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School Rover

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SEWING IN THE BAG

Ms **Mbongeleni Chigeza** has some of the students well and truly bagged. Hot off the overlockers is a set of shoulder carriers. After a short retirement, the sewing machines resurfaced to provide the stitches for their keen operators. Both boys and girls in a select group had the opportunity to design, cut and sew their creations. **Juniko Sebasio** gets the trimming in her apron into line with guidance from **Ms Mbongeleni Chigeza**

SCHOOL TERM GRINDS TO AN ABRUPT HALT

As the proliferation of newsletters would suggest, there has been a colossal amount of activity heavily accentuated through the whole term. Sometimes, the weeks have whizzed by with dreamlike evasion. The range of activities has held many students locked into a busy schedule and the more conscientious ones really have had the chance to test themselves to the limit.

The introduction of the AFL programme through the school with practically Victorian passion surged through the ranks like an epidemic. Some of the very same students changed codes at the drop of a hat and added, not substituted, Rugby Union, and Touch Football to their sporting menu. Creeping out from the woodworks was the renaissance of the performance and dance troupes intensely injected with the enthusiasm of a Scottish 'lassie' and another suchlike sporting virago who has since relocated to Oman. No one would ever suspect that such an incredible outcome had been orchestrated by an even more unlikely duo (or is that 'dua') **Mrs. Shankaran** and **Ms Kendall Green**, take a bow.

The hyperactive boys in Years 8, 9 & 10 were appropriately dealt with our weapons in the Middle school, **Mr. Daniel Hollis** and fellow-earthtraveller, **Mr. Gio Douven**). These two members of staff could well be regarded as testosterone reservoirs in their own right. So it was a matter of playing fire with fire; and as the term raced towards final moments the DTA cluster still emitted its very own source of unflinching radiation. This group confirms any, and all, of Newton's laws. The world of diminishing fossil fuels might be boosted if ever this energy is successfully tapped, modelled and replicated. DTA and DNA might yet sustain a useful connection. (Dynamic Duo take your bow)

Representing a small, effective cohort from James Cook University were Third and Fourth Year students plying themselves up to a month of practicum in the classroom. The initiative worked to mutual advantage as the class rolls continued to mushroom, particularly in the Primary and the Middle School sectors.

QCST 2006 Sept 5 - 6 : Once again 31 of our Senior class students sat for the State-wide annual test. This is reputed to be the highest number from Djarragun who have undertaken the test.

Students applied themselves; attendance was perfect despite not being OP eligible. Everyone tried. The testing was very difficult for some who struggle with English and with the conditions required for the procedure.

MR OTMAN

Lurking ever silently in the background, **Mr. Otman** has kept a constant vigil on the attendance roll during the term. Wayward students were prompted towards better attendance and on a couple of occasions in some classes full attendances were registered.

Mr. Otman visited a few homes and averaged about four residences per week. In his estimation, there may not have been any remarkable improvement in attendances but another factor that is also brought into the equation is the colossal influx of new students.

One of the initiatives **Mr. Otman** will be implementing during the September break is the establishment of parent cluster groups from certain localities. These groups will act as support cores who would better be able to gauge the community responses and the particular needs and directions for their clients. In effect, Djarragun College can be represented by a familiar on-site agency consisting of familiar, interested, local, proactive identities. ([Attendance graphs back page](#))



SPOTLESS

CATERERS : Sometimes taken for granted are the busy hands behind the ovens and the sandwich bar. Congratulations to the staunch crew which has the stomach to fire up each day to stave the appetites of the starving. **Grant Dutton, Jayne Crandell and Shirley Brown** haunt the inner sanctum resembling an

aquarium behind the food servery and bain marie. From their perspective, one would guess that the piranhas swell to a feeding frenzy on the other side. They've learnt to be quick and retract their own hands from the clutches of moraylike appendages that swoop across the only piece of barricade that offers sanction.

It must be an unnerving transaction when the last sausage roll is being savagely anticipated by several sets of hungry eyes. Mind you, the students don't necessarily hold monopoly over the natural instinct towards self-preservation and it's already common knowledge (or will be after this revelation) that a full zucchini entirely disguised under its wrapping of puffed pastry lured one certain teacher to a disappointing bite. Whoever said that chefs don't have a sense of humour!!



The semblance of good order isn't always just a matter of course, first, second or third. Constant vigil protects the concourse. Like Darth Vader (on a good day), the eyes of a scrupulous chef scans for discrepancies to the accepted norm. Here is one with looks that could move a full set of cutlery. However, there is method to his particular

brand of madness and it is evident in the flow of good order. The once meandering queue has taken on the order and composure of the sausage rolls in the display warmer.

When it comes to good taste, your palate will think it's Christmas. Give them a treat at the College Dining room. From the simple sandwich to an elegant midday lunch - rolls, pies (homemade, of course), salads, cookies, slices and buns. Lunch can be a gourmand's best wish. Even the scraps look appetizing.



COMMUNITY RECREATION - CERTIFICATE IV

Mary Frances de Jourdan from Cairns TAFE conducted a Mini Expo on September 13 with our Primary students. The students studying for the Certificate IV in Community Recreation provided the organization and the personnel to run four activities in Hockey, Australian Rules, Cricket and After-school Activities.

