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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Tell me, and I'll forget. Show me, and I'll remember.

Involve me, and I'll learn." Marla Jones

STUDENTS RESUME SCHOOL FOR TERM 4 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2003

Gladly, for many, if not all, a very full Term finally grinds to a halt. The campus has been abuzz practically through the complete quarter and the mushrooming of buildings has added to the sense of urgency. We live in exciting times for the school.

As brief as it is, we trust that the students enjoy their precious time with their families and communities and that growth and development can be witnessed by all as families are reunited. Absence makes the heart grow fonder - and this adage should make it more emphatic that we make best use of our greatest commodity - time.

The coming Term is the last leg for the year and we might take encouragement from the fighting spirit of our latest champion of the athletics track, Jana Pittman, who methodically stormed her way to victory in the World Championships held in Paris. Here, she was fulfilling a dream; we all should be busy about fulfilling our own. Whilst we all obviously can't be the Grand Champion, we can still be winners - simply by participating. As the song goes - "Everyone's a winner ..." only adds to the popular quip - "Life - Be in it."

Cheers, to all students and we trust to see you all happy, safe and well next Term.



Iveno Elia gets in amongst the big machines at his Work Experience placement in Gordonvale

EDUCATION QUEENSLAND (Non-State Schools Accreditation Board) Visitors to the school on September 04, 2003 included **Rita Logan** (Director of Finance), Professor **Roy Webb** (Chairperson) and **John Roulston** (Executive Director, AISQ). We thank them for the time they gave towards a first-hand tour of the school.

QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS TEST : This year has been a pretty busy year for the Year 12 students. Even though there has been hard work that had to be done, there was no hesitation. We would try our very best to participate. For this year's QCS Test, every Grade

12 student participated, was shocked, suffered nerves and felt heart beaten; but once you do it, the quicker it's over. There were four exams that had to be completed. They were difficult but a good thinking skills exam. The first exam we had to do was writing about any topic from some stimulus pictures and ideas but our second one was a multi-choice; then our third one was Short Response and last of all, we had another multi-choice. I encourage all the Grade 11 students, next year give it your best shot and don't be scared. Try not to stay home too much; make sure to attend school every day of the school week.

Pauline Savo



Construction is taking place steadily on the campus - exciting and exhilarating times !!

DJARRAGUN COLLEGE GIRLS RUGBY UNION TEAM

This is Djarragun College's Open Girls' Rugby Union Team. The photo was taken straight after our first game. Although it looks like we won the game, the truth is - we were defeated by two tries.

Why are smiling, then? I guess the truth is we are smiling because it was our first time playing and we played as a team. Our school never had a Union team before (for girls) because people think it's too dangerous for us to play. When we started training, some laughed at us, especially the boys. Most weekends, we have to go watch the boys play Rugby League because we're boarders - but this time, it was our chance to play.

There were lots of us who were scared; for example, what if we get tackled?! We talked a lot about being scared as we trained for the first game and we talked about supporting each other on the field. For some - they had never played sports before - so they were worried about fitness and tackling. As it got closer, more people started to come and watch us training and the boys even started to help train us and support us with advice. Game day arrived. Our nerves kept us quiet in class all day. Two buses loaded with students and supporters prepared for the trip. It was chaos!! Where were the Rugby socks?? Anyone got spare footy shoes? Where's the water-boy? My shirts too tight, someone stretch it for me!!

On the field, we warmed up and played our hearts out. We didn't know all the rules but the referee helped us through. From the start of the game to the end all the

supporters were on their feet shouting out to us. We left the field as winners though not on the scoreboard. Our heads were high and the boys respected us after that because everyone knows Union is a tougher game than League.

Sila Guligo & Annalina Richard



QCST : Core Skills Test in session....

MARBLE SEASON : The all-too-familiar clicking of marbles in pockets has hit the scene and the bobbing of heads around the schoolyard attests to the opening of another season for this ancient form of contest. The fervour is not restricted to the lower ages and classes; it seems that even participants of the recent Queensland Core Skills Test are also partial to this type of multiple choice.

To add to the equation, the Principal has been spotted supplying ammunition to the staff in order to activate the dormant 'marble' DNA factors. Not too many have taken to the level of ground fighting and are more inclined to apply aerial attacks in deference to either age or an unyielding spine.

RATEP (Remote Area Teacher Education Programme) : Another warm welcome to the group of nearly a dozen TAFE students who visited the school on Thursday, September 11. Included in the group were Tara & Petrine (Moa Island); Kathleen & Gada (Cairns); Frank & Llew (Cherbourg); Priscilla & Patricia (Mt. Isa); Susan; Meryl (Yarrabah).

