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School Rover

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“Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.” John Locke



Middle School make their mark on Giangurra Park for their effort towards Clean Up Australia

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY : Djarragun students took to the highways and byways in order to rid the environment from the ravages of litter and ecology abuse.

The Years 8 & 9 took a special trip to Giangurra Park at the foot of the Yarrabah Range to make a public emu parade through the park and beach. Very efficient planning by **Mr. Daniel Hollis** resulted in a small convoy of buses and a landrover trekking to the targeted area.

The constant spray of rain made the morning exercise a sweaty, humid event and the mosquitoes also seemed to have taken on the Clean Up Australia Day rally with their mode of bloody passion.

Impeded slightly by the wet conditions, some students persisted with the calculation of statistical information categorizing the volume, type and proliferation of litter encountered.

Thanks to **Ms Alana, Ms Telani, Uncle Phillip, Mr. Gio, Mr. Daniel and Mr. Ross** who accompanied the group of litterbusters.



SOLOMON ISLANDERS VISIT DJARRAGUN :

Coincidental with our school Peace Week special assembly, a small contingent of Solomon Islanders visited the school. From St. Barnabas Anglican Youth Group, **Thomas Kaloa, Patricia Gegeu, Zantus Kabini, Kaite Lilimae and Veronica Kiriau** took the stage to perform three songs for the Djarragun students.

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Classes this term have been on a world travel tour of traditional music. New Zealand is reputed to be the most popular musical stopover.

Students listened to musical styles and tuned into the emotions evoked by familiar compositions e.g. Bridal March, Trumpet Voluntary and The Four Seasons overture by Vivaldi that is the customary prelude to our College assemblies.

Songs that have hit the popular register are “Try a Little Kindness, Rockin’ Robin and Amazing Grace.” It is noted that two of the songs are inadvertent anthems hauntingly reminiscent of the ‘Music Teacher’s’ nomenclature.

SENIORS

Licences : Always near the top priority, Vehicle licences are being given the necessary study time by the Senior students.

Leadership Programme : Cairns Councillor, Paul Gregory has been offering support to students as part of the Leadership programme

Sport : Fitness and Health is surging through the ranks of the upper school. With the beginning of the sporting agenda for the year, Djarragun Seniors are priming themselves with consistent exercise and game plan practice. A much more decided effort with lunch times averted towards gym exercises is now showing dividends. The function of teamwork is patently evident with confidence showing in the demeanour of developing champions. Most importantly, the support and self-respect that players show towards each other is indicative of the discipline that underpins the positive attitudes each carries onto the field. Natural leaders are forging their marks upon the rest of the team. They lead by example.

PRIMARY

I would like to thank all of the primary staff for their flexibility and hard work since school started this year. They have:

- o Coped with a huge influx of new students
- o Changed their programmes several times to adjust to the class changes
- o Happily implemented numerous timetable changes
- o Added more and more names to their class rolls
- o Made up copious numbers of student workbooks
- o Cleaned and sorted through mountains of materials
- o Glued, laminated, coloured, painted etc.

And done it all without a word of complaint.

These people make the primary school such a happy, busy and functional place to work and, in which the students learn and grow.

The famous 9 are :

Michelle 'Mistress T Rex' Soans
Riona 'Twinkle Toes' Delargy
Louise 'Pooper-Scooper' Camden
Sarah 'Rowdy' Graham
Keren 'Picasso' Tokunai

Nalisa 'Giggles' Neuendorf
Jackie 'Lightning Legs' Seeto
Dean 'Thorpedo' Garside
Larina 'Croc Hunter' Lee

Thanks
Michelle Garside



PRIMARY HEAD BOY AND GIRL Comrie Tabuai and Helen Walit

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Brian Marthick : Boarding House Manager
Matt : VET tutor Small Motors Maintenance; Mechanics
GROUND CONTROL : Grading of the oval and a new

50 metre long embankment has the makings of an outdoor stadium well on its way towards existence. Native fauna is still prominently evident on the lower pasturage

PEACE GAME : Mr. Frank in the PC Lab conducts morning sessions on three days per week of Journey to Wild Divine (aka - the Peace Game).

This programme focusses upon a calming and relaxing process. Better breathing exercises enhance the ability of the client to concentrate. Students log into a system of instructions and directions that target students who have difficulty with settling quickly into their work or who can be frustrated or annoyed with the tasks assigned or who can benefit from breathing strategies that develop composure.



