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School Rover

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**‘Happiness is not a destination;
it is a journey’**

We take this convenient break to the school and work routine and wish all happiness, wellbeing and safety as family groups are reunited.

Observance to the original dedication to Easter can be readily distracted by the endless distractions of modern life and the traumas of global society.

Regardless of religious persuasion, each person is called to authenticity - to develop and strive to human fullness. Christians around the world cast adulation not on death but on life. The death of Christ is a necessary prelude to His resurrection. In effect, all Christians are called to die to self and respond to the call to love and respect one another.

Every holiday period, the school divests itself of its bubbling clientele and homes burst open with new life. Parents and guardians make the essential sacrifice of separation from their children and their return undoubtedly postulates the re-emergence of new life. And so the cycle goes - like day and night.

Some of the Year 7/8 boys this week encountered a message in a song with the sentiments :

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out; I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't hide it under a bushel; I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, shine, shine.

We may not solve the problems of the world during the holidays but we can start by being 'lights' to each other and thereby making the world a brighter place.

Shine - as you were meant to do. Happy Easter



AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS CRICKETER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This inaugural award was won by one of the staff members of Djarragun College, Mr. Barry Weare who, in order to receive the official recognition, attended the Queensland Bulls Dinner night held in Brisbane on March 26, 2004.

This year Mr. Weare made it into the Australian Indigenous team which will be playing against the Prime Minister's Eleven at a later stage.

Congratulations from us all (staff and students) at Djarragun to 'Mr. Barry' on this meritorious achievement. Perhaps one of his successors might rise up out of the ranks of our present students.

Mr. Barry was born in Gordonvale, schooled at Hambleton State School and Gordonvale High and finished his Secondary studies at Nudgee College in Brisbane.

He travelled to the United Kingdom as a member of the Australian Indigenous team on a cricket tour and later on his own travels.

He is interested in fishing, travel and drums. His future plan is to be a teacher.

SCHOOL RESUMES TERM 2

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mr. Barry Weare; Telita Atkinson; Ms Riona Delargy

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ASSPA COMMITTEE DJARRAGUN

(Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness)

Chairperson	Sharon Cooney
Vice Chairperson	Ross Walters
Treasurer	Tekoa Tafea
Secretary	Mapa Kudub

The first meeting and election of office-bearers was held at the school on March 05, 2004.

The committee consists predominantly of members of staff but any parents or interested members of the community is welcomed to attend meetings and be included in the deliberations. Be pleased to forward any suggestions, queries or offers of support to our Secretary. Upcoming meetings will be advised in issues of our School Rover newsletter.

A thank you to those who have taken on the roles in the Djarragun Committee.

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Cairns Community Legal Centre Inc
(Incorporating Disability Legal Advocacy Service)

presents
**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS
TRIVIA NIGHT**

as part of National Youth Week 2004

**When : Wednesday 31 March 2004 - 5:30 -
8:00 p.m.**

(first question at 6:00 p.m.)

**Where : James Cook University, Student
Refractory, Building A1, Ground Floor (Far
End) James Cook University, Cairns Campus,
McGregor Road, Smithfield**

(register your team of 3 to 5 people on the night)
Young people, as well as their family and friends are
welcome to attend!

Sunbuses travel regularly out to the uni
or enquire with JCU (Ph 4042 1160) about their FREE
courtesy coach
FREE FOOD

PRIZES (movie tickets, cafe vouchers, Fitzroy Island
trip, music vouchers & more !!)

Thanks to the Department of Employment and Training who
financially support this event.

WUCHOPPEREN HEALTH

Health officers from WuChopperen Medical Centre will be at Djarragun on Thursday, April 29 to conduct checks on the ears and eyes of students.

It would be helpful if parents or guardians would inform the school Health officer, Ms Elwyn Cameron where they suspect or know that their child/ren may need attention.

It serves no purpose to allow children to suffer in silence. We appreciate the opportunity to have the



support of the WuChopperen Medical service

DJARRAGUN DISCO

Always a popular event on the school calendar, the first disco for the year was held at the Brothers Rugby League Club on Behan Street. Students bring out their



finery that goes with all the hip hop bop.

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PARENTLINE

1300 30 1300

**Any parent
Any Issue**

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Professional Counselling
Triple P Parenting Programs
(07) 3369 1588**

www.parentline.com.au

email: parentline@kidshelp.com.au

Parentline is a professional, anonymous, confidential telephone counselling service for Queensland parents available from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the cost of a local call. Parentline has been available as a State-wide service since the 28th April, 1996 and is a joint initiative of the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care and BoysTown National Community Projects. The service currently provides over 300 hours of counselling to approximately 250 parents each week.

