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# School Rover

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*"We make a living by what we get,  
we make a life by what we give."*

*Sir Winston Churchill*

## iMovie Project "Boigu Island"

by Jimmy Dau



Year 10 student, **Jimmy Dau** has been engrossed in this project which is a documentary about Boigu Island. Working with Ms **Liz Phillips**, he is busily putting music to his movie which he intends to dedicate to his mother. Jimmy talks about the pictures which he acquired from the internet which include some aerial shots and other photographs taken of different aspects of the village.

"I am doing it just to show my parents so that they will see that when I'm at school I am doing some work. I picked Boigu because that's my place."

Ms Liz showed me how to use the Imovie programme. "I have been working for three weeks so far and will

probably work on it for another three weeks. Then I want to send a copy to my parents and one also to Christine Anu for letting us use her song -'My Island Home'. I will also be leaving one copy at the school."

"I have enjoyed the project and I'm glad that I was chosen to participate. I was the only one interested to do it. I found about it when Ms Liz showed us the project last year. I hope I can do another one later. First, I have been thinking about a cover picture for the DVD.

I have been working on this project outside of school time as well with Ms Liz and she is very happy that I am continuing with the exercise.

I had to write the text to put on the DVD and the cover. It helps my English a little bit and I am comfortable doing the project. There is a mixture of photographs, even from times before I was born. My dad and sister are in one of the photographs while they were sitting on a motor bike which belonged to my dad. I think Mr. Ludo from Djarragun College put the photographs on the internet. The photographs were taken in the year 2000. I hope everyone enjoys my DVD."

This movie will be shown at the ITSC Conference

Jimmy has been working very diligently on his iMovie project about Boigu Island. He has used a combination of still photographs, voiceovers and a backing track. Jimmy developed the storyboard and wrote his script. He has become quite an 'expert' in the use of iMovie 09. Jimmy intends forwarding Christine Anu a copy of his movie in response to an email received from Ms Anu's manager granting permission for Jimmy to use 'My Island Home' as the backing track to his movie.

*"Christine has no problem with your student using the song for this purpose. Please let your student know that Christine is honoured."*



## AQUACULTURE

Word is out that some of our fish from the Aquaculture ponds have made the trip up to the Tablelands and are the starters for a smaller project at Lotus Glen Correctional Centre low security farm site.

After last year's success, 2010 is kick-starting to a very promising season. Co-ordinator for the scheme at Djarragun, Mr. Joe Coco is quietly cheerful at the spread of the enterprise fish to a totally different location. He describes this as a mutual arrangement between Lotus Glen, Djarragun College and Tropical North Queensland TAFE helping each other out and demonstrating community spirit. The 25 fish that were transported live occurred on the anniversary of the fish being 1 year old. For those that like statistics, the average growth of barramundi in the wild is approximately 1.15mm in length per day. These fish were averaging 420mm in length in 365 days.

15 Year 10 students and 5 Year 11 students this year are involved in the operation. Grayson Hart and Craig Waldon are the top of the Reef at the moment when they were interviewed by Ginger Gorman on ABC Live Show. Others, like Branxton Dick and Wade Waters are team players in ensuring that maintenance and feeding are conducted in a professional manner. Travis Mara leads the way in determination of learning; he wants to know all that there is about the Aquaculture system and is always there to volunteer.

Girls have entered the pool, **Nikiya Bulmer, Michelle Cooktown, Naomi Webster-Hodges, Enid Jackonia, Rashida Rosas, Mikayla Burns-Singleton, Nikkarla Dotoi** are demonstrating that

this is not a male dominated occupation. The girls lead the way in seeding the aquaponics plants which will be ready to be transferred to the grow-out tables towards the end of April. The seedlings are lettuce, basil and chives. Hopefully, we will be able to use the outcomes of the aquaponics and the aqua-tanks to promote healthy eating and enhance the hospitality training outcomes with a fresh supply of produce.



There have been no major hiccups this year. Thanks to Mr. **David Booth** for his vigilance and maintenance skills. Mr. David had to put his skills into practice when

lightning struck the main bore pump in February. His close encounter with Mother Nature will be one highlight to his journal for the month. He, for sure, would be one who can appreciate the expression 'stunned mullet'. The strike resulted in no water supply to the Aqualab which is a critical factor to the operation. He is now looking at alternative supply of water from the tanks under the new Multi-skills building. This is another feature to economic sustainability.

New 30mm barramundi stocks from Paradise Aqua Farms at Orchid Valley are envisaged for early May. When these fish arrive, we hope to have shade over the tanks as there will be a lot of outdoor work grading the fish every three days because they are cannibalistic when they are young.



**Stars of the Week :** Elisa Mara, Patricia Tom & Nikki Dotoi (pictured above in hip-hop prop). These three girls will be the next Destiny's Child. They are definitely not 'newcomers' to the Djarragun stage. The girls will be on stage on Friday for a hip-hop presentation (if you are flexible in your definition of hip-hop). Hopefully, the week after this, they may even haul the rest of the junior band on stage for some real live jive.