Past Djarragun teacher Claire is now one of the supervisors in the Programme and accompanied the group to Djarragun for the day. Later, the group will travel to the Northern Territory and disperse to places like Nhulunbuy, Lajamanu and Alice Springs. Like the previous group, these TAFE students are having a look at different schooling situations and the variety of strategies to meet the educational needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Good luck, everyone on the rest of your travels.

DJARRAGUN FOOTBALLERS AT YARRABAH :

As part of the Markets Week, about 90 students travelled across to Yarrabah to watch a Djarragun team pit their skills against a Home side. The day did not give victory to Djarragun and Jilara Oval once again claimed triumph for the Sea Eagles. Thank you to the organizers and the team which invited us to join in their programme.



Djarragun Warriors and Yarrabah Seahawks battle it out on Jilara Oval

Unfortunately, our anticipated grand motion picture for the day was jeopardized by a flat battery so this little piece of history is only stored in the memory banks of the players and spectators.

Our Djarragun side was time and again bedazzled by the nifty moves across field by the Sea Eagles. It was very apparent that kickers from both sides needed some extra practice in converting tries. One of our players crossed the line in a stunning surge through the pack but might have confused his 'slam-dunking' for the more conventional form of try scoring. Showy tap-through play and short kick sequences by Joey Gibuma provided exciting segments of play and a few consoling points to our half of the scoreboard. Iveno Elia did his share of the tackling but some spectators had his shaved head occasionally confused for the football.

Vincent Wasomo was a clear leader of the pack and brought the crowd to its feet for instances; however, the Yarrabah colours quickly swarmed around him and paralyzed his free passage. Looking ever so mean in his jersey and sporting the close-cropped braids, Maia Akiba gave all the demeanour of Gordon Tallis but the Sea Hawks weren't too phased by many of our tactics. They had plenty of their own.

Rugby Union Gelz Team

On Friday, September 12, our Rugby Union girls went down to Innisfail to play. There were 4 teams - Woree, Innisfail, Mossman and Good counsel College. Our first game was against Innisfail. It was a tough game. We won by 5 points. After that game, we went to Field 2 to play Woree. It was a really tough game. The two teams had great defence. We scored the first try and in the second half, they scored; so the score was 5-all. The siren went on and it was time to play another game. In the case of a draw, the team that scored first wins - so we won. So we went back to Field 1 to play against Good Counsel College. That was the last game. We entered the field and started to play. It was a good game. The score was 8 - nil.

Two girls were injured in that game. The first winner of the Shield is Djarragun College Open Girls Rugby Union

team. The try-scorers were **Karen Noah, Sila Guligo and Matilda Gibas** and the kicker was **Charmaine Akiba**. Thanks to these girls for their effort - **Charmaine Akiba** (Captain), **Matilda Gibas, Mavis Sipi, Jessie Aruba, Pauline Savo, Lily Nomoa, Sila Guligo, Annalina Richard, Christina Waianga, Harriet Dau, Malu Waianga, Karlas Baira, Jana Cook, Marita Akiba, Tanesha Henry, Amy Arugu, Karen Noah, Angelica Tabuai, Helen Billy and Olive Baluz.**

WRITERS' CRAMP

TINAROO CAMP (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

To give due credit to the various writers, this will appear as a sequel.

Daisy Noah : *On Tuesday, we went to Tinaroo for Camp. We went to sit in the large hall and Mr. Donling came and talked and then Ms Lynn explained the rules about the dormitory. After that, we went and put our bags in the dorms. Afterwards, we all went to have our healthy lunch and went to do our group activities. We split into four groups and we all stood in a big circle and Mr. Steve introduced Dan and himself. We all played one quick game. We were Group One and we went abseiling and the first one was Kym, and after, Helen went up and Roseline, Sophie David, then me. That's all, just us five went up including Ms Nancy.*

Next, we went and had our nice lunch. After lunch, all the happy Group 1 went and did the Climb/Abseiling and we were the same five to go. Alice did it and we followed until o'clock

We went to the comfortable dormitory and we had our hot bath, had delicious evening meals and we played competitive games in the hall and we had our torches and we played the same fun game and when it was time for 'bed'. We went in our dark dormitory and went to our warm beds.

Daisy Noah



Kura Dau keeps churning out his handicraft in one form, shape or other...

WOODWORK : Always worthy of mention is the action from the handicraft department. Seen shaping wood

and ply to his artistic will was **Isach Kaworo** who has fashioned a small table poised on two tiers of three legs. The table top is currently being painstakingly parquettted together featuring centrally the shape of a crayfish.