RUGBY LEAGUE INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

DJARRAGUN versus TRINITY BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Under 13s took to the field against the Trinity Bay High School side on their oval. **Patrick Matasia** scored the first try for Djarragun and was held up in another attempt. **Warren Dau** threw himself into the game with some strenuous surges into the opposition players. **Malakai Ganaia** weaved himself across the field and took some putting down. **Lonnie Anau** and **Michael Tabuai** completed good runs making plenty of field advantage. **Eddy Nawakie** and **Dennis Salee** gave promising flashes of excitement to the game and never gave up. **Jonathan Mundraby, Russell Sands & Ricky Ludwig** tried their best to add to the team effort. The usual coach, Mr. **Barry Weare** was not able to attend the game and the role was keenly and capably handled by **Ms Kendall Green**. Players for Djarragun included **Robert Pierce, Ronald Addo, Jackson Baker, Desmond Billy, Wilton Bulmer, Andrew Passi**, The final score fell in favour of the Trinity Bay team with a commendable 18 - 12.

Thanks to the few parents and interested spectators who were able to front up to give support and encouragement to our team.

BASKETBALL

A visiting school (Tintern/Southwood) on a sports tour from Ringwood East in Melbourne came to Djarragun on Wednesday, March 31 to play against Gordonvale High School on our undercover court. One of the Melbourne students, **Pat Amey** advised us that representatives from two schools (boys & girls) from the Ringwood area were on a 10 day Sports trip into the north. They were playing tennis, basketball and netball. Djarragun students also had the opportunity to test out their skills against the southern talent in a scratch match in basketball.

CROSS COUNTRY TRIAL

Djarragun students sweated it out on a circuit through and around the school grounds on the last day of March. This was a makeshift preparation run for trials that will be held next Term. Thanks to all the students who rallied cheerfully and joined in the brief programme in the steadily steaming conditions of the morning. Mud spatters on the backs of the uniforms indicated that most had run the course. Congratulations to those who completed two circuits and special mention of **Malakai Ganaia** who, on his own initiative, did a triple circuit. Featuring as the first runners to complete the double circuit were **Malakai Ganaia, Shaun Waianga, Warren Dau & David Kerry**. The leading girls were **Luanna de Jersey, Telita Atkinson & Heidi Stafford**. Others who showed plenty of potential were **Gloria & Anai Ganaia, Flora Charlie, Kymberly Kerry & Mariza David**.

The organizers were **Mr. Barry Weare** and **Ms Kendall Green**. Teachers stood as marshalls at several checkpoints along the course. **Ms Yeshim** kept a sharp eye of the results and provided this report :-

	GIRLS	BOYS
Yr. 7	Selma Woosup Megan Stafford-Hill	Manuel Tabuai Georgie Russell Sands Michael Kerry (Yr 6) Steven Daniel Francis
Yr. 8	Gloria Ganaia Anai Ganaia Mariza David	Warren Dau Desmond Billy Robert Pierce Michael Willu David Kerry Ricky Ludwig
Yr. 9	Luanna de Jersey Telita Atkinson Flora Charlie Kymberly Kerry	Shaun Waianga Malakai Ganaia Nathaniel NOble Dennis Salee Sabai Elisala Gandy buie
Yr. 10	Maxine Heidi Stafford Jessie Nau	Tali Tabuai Ted Richard Kumi Abua Ray Noah Terry Tapim

Thanks to **Mr. Don Standen** who was seen (in hurried preparation akin to the Athens Olympics) mowing parts of the trail.

Football Up-date

On Wednesday 10-03-04 our boys, both the boarders and the day students played the Gordonvale school team at Gordonvale. Boys team involved was the U/14's, U/15's and overs. Whilst all our teams lost their games everyone tried hard.

The outstanding key senior players were **Vincent, Bradley, Isach, Terry and Michael** who scored our one and only TRY. I can't say much for the junior players except that this U/15 team came close and only lost by two points. **Shaun Waianga** who played in the U/14's has injured his shoulder so he will not be playing for a couple of weeks.

Good luck to all our players for your game against Bentley Park College and a 'Big Esso' to **Mr Tekoa** and **Mr Shankaran** for their coaching efforts and another 'esso' to our one and only Linesan, **Mr Shane** and to all our faithful supporters, water boys and girls.

Matches : 12-03-04 Club Side Trials at Mann Street

Friday night one bus-load of players and supporters braved the wind and rain to watch our boys play their trial games.

First up the **Roos U/14s** against Trinity Saints. **Sabai Elisala** was our only scorer when he put one TRY and our lads lost to Saints. Their second twenty minutes saw them playing against Edmonton Storm and again they were defeated by the other team.

Then the **U/15s** where the Kangaroo's played against

Trinity Saints both teams played good football but the Saints just kept marching on to defeat the Roos. Best player was **Maia Akiba**. Well done boys and better luck next round and keep your chins up.