**MR. MATHEW CURTIS**

**Mr. Mathew** is the epitome of peace and approaches his job and the many challenges he has been presented with calmness and a sense of humour. **Mr. Mathew** has had to deal with challenges that most people would have collapsed under but he has soldiered on quietly

and steadily bringing the SS (Senior School - nothing Gestapo) into some form of order.

He smooths ruffled feathers, persuades those whose focus has wavered and gently guides neophytes and old hands alike. The SS is beginning to feel like a real school with students attending classes in an ordered and focussed way and staff all looking and behaving purposefully. The place actually looks as if something is happening as well with notice boards full of information and interesting details. However, the best thing about Mr. Mathew is his kindness and lack of malice. We could not have found anyone better to lead the Senior Secondary out of the wilderness. Well done Mr. Mathew! May you find the satisfaction for your efforts.

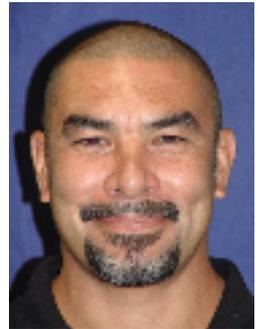
# ART EXCURSION

On Tuesday the 23rd of February, the ATSI Arts students enjoyed an informative and inspiring excursion to a number of Cairns Art institutions. The group was lucky enough to meet some of Australia's most recognized Indigenous artists including **Ken Thaiday Snr**. They also witnessed professional Indigenous artists at work.

The excursion took in several notable Art institutions in Cairns including Canopy Arts, Djumbunju Press and The Tanks.

**Taicee Pearson, Lisa Peter and Tala Morseu** were full of questions regarding new techniques and artistic practice while **Sibra Baragud, Kenisha Jackonia** and **Carmen Noah** showed great appreciation of the wide range of work on show.

In the Visual Arts area this term we have mainly concentrated on Drawing and an appreciation of technique and composition, this will lead into students working on their own artistic ideas and influences in term 3, the outstanding artistic inovator in term 1 has been **Israel Sales**, who has come up with some excellent printing and painting work and has shown great commitment.



Looking forward to term 2 - **Mr Warren Eyre**



## Health Centre Team

**Ms Sue Clarke** (above left) - Health Officer/Admin has been integral to the operations of the Health Centre for the past 6 years.

**Ms Margie Allen** (above right) - Registered Nurse has had significant experience in Health Centre nursing and Indigenous Health. Margie is new to the school this year but has worked at Wangetti TAVEC last year and at Yarrabah for 2 years.

**Ms Natasha Brunne** (right) - Trainee Health Worker is a past student from Djarragun and is an integral team member assisting in the operation of the Health Centre.





Mr. David Maddock-Jones : AFL Academy Tyson Smiler, Alfred Bond & Mr. David cheerfully celebrate selection into the A.F.L. Academy. Mr. 'MJ' has taught previously on the remote communities of Bamaga, Kowanyama and the last five years on Badu Island in the Torres Strait. This year, he is employed by the AFL to manage the AFL Academy at Djarragun.

Mr. 'MJ' has been closely associated with AFL Cape York since 1999 and has been coach of the Indigenous Crusade teams in State Championships at U12, U14 and U16 levels. He is taking a break from teaching and has been impressed by the quality of ability of many Djarragun students. "Many of these students need to learn to develop their work ethic and responsibility in order to achieve their potential. Some are already doing it," he stated optimistically.

## NZ Warriors

Joel Moon, Manu Vatuvei and Aaron Heremaia



brought the Maori haka to close quarters at a Djarragun assembly.

They drew their share of a partisan crowd and kept the students' keen interest throughout the hour long session.

Each player revealed a little about their own lives to encourage the students to take the opportunities that will come their way.

After the speeches and question time, they took time to meet some of the students and have photographs taken with various Class groupings.



Year 8 Girls (above) form a nest around celebrated figures Year 9 Girls (below) Timotei Graham, Raki Sambo, Sharni Harris, Kelsey Richards & Faylene Wilson form a loose scrum



## PIED PIPERS OF WANGETTI

**Richard Savage and Janine Brown** are the dynamic duo in Wangetti boarding. Their energy and commitment to doing whatever it takes to make it work is breath taking! How lucky are we to have such a dynamic duo on board. They work long hours and have done so since they hit the ground running at the beginning of their employment mid last year. If there is no rest for the wicked then these two must be the most wicked out! When school holidays come around and everyone else is putting their feet up, these two take off into the Cape camping (no luxury hotels) to recruit new students and give feedback to parents and communities. They do the normal boarding shifts and then spend most of their days counselling students, looking after students and generally getting involved at a high level of operation. They have both earned their status as Boarding Managers and their commitment is gratefully acknowledged.

## INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

Interactive whiteboards are currently being installed into each room in the Middle School. Training sessions will be offered (2 x 1 hour) sessions in the near future. This is such a fantastic facility for those of us who grew up with slates, chalkboards, nibs and inkwells.