Clayton Cook is proudly working on a set of plywood coasters on which he has burnt out designs of a turtle, wallaby and other Australian fauna.

GARDENS MAINTENANCE : Obviously, drawn to the Great Outdoors, **George Mara, Isiah Tom** and **Lonnie Anau** have been noticed watering the gardens, picking up rubbish and assisting Mr. **Don Standen** and Mr. **Allan Edwards. Ronald Addo** and **Tom Tabo** kept up the water supply to the shrubs in probably the most sensible type of job on a very hot afternoon. Whilst this seems a manageable task at the moment, it is obvious that by next season the school will have vastly improved areas of ground cover and developing canopies to make the job a fulltime occupation.

CRAFTWORK : Ms **Coral Teeling**, Ms **Julie Standen** & Ms **Harriet Dau** have been keeping the hands of their girls busy making fabric daisies and plaiting. Starting firstly with round plaits, the girls advanced to flat plaiting and then 4-flat plaiting. It obviously wasn't as easy to do as it is to talk about; nonetheless, both mouths and hands were keeping busy.



THE TRIP TO INNISFAIL : by Sophie Billy

Last week Friday, all the boarders and the Rugby Union Girlz went into Innisfail for the Girlz Grand Final and when the girls played their game against three schools, they won. The last game they played against Innisfail High. There were two injured girlz from DC who were **Charmaine Akiba** and **Karlas Baira** but they still won against the Innisfail side. Mr. Tekoa said Karlas and Charmaine had to go to the hospital or they will become more injured. Then at 7:00 p.m., it was the presentation time. Other schools came 2nd and 3rd but Djarragun came 1st and won the big shield. Djarragun will be the first name on the new trophy. **Matilda Gibas** gave a speech on behalf of Charmaine and Djarragun College. After the speech, everyone cheered and screamed their heads off just because Djarragun won..”Well I had fun..”..

LITERACY WEEK

During the week, students' work has been on display in the School Library. Coordinated by teacher, **David Scott**, the compilation of work represents significant effort by the students, enough to earn praise from the Principal, Ms **Jean Illingworth**, during one of the School Assemblies.

All too often, the education of our youth is left aside as something incidental to their lives; something that only the lucky ones can achieve or aspire to in this 'lucky country'. We have to understand that literacy is today a fundamental right and a necessary adaptor for modern communication.

The material on display in the library includes brief profiles and autobiographical sketches, poetic lines, assignments and projects; paintings and descriptive passages of ogres; a class compilation about motor cars; profiles of famous people ranging from Eddy Mabo to Ian Thorpe; mock newspaper editions and trips down Nostalgia Lane with selections of - "When I was a little Boy /Girl..."

NEWS FROM DIVISION ONE, GORDONVALE

The large new structure being constructed at the end of Draper Road is the long-awaited 20 megalitre reservoir that will supply the Gordonvale area. The purpose of this new facility will be to ensure that water pressure and supply is guaranteed during periods of low rainfall. The reservoir will fill overnight and be drawn down during the peak demand periods of the next day, to be refilled again at night. It can be filled from either Behana or Copperlode, depending on flows in Behana Creek. Residents along the higher sections of Wyreema and Pyramid should notice an improvement in pressure, as the reservoir has a 90 metre head. It is due for completion by the end of the year. **Cr Paul Gregory**

DENTAL MOBILE CLINIC

The Dental Van has been at Djarragun College for the past three weeks and will be here apporximately 2 - 3 weeks after the School holidays. Your friendly Dental Staff are **Sharron, Roz** and **Mimi**.

Could we please remind parents to check that the children are brushing their teeth as we have found a lot of severe gum problems from the childrens' lack of tooth-brushing.

Another concern that we have is the large number of fillings needed especially in the front teeth. The cause of this is regular intakes of Soft drinks (especially CocoCola) and juices and the eating of lollies. These foods and drinks should be kept for special treats maybe once or twice a week to avoid holes in the teeth.

To improve childrens' oral health, you need to :-

- # Ensure(supervise childrens' toothbrushing) twice a day - after breakfast & before bedtime;
- # Limit the amount of sweet foods and drinks;
- # Check your child's toothbrush regularly and replace when bristles start bending over;
- # Encourage the drinking of water and milk;
- # Encourage savoury snacks instead of lollies e.g. cheese and crackers/raw fruit/vegetables sandwiches
- # Make sure you return your child's Dental forms so we can complete Dental treatment.

"A Happy Smile is a Healthy Mouth."