Then **U/16s** where five of our boys, **Vincent, Iveno, Daniel, Talli and Edward** all played for their club side (Kangaroos) for their trials against the Suburb's side. The Roos went down to Suburbs : 6 -4.

Their next game was against Brothers where they beat the Bretheren's 16 to 12. **Vincent** put down two TRIES. Outstanding player award goes to **Daniel Ware** and good tackling performance from **Iveno Elia, Edward and Talli**. Maybe playing in the rain helps their tackling skills? Good show boys keep it up and 'big esso' for the cheering squad and supporters who shook the grand stand everytime Roos put a TRY and at the exact moment the rain seemed to have stopped.

On 14-03-04 Pre Season Game at Tully.

On Saturday, **Mr Peter** took 3 boys, **Isach, Bradley and Talli** and 9 supporters to Tully for their U/18's side in our Hiace Van. From the reports that came back it seemed that Tully dominated the first half (even though Isach scored his first two tries for the season). In the second half the Roos bounced back up to match Tully and the game ended in a draw at full time with Roos and Tully each scoring 28. Our thanks go to **Mr Peter** who challenged the Tully rains with his band of supporters. My special thanks go to our players, coaches, supporters, staff, tuckshop and everyone else who is supporting our students in their sporting abilities and development.

Uncle Gabes

SHANE PILOT : Visiting the Djarragun campus for two days each week is **Shane Pilot** who is operating through the Mission Australia organization. Welcome to Shane who hails from Perth, Western Australia. Shane is also gradually re-establishing ties with one part of his family which originates from Darnley Island. We hope he enjoys working with our students here.

DJARRAGUN BLACK BEAUTY

As an initiative from the School of Hairdressing operating in the College, a colorful newsletter has hit the scene named 'Djarragun Black Beauty'.

Issue 1 has broken the ice with an April edition that features Star Signs, Beauty & Hair Advice; Dietary suggestions and Letters to the Editor.

Congratulations to the girls in **Ms Gloria Standen's** class who have taken on an added dimension to their studies in the Hairdressing Course.

GEDEM

Who is the student who can't do push-ups??

MAINTENANCE

Amongst the bevy of activities around the campus is the completion of roofs to patio areas on the Administration block and the Tuckshop. Our pseudo-Groundforce team (Uncle Tony Epsag & sidekick Kenny Thaiday) have reportedly made their mark on a kitchenette in the Administration Block. However, the occupants were not granted a secret pleasurable holiday whilst the improvements were being effected.

The recent good spate of rain has resurrected the plants and lawns and primed a second wind into the dozens of plants that decorate the school frontage. This is beginning to provide an excellent show of foliage giving ready credit to the dozens of hands who helped to put saplings into the ground last year.

The new macadamized roadway around the western edge of the property is temporarily closed to vehicles after some deterioration caused by an underground spring that has decided to reclaim its previous course.

WRITER'S CRAMP

A handsome boy named Warren
Came from a country that was foreign
His friend called Jellicoe
Wore his big red calico
And calls his family Yoren **Warren Dau (Yr 8)**

A cheeky young fellow called Shaun
Stole a lemon to eat with his prawn
But it only went to waste
Because it had a sour taste
So he went to the store to buy corn. **Shaun Waianga (Yr 9)**

I saw a famous girl named Irene
Who thought she looked like the Queen
The others got jealous
But she didn't tell us
That her friends could be so mean **Irene Daniel (Yr 9)**

I once knew a girl named Sophie
She lived near a street called Brophy.
She had really fast feet
And relaxed on her seat
Because she had won the main trophy. **Sophie David (Yr 8)**

I know a tough dude named Malakai
Who always ate too much kaikai
He walked down the stairs
And tripped over pears
And now looks like up-side-down pie. **Malakai Ganaia (Yr 9)**

A boy whose name was Nathaniel
Had a friend who went to Emmanuel
They went to the shop
And bought a lamb chop;
But took off when chased by a spaniel **Nathaniel Noble (Yr 9)**

**SCHOOL RESUMES
TERM 2
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21**

Djarragun Boarding News Number 4

Wow! Wow!

What a fantastic start to 2004.

First term has been a credit to all the boarders. Everyone has united in a family spirit to make the Djarragun Boarding House a special place to live in. The atmosphere is friendly, our weekend free time is fun-filled and our boarders are all committed to doing well with their schoolwork. Congratulations to all of you.

This has been a hot and very wet term so at times the conditions have not been easy. We received a drenching from the possible 'Cyclone Grace', and on that afternoon we saw all our boarders having so much fun water sliding down the bank. Soap bubbles everywhere, laughter and squeals of delight made this pre-cyclone afternoon a fun and happy time for everyone. Thanks to the school we also enjoyed an afternoon of 10 Pin Bowling. Some people had never been before and they were a little bit nervous to play but we all had a great time. The champion of the event was Vincent who made a score of 126. Well done everyone. Next term we might go again, so save your money, for a good time of bowling.

