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School Rover

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Imagination is more important than knowledge. **Albert Einstein**

THE START OF TERM 2

As though cranked into renewed vigour, Djarragun staff was seemingly pruning feathers or feathering respective nests. Moving into new spaces and occupying places for the first time have historic import as well as personal significance. The massive move of the Library and Resources materials resembled a caravan on the historic Silk Road.

Anticipation and raw enthusiasm take on an element of craving. An odd quiet pervaded the first couple of days to allow the domestic airlines to effect their silent attacks and jettison this term's supply of live cartridges.

A grand shudder to the system honed the various arms of the Sports Academy from ignition into working tune. Even after a couple of weeks, the hiccoughs might be rated as minimal. Congratulations to the organizers and the students who seem to be making the whole programme a worthy enterprise.

SEWING CIRCLE

Stitches or not, this group of determined seamstresses has shimmied a few items together very handsomely during the first term.

With the prospects of a designated, specific workplace to occupy in Term 2, morale should be high and work output is bound to magnify the 'stitch in time' adage.

Ms Mbongeleni overlocked and crimped her protégés through the paces. Cushion covers and aprons made an attractive display for proud makers and owners. **Helen Walit, Mariella Baker, Anna David, Nikki Dotoi, Patricia Tom, Peah Salee**. Speed and accuracy mention goes to **Anna David**, as well;

Middle School sewers - **Flora Walit, Michelle Kynuna, Maluka David** (best student), **Denna Auda, Chanice Satrick, Koi Daniel, Zelma Kynuna, Breanna Lenoy, Michelle, Chanice and Flora** have also given outstanding efforts.

These girls started using hand needles and then progressed to sewing machines. **Maluka** went even further to enable her to control the overlocker.



WEEKEND WANDER

On the weekend, we went to Harvey Creek (past Fishery Falls) and when we arrived there, **Sharume, Kathleen** and I went to have a swim but I said, "That's not my cup of tea" and **Kathleen** said, "Okay, well if you want to play, come in, then."

Aunty Lency and **Mr Kris** called us to have lunch and when we finished our lunch, we went back to have another swim. At 4:00p.m., we had to leave and go back to boarding.

Next morning, we went to Port Douglas and we said, "Good morning" to **Aunty Manu** and **Uncle Malo** and when Kathleen was walking along the road, **Aunty Manu** said, "In other words, go and clean your room and tell the other kids to help clean the dorm." So we turned back and walked to the dorm and when she came, Aunty said, "Girls, go up and have breakfast."

After breakfast, we had to get ready to leave for Port Douglas. We took the New Rosa and the IVI and we carried lunch with us. When we arrived at Port Douglas, we dropped the boys off and we went to find a place to have a barbecue, to play and have fun.

At 2:00 p.m., we left Port Douglas because the other teachers had to swap over and when I got back to boarding, I volunteered to do the bus by myself. When I had finished, Uncle Malo gave me two lollipops.

At dinner time, we had the barbecue and they were looking for a lighter or matches so I ran over to Uncle Malo's house to ask for a lighter and then, when we finished our dinner, I set up the movie and watched for everyone to arrive.

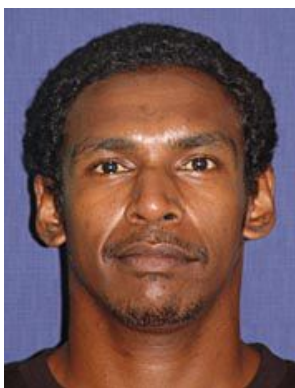
At 9:30 p.m., we had to go up to our dorms and hit the hay for school next day.

Next morning, I said, "Good morning," to Miss Jean and I went to the Mac Lab.

Lisa Peter

FACETS TO THE DJARRAGUN JEWEL

Just like a processed diamond, Djarragun has many faces reflecting individual calibres and sparkling personalities. Welcome to the latest arrivals.



Mr. **Gazir Tamwoy** is generally seen loping on the oval and around the grounds, heavily involved in the athletic dimension of the College. Towering well above the normal statures that occupy the campus, he will most likely be one of our early warning signs of imminent disturbance to the ozone layer.

Yessie Bob (Houseparent) Assuming the role of carer of a very mobile clientele, **Mr. Yessie** has been noticed on the sides of the oval watching the various teams playing in the interschool sports events. These happy interludes are momentary relieves from the real task.



Zipporah Bob (daughter of **Mr. Yessie**) : Taking on a strong role in the reading recovery area, Ms Zipporah is often seen patrolling the school for on the spot reading tests. Something like the random breath tests, clients are impounded into the Recovery Room to notch up scores hopefully that will indicate much more than the 0.05%.

