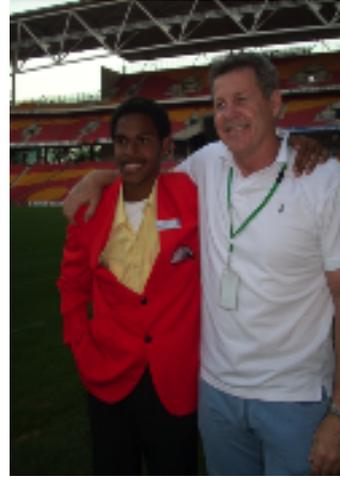
However, this year the girls from Djarragun stamped their claim on the trophy to set up a precedent for subsequent teams in the years ahead.

Congratulations to both teams for the effort and the report of good conduct which also filtered back.

Commendations on a grander scale to the men of resilience who traipsed with the teams in an overland convoy - Mr. Steven Daniel and Mr. Shane Cockerell.

It's not everyone's idea of a holiday and this type of marathon is clear indication of commitment not just to the game but the students themselves.

Eddy reports :” I thought that this would be a difficult exercise but as I worked, it got easier. I was able to work with the others as well as the Djarragun group. I learned some skills like how to carry four plates at a time without dropping anything. We dressed up in the chef's white gear to help serve food and worked from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

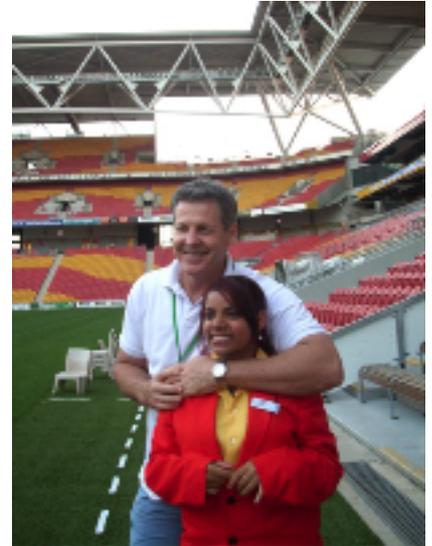


Spruced up in the distinctive tangerine College blazers the Djarragun squad met the Vice President of CISCO , Mr **Les Williamson**.

One of the high profile sportsmen attending the programme was former Rugby League player, **Gene Miles**.who made himself known to **Eddy Mau** (left) and to **Layla Dodd** (below).

(Left below)
Aston Wilson, Ms Peggy Chigeza, Eddy Mau, Vanessa Ambrym, Patricia Anau, Layla Dodd, Mr. Les Williamson (Vice Pres. CISCO), Aunty Sam Birmingham & Yoshibel Kebisu.

(below right)
Ms Peggy Chigeza with her six pack - Aston Wilson, Patricia Anau, Vanessa Ambrym, Eddy Mau, Layla Dodd and Yoshibel Kebisu



HOSPITALITY : BRISBANE

Ms **Peggy Chigeza** just keeps ploughing ahead. Another batch of her proteges made the trek to Brisbane to work at the Brisbane Convention Centre as part of their traineeship in Hospitality during the last holiday break.

First timers on this trip were **Eddy Mau** and **Vanessa Ambrym**. Their main tasks involved the serving and cleaning of tables, cooking a range of foods in the kitchen and making and serving tea and coffee.