PEACE DAY CELEBRATIONS

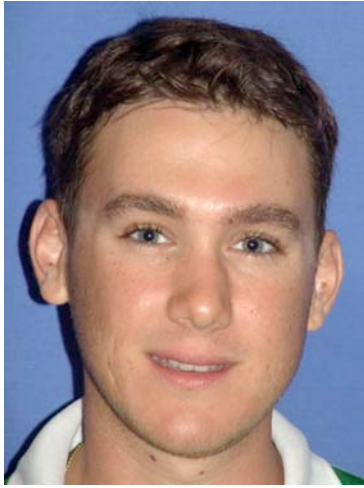
A special assembly was conducted at the school to mark Peace week. The DC Band entertained with a couple of songs. Ms Jean Illingworth addressed the students with a special plea to ward off abusive people by simply ignoring them to the extent that their attacks will become meaningless. She continued on to explain that bullies are cowards who do not deserve other people's attention. No one has the right to deprive others of their happiness. Especially at school, children should not be bullied. Each has the right to their education.

The staff took to the stage for their rendition of "Stand by Me" and some showed their swingier side as shown by **Ms Leanne, Ms Cecilia & Ms Kendall** (photo above)

A small group of Christian youth from St. Barnabas Anglican Church in the Solomon Islands also sang a couple of songs.

FAREWELL

Mr. **Robert Goodall** who has decided to make a quantum leap to Townsville to tangle with the Mining Industry. Arriving as the fresh-faced neophyte last year, Mr. Robert was commissioned to build his own workshop and then proceed with teaching the skills pertinent to small motor maintenance and cycling. Clearly passionate about his work, motors throbbed to his touch and he was never one known to back-pedal. His on-the-spot general knowledge about engines or vehicle prognosis was impressive and he was definitely the 'shining star' in our mechanics bay. Good luck in your future endeavours and thanks for the sterling effort.



RUGBY LEAGUE

Djarragun vs Trinity Bay High

UNDER 15s : Great game to watch despite the prolific scoring by the Trinity Bay team. Djarragun boys still persisted energetically through the overwhelming attack of the opposition.

Very prominent in the tackling department was **Alex Namai**

who produced series of two or three tackles each time



Students in the Primary School also did their share of the Clean Up Australia programme. In the picture above, **Ms Louise** and six of her Litter Brigade give evidence of their Emu Parade.

As well as the School campus, the Primary cleaned along Maher Road.



he contested for the ball. **Neil McGreen** put his body on the line, time and time again. On at least four occasions, he loped downfield to mow down breakaway attempts to score by the Trinity Bay players. Slamming into forwards didn't seem to phase him and his wily movements evaded the whole front line of opposition. **Warren Dau** kept up the pace with his solid performance but was heavily checked by his opponents. **Desmond Billy** gave instances of surging action through the pack as did **Keith Dau**, **Thomas Rueben** and **Paul Walit** who also did some wonders in the tackling department. **Dean Tybangoompa** made a good run at one instant which was shortlived for lack of the necessary support. **Sepa Wosomo** did his share of tough tackling while **Thomas Wigness** made the grade with his rucking. Great effort, boys, for an entertaining game played with plenty of heart and with true grit. Final score : Trinity Bay - infinity; Djarragun - 4



Photos : (left) **Keith Dau & Daniel Dau** looking for a break.



**Above : Billy Bowenda filling up on juice
Senior team : Djarragun vs Trinity Bay High**

To any onlooker, this was an impressive game. From the kick-off, the game was alive with its own tension. Assertiveness was evident and it was charged with wary respect. Once engaged, players keyed into decisive moves and the formation of well-positioned lines saw tactical manoeuvres effected with skillful artistry. Both sides performed with vigour and the home-turf defenders sallied forth to quickly establish supremacy with the first try notched with clinical despatch.

This probably woke the 'sleeping giants' for in the next few minutes the gameplay rose another level and the stops were opened. **Roy Kepa** constantly surged through like an ice-breaker on the loose. Supporters swirled from either side and the ball swivelled from one set of hands to another with pinball variation. **Titapo Tom** took hold of his moments of commandeering with forceful dexterity in addition to our bulk carrier, **Maia Akiba**. **Jacob Akiba** either played the Artful Dodger or just barrelled through the pack. **Kumi Abua** blistered his path through to the scoreline for his try. **Assa Satrick** sliced through the converging backline like a surfer through the tunnel. Djarragun served Trinity Bay with a barrage so persistent that the result might have been a foregone conclusion. Attack was mounted from unpredictable quarters. On one of his rare contacts with the ball, **Gandy Buie** soccered the ball forward where it was greedily pounced upon by **Cyril Sakail** who planted his try amidst a skirmish of confused opposition players. There were few moments for the ball to come to a standstill. Pesteering mynahs **Charlie Dau, Toshie Wigness, Ted Richard, and Lonnie Anau** claimed the ball like seasoned scavengers. Wily practitioners **Keagan Spread** and **Andrew Solomon** paid purpose to their skills. Speed merchants **Conjohn Matthew, Ted Richard** and **Aniba Waianga** added splash to a gloating backline in support of powerpacks the likes of **James Akiba, Aboo Waigana and Harry Mooka**.

Congratulations, boys, not just for the win but for presenting your gameplay so convincingly organized, co-ordinated and tactical. It was, by no means, an easy match. The final score Djarragun 38 to Trinity Bay 16.