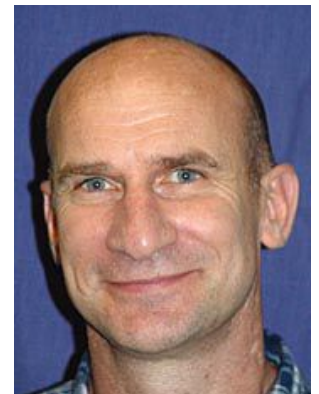
Already, passing through the initiation period, Ms Z has covered her quota of books for the term.



Mr. Rudra Singh (Motor mechanics) : Almost as a defining point to the Indian element to the school staff, **Mr. Singh** has taken on permanent employment status after a spate of furtive appearances onto the scene last term. Accompanying him are his miniature lookalikes who are enrolled somewhere down the line in the Primary

School amongst the Goannas and the Dragons. Welcome also, to **Yashnita** and **Nickhil**.

Mr. 'Franko' Honsa has notched up the bargaining power of the IT team. Obviously armed with dangerous knowledge and installed with the wildest bytes of virtual memory capabilities, Mr. Franko casts his expertise through the Senior levels where he is integrally engaged in the VET component of the school programme.



SPORTS ACADEMY



Welcome to two newcomers to the Djarragun scene - **Mr. Jason Phillips** (Director, Djarragun Sports Academy) and **Mr. Steven Daniel** (AFL - Coaching Director).

INNER SPACE : INNER WISDOM : INA NGAI?

Gloating with deserved satisfaction are a couple of teachers who have landed on their pedagogical feet by acquiring improved classroom environments. One, in particular, has rediscovered the 'tyranny of distance' and is in the process of reactivating the faculty of peripheral vision after a substantial spate of time when only tunnel vision was operative. Whilst one student claimed formerly that it was 'like walking into a caravan', no suchlike notion can now be alluded. The bigger picture may suggest just a minor change to the perimeter but when we're talking 'doubling' sizes, that's headed towards the exponential chart. A couple of more moves like that - we're intimating galactic invasion.

So congratulations to the little classroom that has recently entered the world of three dimensions. Just remember now that you all have two more directions to negotiate. Instead of the restriction of just the east/west flight path, you have room enough now to move north and south. Should disorientation prove a continued challenge, then we might have to install an EPIRB near the teacher's central control terminal.



FUN DAY CAPERS



Such a frenetic pace has been kept during the term that it is difficult to separate the work from the fun. The smiles are always there to distinguish the wry grin from the strain of pain. Girls feature strongly in competitions and they are likely to establish prominence during the Term.

The James Cook University Program has started this term. We have enrolled 40 students (from grade 2 to grade 10) in the following courses: JCU Maths and Science Excellence Program, JCU Juniors, JCU Engineering and Design, JCU Creative Writing, JCU Art, JCU Food Science, JCU Music Recording and Production, JCU Fashion Design and JCU Computing and Multimedia. JCU has kindly offered us 10 scholarships. All the best to the enrolled students.

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JCU Project 5

Tuesday

1.	Kennedy Chan Foon	Computing & Multimedia
2.	Alton Matthew	Computing & Multimedia
3.	Rhiannon Hill	Computing & Multimedia
4.	Lane Ingui	Computing & Multimedia
5.	Israel Graham	Computing & Multimedia
6.	Alynta Jo Murphy	Computing & Multimedia
7.	Raymond Cooktown	Computing & Multimedia
8.	Jafar Croaker	Computing & Multimedia
9.	Amanda Chigeza	JCU Juniors
10.	Adonis Chigeza	JCU Juniors
11.	LeeRosa Mpatiwa	JCU Juniors
12.	Melino Pulini	JCU Juniors
13.	Thuruka Sammons	JCU Art
14.	Emmy Petersen	Maths & Science
15.	Frank Charlie	JCU Music
16.	Mauga Kepa	JCU Music
17.	Isaac Tabo	JCU Music
18.	Comrie Tabuai	JCU Music
19.	Simoi Sipi	Computing & Multimedia

Wednesday

1.	Helen Walit	Maths & Science
2.	Mikki Dotoi	Maths & Science
3.	Patricia Tom	Maths & Science
4.	Rhiannon Hill	Maths & Science
5.	Renartha Boungi	Maths & Science
6.	Kennedy Chan Foon	Maths & Science
7.	Comrie Tabuai	Maths & Science
8.	Layla Dodd	Maths & Science
9.	Tom Gisu	Maths & Science
10.	Raymond Cooktown	Maths & Science
11.	Simoi Sipi	Maths & Science
12.	Lena Babia	Maths & Science
13.	Mathina Clermont	Maths & Science
14.	Carmen Noah	Food Science
15.	Joeleen Greenway	Food Science
16.	Enid Daniel	Food Science
17.	Dalassa Gibuma	Food Science
18.	Israel Graham	JCU Music
19.	Alynta Jo Murphy	JCU Music

Easy to overlook because it's become practically passé is the generous efforts by particular staff who provide the transport for this select contingent of students to attend the programme. The afterhours commitment can extend to 7:00 p.m. depending upon the location for the most distant of the students' residences. Thanks to Mr. **Daniel Hollis**, Ms **Leanne**, Mr. **Dean**, Ms **Amy** and Mr. **Craig**.

