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# School Rover

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The mind is like a clock that is constantly running down. It has to be wound up daily with good thoughts."

*Fulton J. Sheen*

## TOUCH & GO! GO! GO!! FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to an intrepid little pack that jostled with the odds and came out winners by defeating Woree - a team which had progressed undefeated this year.

Here was the passion of a championship match - tough, competitive and spectacular. Lurking to our advantage were the key ingredients to winning - speed, skills and team spirit.

At the first half break, we were down 4 - 3. By the full time whistle, the score was tied up 7 all. During extra time and dropping off one player from each side DC scored and sealed the victory. Players and supporters were ecstatic with the result.

The winning try was scored by Charlie Dau who received a "miracle, magical back- flip" pass from Alistair. Alistair's "goose steps" and speed really worried Woree's defence.

The team was placed 3rd overall on the CISSA ladder. It came from behind to defeat Saint Augustine's in the semi-final (7-2) and eventually outmanoeuvre Woree in the Final. It was a sweet victory - a memorable one for the team as this is a very young side.

The Champion team -

- **Alistair Bowie**
- **Charlie Dau**
- **Toshie Wigness**
- **Lawrence Waigana**
- **Aaron Taiters**
- **Alex Namai**
- **Benjamin Ingui**
- **Kareem Tabuai**
- **Neil McGreen**
- **Keith Ambrym**
- **Samuel David**
- **Patrick Matasia**
- **Adam McGreen**
- **Dick Baragud**

Absent - **James Akiba, Gandhi Buie, Warren Dau & Paul Walit.**

Team Captains - **Charlie Dau & Toshie Wigness**

Coach : **Vimal Shankaran**



# BEACON FOUNDATION

Djarragun College has signed on as a Beacon Foundation 'No Dole' School. The Beacon Foundation was set up in Tasmania in 1988 with a single focus of addressing youth unemployment. The Beacon Foundation's approach is to trial new and innovative projects which build individual and community responsibility to support young people. Their vision is an Australia in which our young people have the desire, the motivation and the opportunity to reach their full potential. Their mission is to influence the attitudes and culture of Australians so that each young person develops an independent will to achieve personal success through gainful activities for themselves and their community.

The unemployment facts are:

Almost 40% of unemployed Australians are under the age of 25.

212,000 15 – 24 year olds are out of work.

There is a national shortage of skills and labour.

There are now over 80 schools nationally in the Beacon program.

Our year 10 students are invited to join the 'No Dole' Program.

Djarragun College will be holding a Charter Signing Event and a Business Launch on September the 18th 2007 where students will sign a pledge to make a personal effort to continue on to further Training, Education or Employment after leaving school. Local businesses will be targeted to provide opportunities for Work Experience Placements and job opportunities.

Ms. Francesca and Mr. Philemon will co-ordinate the Beacon program.

**Simon Cotton** (Deputy Principal)



Welcome to **Glen Farefoot** who has joined us for his practicum from James Cook University where he has nearly completed his studies for a teaching degree.

Glen left the rigours of the army and has decided to take on the challenge of the classroom. Unlike the military forces, he will find out eventually that we 'don't take prisoners'.

Nevertheless, he is ensured of a safe, happy haven here at Djarragun where his dreams can easily come true.

Hasta la vista, Glen.



## CAN'T SEE THE WOOD FOR THE TREES

It's many a year since much of this property has hosted the canopy of stately trees. The canefields have given way to a school campus and the development of an urban symbiosis.

Mr. **John Popham** has recently entered upon the scene to implement a few initiatives that include a substantial landscaping programme, training and employment strategies and inclusive, hands-on experience in nursery skills. **Ned Ingui, Jackson Baker** and **Samuel David** are the first turners of the soil. **Allan Ambrym** and **Adam McGreen** had an introductory phase previously but went to another programme maybe where the grass is greener.

The new Library complex has been landscaped with Desert Roses, a range of native and exotic trees including Mimusops, Syzgium (lilly-pillies) and a Tabebuia (Brazil) with extravagant golden flowers annually.

