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School Rover

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"What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing" Aristotle

CERTIFICATE 2 IN BUSINESS

This semester in our Business class we've learned how to use most of the school's office equipment such as the photocopier, the binder and the paper cutter. We also started designing our Business class uniform. When all of us have done our designs, we

will approach Ms Jean and discuss which one(s) would be the best for our class. Hopefully, it will be soon.

Next semester we hope to be going on excursions to various businesses to see how their offices are run. We will also be doing our work experience. By then we hope to have our business uniforms ready, which we may be able to wear to work experience.

Seba Bourne & Karen Noah



HOSPITALITY HOSTS HOLISTIC

At the beginning of June, our In-school Hospitality group was working on all cylinders to prepare and present an Australian College of Educators Progressive dinner. Principals from the Cairns region were invited to this function held in our new Dining facility.

Despite the paucity of expected guests, our students were no less focussed and let out all stops to effect an evening of accomplished catering. No serviette was left unfolded and the magic of our Zimbabwean born expatriate chef, **Ms Peggy Chigeza** swirled with colour, order, grace and finesse.

Decked in angelic white smocks over black trousers or shorts, the students were transformed in Cinderella style

into lustrous Five Star restaurant attendants. Generous smiles added to the ambience and beaming confidence hallmarked the entry of our neophytes into a real-life situation of satisfying guests on the first stage of the progressive dinner.

Tables were alive with colour. An Entree menu highlighted the temptations for the evening, including Djarragun Dips, Vermicelli rolls, Vol au Vents, Sushi and Angels on Horseback. A drinks list, no less, titled "Mocktails" featured Tropical Fruit punch, Rosy Pippin, Mango Limeade, Coconut and Lime Lassi and Mint Tulep.



Congratulations, all round and particular mention should also go to **Ms Rosemary Morrison** who essentially has her finger in the pie as chief co-ordinator for the Home Economics faculty.

WRITER'S CRAMP

TURTLES

I've never had favour with turtles. It all started from when I was little. My Nan caught a turtle on her line up at Ross and Lock. I was a bit under the weather at the time. I had a really bad bug that was going around at the time. It really didn't dawn on my Nan until we got home.

Before we went home, Nan said to me, "One more cast and then we go."

So she put some bait on the hook, threw it in the water and after five minutes passed, something tugged on her line. She yanked on the line, "Got cha," she said. She was pulling it in as fast as she could. She said to herself, "You're not getting away from me, buddy." As it came closer and closer, you could see the smile on her face. She was as happy as a clam when she felt the first bite. As soon as it hit the bank, she went purple with rage because it was a turtle. She started to curse at the turtle. It was like opening a can of worms. She went out of control.

She said to me, "Come here, boy. Take this turtle off yet." I had no idea what to do so I went over to her and she said to me, "Grab it's neck really tight. Now grab the line and pull it as hard as you can."

So I did and it bit me on my thumb and I screamed. I didn't yell - I screamed. Ever since then, I've hated turtles. Even if I see a turtle head pop up, I always throw a rock at it just to make it scared of me.

Raymond Cooktown

DAEDALUS AND ICARUS

Once upon a time, there was a famous inventor called Daedalus and his nephew, Talus. There were famous inventors and Talus had a great idea. He found a stick with two leaves at the end and he was the first inventor to make a compass. Daedalus and Talus went to the top of the temple (and Daedalus pushed Talus off). Daedalus was jealous of his nephew because he was the famous inventor.

The King of Athens caught him red-handed. When the King told him to leave Athens, Daedalus went to Crete with his son, Icarus. The King of Crete told them, "You have lots of work to do. Time flies."

First he invented a palace for the Minotaur. It had lots of corridors and it had a secret corridor too. There was a man called Theseus and one of the gods sent Theseus to kill the Minotaur because it was half bull and half human.

Daedalus let Theseus in. When the son of King Minos kicked the bucket, King Minos was unhappy. He was under the weather because he worried about his son.

Daedalus and his son, Icarus were burning candles for wax and feeding the birds for feathers. They did it for a couple of days. Then Icarus was impatient. He couldn't wait to go back home but he kicked the bucket halfway. He couldn't make it home but his father made it home. When they were finished making their feather wings, Daedalus jumped first. He was excited about going home. At first, he was afraid of jumping off the temple but he made himself bite the bullet. Then when Icarus jumped, he closed his eyes. He was dropping like a stone. Daedalus cried, "Fly, Icarus. Fly, Icarus."

Then Icarus started to flap his wing. FLAP, FLAP. Icarus started to have fun flying. He said, "I am the first boy on the planet to fly like an eagle."

Maluka David

Medusa

When Perseus and the soldiers entered the tomb, Perseus said, "Do not look into Medusa's eyes or you will turn into stone for good."