An Update on Government Reporting and Curriculum

o **QCAR** which stands for Queensland Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Framework, have developed assessment criteria that are called 'Essential Learnings and Standards'. These 'Essential Learnings and Standards' (ELS) are statements of what students should be able to demonstrate in specific subject areas by the end of years 3, 5, 7 and 9. They are still in draft form, but you can view them on the QLD Studies Authority (www.qsa.qld.edu.au) website. The ELS are to be formally evaluated state-wide at the beginning of years 4, 6 and 8 and this testing is to be implemented from 2008. Last year there were trials held in various schools across QLD and they have extended the trials to this year as well. Schools have been invited to develop 'Locally Devised Tasks' (LDT) as opposed to the 'Common Assessment Tasks' (CAT) that will assess the ELS but using assessment that is more relevant to their student clientele. Unfortunately, of the schools that have opted for this, none of them have passed the strict criteria!

o **Core Curriculum** There is a new curriculum that is being developed by the national government. This curriculum will form the 'core' of all state syllabi. State governments will have the autonomy to develop their individual components of each syllabus, but the 'core' must remain constant. I imagine that this will take 5 - 10 years to be developed, fought over, trialed, redeveloped and then implemented. Considering that Ed QLD schools are still introducing 'Outcomes', it could be a lengthy process.

CLASSWORK

Triggering off for the term, some groups in the Middle School are setting sail into a novel called Watership Down. Independent readers will be tackling a novel that is regarded a classic in the modern literary world.

A special note of thanks to staff members who have lent a helping hand scouring the country for additional copies of the novel from various sources as far away as Brisbane and Sydney. Ebay also coughed up the goods as a result of the efforts by an enterprising teacher. Thanks, **Mr. John Grace, Mr. & Mrs. Barry and Betty Osborne and Ms Jade Allgood.**

Just like the corporate efforts of one of the successful warrens, helpful hands have magically conjured up the 'abracadabra' to materialize novels and resources virtually in the way of pulling rabbits out of the proverbial hat. Thanks everyone, for the generous support.

Report for Rugby League Carnival

Three weeks ago, the school was invited to participate in a girls' Rugby League competition to be held at Mann Street. There was a keen interest shown by students and on the first training session, we had over 30 girls turn up. In fact, the girls were so keen, we had to run training sessions every lunchtime

For most of the girls, it was the first time they had the opportunity to play Rugby League and, on the day, it was obvious that there were a lot of nervous but excited girls.

Once things got started, the Girls of Djarragun College showed their true class and not just by what was seen on the Football field but the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the competition.

Our under 15 girls played really well and only lost one game but more than that, was the effort they put in for each other; none of the girls wanted to come off the field and the level of commitment they showed to each other is something for which they can all be proud.

It's hard to choose any player above the rest but the stand-outs for the day in the Under 15s would be **Dorika Oui**, who ran the ball straight and hard all day; **Lane Ingui** and **Koi Daniel** who have inherited that natural speed and athleticism & **Laurianna Baira**, one of our strongest forwards.

Under 15s - Elisa Mara, Elaine Matthew, Tina Clairmont, Dallasa Gibuma, Lane Ingui, Koi Daniel, Patricia Tom, Rosaline Asai, Laurianna Baira, Mary David, April Mosby, Wacada Baker, Allena Tabuai, Lena Babia (Captain), Vivian Baker, Dennah Auda, Enid David, Anna David, Dorika Oui, Nikki Dotem, Bonnie Toby, Jahnesta Beard, Serai Noah, Selma Woosup, Mariza David.

Under 18 Girls went through undefeated and had to play with half their team missing for most of the day. Our forwards were amazing and were led by **Esther Asai, Alphi Hosea** and a surprise appearance by **Karen Noah**, who also scored a try with her first hit up.

Lena Babia, who is one of our smallest players and was supposed to play for the Under 15s, was also one of our biggest hitters. This girl has a natural talent as a footballer and caught the eyes of a few coaches as well.

Marcella Saveka joined us later in the day and her impact was immediate breaking the line and looking dangerous every time she got the ball

Under 18 Girls - Kara Hosea, Alphi Hosea, Roselyn Asai, Estha Esai, April Mosby, Mary David, Suzanna Kris, Kathy Joe, Marcella Saveka(Captain), Laurianna Baira, Elaine Matthew, Vida Getawan, Ruby Atu, Seba Bourne, Sophie Billy, Serai Noah.

Finally, these girls showed a level of commitment, maturity and pride that I was so proud to be associated with and I hope you girls enjoyed the experience.

Mr. Rob



(Above) Art Class girls visited the 'Kick Arts' Centre for a tour through the then current exhibition.

Ms Linda & Aunty Harriet mingle amongst the 'Giant Jelly Babies'.