Half a day was invested into pulsating stations of sport. In typical fashion, the Primary students were engaged in all gears, including Overdrive.

The inclusion of a couple of indigenous faces within the Community Recreation unit included **Anthony Sexton** from Yarrabah and **Dimas Toby** from Boigu Island.



WINNER OF OUR RECENT LITTER-LIFT RAFFLE
Carey Bounghi

MIDDLE SCHOOL DC BANK ON THE AIRWAVES

For its very first item on stage, this group performed Knockin' on Heaven's Door.

Steven Mitchell/Nona, Kennedy Chan Foon, Graham Solomon and Christopher Saunders threw together a confident start to a newly assembled band. On a second occupation of the stage, it was minus one player and took **Emmanuel John** and **Conjohn Matthew** to fill-in the vacancy of Christopher.



DC Band in Term 3

This term the band performed successfully at Woree SHS for NAIDOC celebrations and every girl in the school fell in love with Manu.

The band also competed in the Cairns SHS

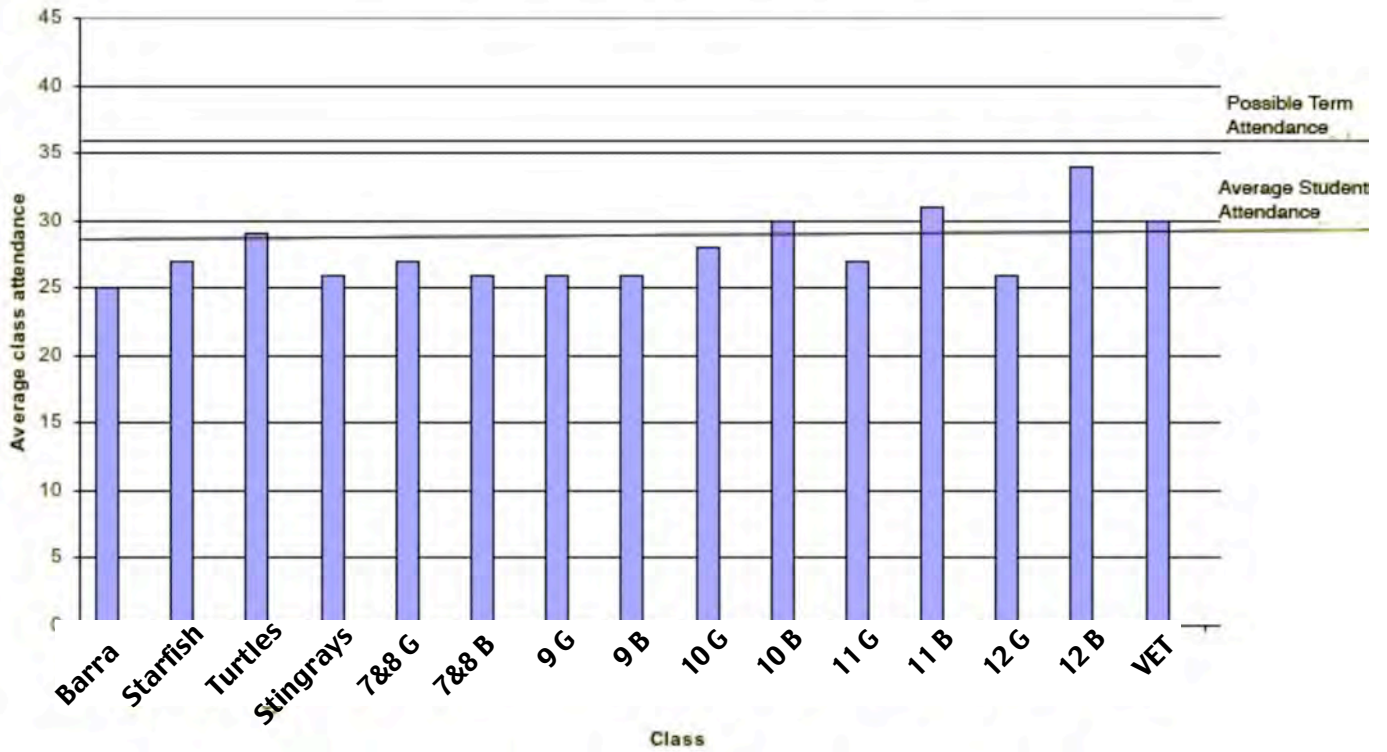
Battle of the Bands and was granted the honour of being the last band to perform - they always save the best for last. After a night of blasting rock music every body breathed a sigh of relief when DC Band filled the room with smooth reggae and island influenced beats. Every girl in the audience fell in love with Manu.

Next big gig was the Reggae Town Festival at Tjapukai. The DC Band was listed among an impressive array of professional bands and students did the school proud with their attitude, talent, manners and punctuality. All the work done over the past couple of years in VET music proved its worth as DC Band grooved with the best. And yes, you guessed it, every girl at Tjapukai fell in love with you know who.

The high standard of musical entertainment at 'home' has continued to grow and diversify as the Primary Band and the Middle School Boys Band strutted their stuff on stage. Many await the much anticipated appearance of the Middle School Girls Band at the end of term celebrations.

**START OF SCHOOL
TERM 4
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 11**

Djarragun College Attendance 2005, Term 1



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