As they hid behind walls and barriers, Medusa appeared with a bow and arrows. When one of the soldiers stepped out, Medusa shot her arrow which knocked the soldier to the ground. Medusa looked into his eyes. He turned into solid stone.

The other soldier who was hiding behind the wall was spotted by Medusa. As she fired her arrow, it hit the soldier's shield and put him to the ground. Then he looked into the eyes of Medusa. He also turned into stone.

Now Perseus was a one-man army. As Medusa searched for any living thing, Perseus was thinking of a plan.

When he looked at his shield, he thought about what Zeus said to him at Joppa - "This shield will only protect you once."

Then Perseus had a plan. He threw his shield towards the statue to use it as a mirror. When Medusa saw the reflection in the shield, she saw Perseus. Then she pulled an arrow and shot at the shield which fell into the acid pond and was gone forever.

As Medusa walked forward to have a look, Perseus went closer behind the wall. When Medusa got closer, Perseus took out his sword and WHAM!! Perseus made a clean slice to Medusa's neck. He grabbed her head and hurried off. **Steven Nona-Mitchell**



A NOTE FROM THE HEAD GIRL

A wise old woman used to tell me, "You have to be extra careful during holidays because that's when accidents are more likely to happen (and also on your birthday)."

Half of the year has gone already and we've reached the mid-year holidays.

A very big thank you to all of the students, family and friends for their support and participation in the fundraising events the Year 12s have organized so far.

The majority of Australia has probably heard of Djarragun College and its outstanding students - so, guys, keep it up! Take care of each other, be safe and have a happy holiday. See you all next term on the 18th of July.

Rosemary Tabuai

MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

We have now completed half of the school year and congratulate the students who have shown dedication to their schooling and applied themselves honestly to the necessary work. This year, we are very happy for the good attendance.

Recently, the parental response to the Parent/Teacher meetings is indicative of the growing support and interest in the welfare of the children at school.

We are hoping to stage a Speech Night for Middle School next semester and will advise later on the prospects of that event.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and may you enjoy each other's company with quality family time.

Ms Francesca Shankaran





To all staff,
Today is my last official day at the school as I have been offered a job at Trinity Anglican School as the Director of Activities for the remainder of this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Djarragun, with the experiences not just being valuable for my teaching career but also my own personal development. Thanks for

the friendships and help you have all offered me and I wish you well on your journeys in life.

This is probably not goodbye forever though as I would definitely consider working at Djarragun in the future, especially when the farm is up and running.

Regards,

Darren Osmond

At a recent school assembly, the **Principal, Ms Jean Illingworth** formally thanked **Mr. Darren** for all of the effort he invested into the school programme and the quiet dedication which marked his contribution.

Josphat Chapeyama



Congratulations to Mr. **Josphat Chapeyama** who recently was successful in acquiring official permanent residency in Australia.

After making the rounds of formalities required by the Department of Immigration which included testing in English, his final stepping stone is to re-enter the country.

He and his family have now to endure one week in Fiji to comply with regulations.

I would like to speak about where I come from in Zimbabwe and how I came here. I was born in a town called Rusape in the Manicaland Province in Zimbabwe. I attended St. Augustine's College in Penhalonga near a city called Mutare.

I am married to **Felicitas** and we have a son called Rukudzo. He is in Year 1 with **Ms Louise Camden** at Djarragun. He is five years of age.

I trained as a teacher at a College called Marymount in Mutare I specifically trained to be a Primary School teacher. I hold a diploma in Education. I've been a teacher all of my life. I taught for twelve years in a town called Murehwa which is near Harare, the capital. I came to Djarragun in February, 2006. I am enjoying my life at Djarragun where there are adequate learning materials and facilities for children.

I found it important to learn cross-cultural skills to face the



challenge of meeting and working with peoples from totally different backgrounds from myself.

I come from a Christian background. My father was a priest in the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe but he passed away in 2003. I have one brother and two sisters. I like going to Church and doing Church-related activities.

My wife is a nurse in Cairns and we are enjoying our stay in Australia very much. We hope our son will grow into a good boy and we wish him the best for his schooling at Djarragun where we feel that the sky is the limit for him.

I am enjoying working at Djarragun because I found some of my countrymen, the Chigezas, who were very helpful to us on our arrival and up to now.

My laid-back character stems from my Christian background but I have enjoyed working with the teachers and students at Djarragun.

Josphat Chapeyama

Attention All Residents

of the Cairns South Suburbs, Gordonvale and rural area of Goldsborough Valley, Little Mulgrave, Aloomba, Fishery Falls, Bellenden Ker, Deeral, Babinda, Miriwinni and Yarrabah.

You are invited to attend a Community Forum regarding a Government funded and community-driven initiative called *Communities for Children*.