Skills that the boys have acquired -  
how to place plants in appropriate spaces;  
recognize different plants, trees and shrubs;  
planting, fertilizing, pruning  
marcotting - propagation technique

A visit to Mad About Plants Wholesale Nursery showed the boys how a nursery operated. The boys were able to talk to Torres Strait Islander employees and could see the prospects that could be available in future.





The owner for the nursery was also supportive and keen to encourage the boys about future employment.

A trip to the Botanic Gardens showed the boys rare and beautiful plants which they had never seen before in their lives.

Mr. John is very pleased with the progress of all of the boys.



In its construction, the barren look of the Library complex will soon disappear and will harbour a water feature and open air mini-pavilions to help dissipate the effects of the solar rays.

It has been a tantalizing development and the current appearance includes a paved surface and a water feature that will be included in the next issue. Congratulations all round to tradesmen and workers.

# MULTILIT



On Tuesdays and Thursdays, volunteers Mr Barry and Ms Betty have been working with mainly primary students to assist them with their reading. The program being used is MULTILIT (Making Up for Lost Time in Literacy). It was developed by Macquarie University to

assist students who had missed some literacy basics possibly related to changing schools too often, irregular attendance, or hearing problems that had not been diagnosed or treated. The MULTILIT program teaches 300 sight words and word attack strategies that permit students to work out words that they do not already know.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, **Ms Larina, Ms Carol, Ms Sherral** and others use MULTILIT with the same students so that they get plenty of practice.

MULTILIT does not teach reading comprehension or thinking skills but it empowers students with word recognition, so when students finish their MULTILIT session, they read SAFARI readers to develop comprehension skills.

Ms Betty, who says “it is exciting to see students' word skills improving and their growth in self confidence”. is seen here working with Christine Fourmile. Mr Barry is working with Johnathon Bounghi and says “the students enjoy working with the carefully constructed program and are excited as they see their own progress”.

Many teachers and assistant teachers have been skilled in the use of MULTILIT, so many students are gaining its critical skills.







# CISSA Volleyball Girls

The CISSA Senior girls' Volleyball team was great. It played every game and only lost one game during the competition - against Trinity Bay. Then they played the semi final against Saints and defeated them 2 sets - 1.

The girls played like professionals on the grand final day even though they lost against Trinity Bay 1 - 3.

They tried their best and played their best. On the Grand final day they went together as a team, played as team and came back as a team.

On behalf of this Volleyball team, we all would like to thank **Mr. Warren Eyre** and **Mr. Allan Gazir** for helping to coach us.

Team members :

**Esther Asai, Roselyn Asai, Kara Hosea, Alphi Warri, Sophie David, Selma Woosup, Servannah Walker, Mariza David, Karen Noah, Vida Getawan**

Team Captain (**Esther Asai**)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GARSIDES

After quite a deal of speculation amongst staff during the last few weeks, the latest member of a growing family in the Goldsborough Valley has finally emerged to entertain the rest of the household for the Semester break.

An on-the-spot report from a proud uncle, **Mr. Ben Tiller**, claims that **Nadine Michelle Garside** has the limelight in a firm grip and "the other kids are chuffed to bits and pleased as Punch."

Congratulations to proud parents, **Mr. Dean** and **Ms Michelle**. Enjoy the holidays !!





competition in 2007. Trinity won the finals in 3 sets to 1. . We played an outstanding game at the Youth Center and we are looking forward to playing in the grand final again next year. Our coach is Mr. Aisea

Some of the key players in the volleyball team are Desmond Billy, Richard Billy, Urial Matthew, Sam Gela, Leroy Kris, Dalton Cowley, Sam Kepa, Gibson Joe and Oliphanu Elisala

Desmond Billy (captain)  
Richard Billy (vice captain)

CISSA SPORTS

by Desmond Billy

Finally this year our boys volleyball team made it to the grand final. It was a very tough match against Trinity Bay State High school, as we fought to become the number one volleyball team in the CISSA

## CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES

To **Maia Akiba**, his family, friends and members of the Saibai Island community, we extend our thoughts and prayers at the recent sad loss of Maia's father.

To **Andrew Passi**, and his family at the passing of his grandmother.