This year we have had really good support from Mr Shankaran a new senior teacher to the school.

Over the term Leigh and Penny together with Gabriel and Lency have been well supported by our other great boarding supervisors. Thanks Mr Peter, Mr Shane and Miss Saraima for all the dedicated work you have given to the boarders.

During the term we lost Mapa. Our special 'number one son', special DJ of the Radio, entertainment co-ordinator for Island Night and drummer for church and much more. Mapa is living in Cairns to look after his Grandmother. Mapa you are welcome back any time. Also, many thanks to Miss Sue for ensuring the boarding house is always clean and fresh and our boarders have all had their morning tea and lunch. Miss Sue, you are appreciated.

Each weekend our boarders travel by bus usually to enjoy a swim. We went to Lake Eacham a lot of the time. This was because of safety reasons. Too many stingers in the ocean and our rivers flowing

too fast for safe swimming.

Lake Eacham is a beautiful lake edged by rain forest trees and is clean, cool and everyone has a terrific time diving off the pontoon. The only draw-back is the windy road to reach paradise.

Each weekend we have 'take-away' food sometimes chicken and chips from Caltex. On other times we have a special treat like the day we had fresh prawns at Lake Eacham. On another occasion we had Pizza delivered to the boarding house. With improved weather next term we can look forward to more and varied events.

Our footballers make us very proud with their talent and good sportsmanship. Some of our senior players have been selected to play the 'curtain-raiser' match at Dairy Farmers Stadium in Townsville prior to the Bronco's game. Congratulations, boys, play well.

One of our year 8 boys had to write a story using the word Tuesday and this was the result. "Hi, my name is Monday. Tell Tuesday that Wednesday will be going to Thursday Island on Friday. Tell Saturday I will be back on Sunday".

I thought this was very clever and showed a lot of imagination, well done Desmond Billy.

Disco, disco, night! We all danced, had fun and enjoyed our disco, many thanks to the people who assisted with the organisation and supported the seniors with their graduation fund-raising event. It was a great success even the teachers and boarding parents had the dance moves and have the pictures to prove it!

Have a good holiday boarders, you have earned the break. I hope you return rested and ready for our 2nd term.

Parents, it can get quite cold here during the next two terms so the children will need warm clothes, like jumpers or wind-cheaters also shoes and socks, please.

For any information or assistance please call us on **07) 40 566 055** and we will be happy to help you.

Happy and Holy Easter to all, and stay safe during your holiday
Leigh & Penny Martin

HEALTH

Last week, Friday , March 26, Ms Cherrie Glasson from the Doll's House at Cairns Base Hospital came to Djarragun to talk about health. She also said tha it's a free indigenous health service.

She talked with the Year 10, 11 and 12 girls about sexual relationships, protecting ourselves from sexually transmitted infections. She talked about different methods of contraception and how to choose what is best for ourselves.

We got lots of information about keeping our bodies healthy. Many girls asked a lot of questions about female health. The girls learnt a lot from the talk and we would like to thank Ms Elwyn for inviting Ms Cherrie to talk to us.

Jeneil Choikee (Yr. 11)

With the Years 7,8 and 9 girls, Ms Cherrie Glasson talked about relationships we have with others, how to be assertive, knowing our feelings and how to express them to others. She also showed how a baby is formed and how it develops in the lady's womb and how it is delivered. (Typed by **Jodi Pierce**, Yr. 11)

WENDELL SAILOR VISITS

The visit by Wendell Sailor attracted the immediate interest from the students from Djarragun College. Already gripped with high anticipation at the very first visit by this particular indigenous sports role model, the students assembled in the undercover area to participate in an historical event for the school.

Wendell addressed the assembly and announced his mission in the north was to promote the game of Rugby Union in this area. In particular, he was going to Yarrabah as a form of support to the junior team of Rugby Union that would be established.

Wendell answered a battery of questions from students and then settled for at least a half hour of posting his signature on jerseys, clothing and apparel or caps. The line seemed never-ending at one stage and had to be called to a halt to allow Wendel to meet his commitments



on the other side of the Yarrabah Range.

As the photographs will attest, there was no shortage of fans and even the fortuitous capture of a picture with our

own set of houseparents, **Gabriel and Lency Sailor**.



Wendell grew up at Sarina on the central coastal area of Queensland. His father's family come from Darnley Island. He completed his secondary school at Mackay and began his football career as a junior player in Rugby League. He progressed to the Brisbane Broncos and eventually played in State of Origin matches and represented Australia both in Rugby League and in Rugby Union.



PREPARATION FOR CYCLONE 'GRACE' ??

'Home and hosed'. It's not the typical bathroom routine but there is much more fun attached to using the natural contours of the land, a slippery surface, soap and water a