If you are interested in what will be happening in your community for your children over the next three years and benefit from the great activities, then please bring your family and come along for an interesting discussion. See you there

**At Hambledon House, Bruce Highway, Edmonton
26th of June 10:30 - 1:30**

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

**James Cook University Public Lecture Invitation
The Faculty of Science, Engineering and Information Technology**

Title: 'Mobile guide for way finding in wild places'.

By: Dr Nic Bidwell

Date: Wednesday, 19th July, 2006

Place: Crowther Lecture Theatre, James Cook University, Cairns

Time: 5.30pm for light refreshments, the lectures starts at 6.00 pm

Please R.S.V.P before Tuesday 18th July to Melissa on 4042 1208 or by e-mail to Melissa.Varoy@jcu.edu.au

This is a free event.

This will be a great lecture for anybody interested in modern gadgets and gaming.

Please contact Melissa on 4042 1208 or by e-mail to Melissa.Varoy@jcu.edu.au for more information.

Hope to see you there!

A summary: How should we design technologies to support people's appreciation of North Queensland's natural environment as they wayfind through it? We are becoming familiar with using GPS to locate our position in the world, but spatial co-ordinates alone cannot capture the identity of a place or even guide the direction in which we should focus our gaze.

UNIVERSITY of NEW SOUTH WALES INDIGENOUS WINTER SCHOOL



Three students have been selected to attend an “Indigenous Students Winter School” at the University of New South Wales this July holidays. The program is fully funded by NURA GILI

Indigenous Programmes at UNSW. The program is designed to give young indigenous students the opportunity to discover what university is about, and hopefully to inspire them to work towards achieving the goal of attending tertiary education. **Lilliah Gabeh, Chloe Sellwood and Dosena Mabo** were chosen from applicants from Queensland and interstate to attend this prestigious event. Lilliah has chosen Commerce/Economics; Chloe will attend the faculty of Education and



Dosena will see what Law entails. This will be the first contingent of Djarragun students accepted into this programme.



The workshop is fully funded and the students will leave on Sunday, July 09 until July 15. They will be accommodated in the

dormitories at the University. Congratulations to the three girls who mark an historic achievement in the progress chart of the College.



CMC APPRENTICESHIP

Another first from the ranks of Djarragun is an apprenticeship in Construction with CMC. **Keegan Spratt** signed the indentures to kickstart his chosen career with this giant industrial company. Congratulations for persisting with your schooling and then acquiring an enviable position with high prospects for a career path.

This achievement will stand as an instant inspiration to his peers and the younger students in the school. It will serve as ready satisfaction to his teachers, mentors and family.

REACHOUT YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD WORKSHOP JUNE 23 - 25

Rosemary Tabuai will be attending this workshop in Sydney convened by a private organization called the Inspire Foundation which functions as an online programme developing skills for crisis situations amongst youth.

Potential leaders for youth will participate in a vital course leading to ambassadorship within their respective communities. Situations faced could include teenage pregnancy, suicide, school drop-out, stress management, bullying, drugs and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and crime.

Eighteen students from across Australia will take part in this month’s workshop.

If students are facing problems or need to seek advice, log on to **reachout.com.au**

WHERE SPORT AND EDUCATION GO HAND IN HAND

Shane Mimi & Comrie Tabuai proudly decked out in the gear which took them to the State Australian Rules Championships held recently in Toowoomba. The boys spent five days down in the wintry arena of South East Queensland. **Shane** puts a few words together :-

“When were there, we just played football and we enjoyed ourselves. We played against Capricornia, Sunshine Coast, Northern Peninsula and Darling Downs. We didn’t win any games. They were pretty good teams against us.

*We stayed at the Toowoomba camp with our coaches and managers, **Chris Biggs** and **Rick Hanlon**. Our trainer was **Mark Harbrow** and **Del** (but I don’t know her last name at the moment).*

*I would like to say thank you to them for looking after us. Also I would like to say a thank you to Ms **Kendall Green** who helped us to get the good skills that allowed us to get into the team.”*

As a form of double whammy, both boys were recipients of the James Cook University certificates marking their successful participation in the Maths and Science Excellence Programme conducted every Wednesday afternoon after school over a period of six weeks.



Thanks to Mr. **Dean Garside** who accompanied the contingent including **Vivienne Baker, Mariella Baker, Patricia Tom, Helen Walit, Flora Walit, Tara Rockett, Comrie Tabuai** and **Shane Mimi**.

THE CLASS OF TOUCH

At the School Assembly, team members were presented with their medals for winning the CISSA competition in Touch Football.

Additionally, this team were awarded the trophy for the “Quiet Achievers”. Congratulations all.

Mr. Vimal Shankaran,
(top l - r) **Peter Wosomo, Aniba Waianga, Charlie Dau, Conjohn Matthew, Samuel David, Gandy Buie, Cyril Sakail**
(bottom l - r) **Warren Dau, Roy Kepa, Assa Satrick, Sepa Wosomo**

