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School Rover

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world.

For, indeed, that's all who ever have." Margaret Mead

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER TERM

With the Easter season limpidly edging back into the haze of memory, we find ourselves thrust into an accelerating programme that is drawing everything around it like a developing whirlwind. Many students have been honest in their return, given that Djarragun holidays were out of sync with the rest of the city schools. An earlier release meant an earlier return but some managed to coalesce with later holidaymakers from the State system and added to timeshare by devious default.

Sketchy bursts of reminiscence from the victims of the flight into and out of Dubai provoke unaccustomed titillation to the curious. It will continue to provide some aura akin to a page from the 'Arabian Nights'.

The spoken words are at a disadvantage until Mr. Ludo finally has the chance to liberate his hoard of photographic images onto those of us who have little idea of a spectacular surge of construction emerging on a far horizon - "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen; and waste its sweetness upon the desert air."

DJARRAGUN RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS

Saturday the 19th of April saw the college U/18s compete against Shalom from Townsville in the inaugural match of what will become an annual Shield. Djarragun on this occasion were the victors with a comfortable 60-4 win. The event was significant as the boys got to fly the college colours high in front of a large crowd on a world-class field as a curtain raiser to the Northern Pride game. The smiles on the boys' faces were priceless as they absorbed their moment. The event also unveiled the new Djarragun College "war dance" a truly formidable sight sure to strike fear into the hearts of all future opponents.



Pictured is acting Djarragun Captain **Toshie Wigness** with the shield.

Big congratulations to the U/15 and U/18 boys rugby league teams. Both teams showed tremendous effort and spirit in their respective **top tier** semi-final games which, unfortunately, saw them both losing by the barest of margins. The Journey was not over, however, with both teams dropping down to the second tier playoffs.

Despite a slow start, the U/18s held off a fast finishing Malanda/Ravenshoe team in their semi final on Wednesday the 23rd of April. With a little more defence training before next week's grand final, the boys should take home the 2nd Tier Championship. **Robert Amber, Warren Dau, Kareem Tabuai and Toshie Wigness** led from in front, turning in terrific performances.

The U/15s started their semi-final, against Malanda/Ravenshoe with a BANG, running in three unanswered tries. Leading by 16 points with ten minutes to go, however, their communication broke down and they could not hold out their fast finishing opponents. In what should be a learning experience for this young and talented team they should walk away knowing that the game isn't over until the final whistle is blown.

A big congratulations goes to these young men for their season. All the coaches are proud about the season you have produced and look forward to more success in the future.



SAIBAI TO DUBAI



A window to another world sprang open and eyes are not quite broad enough to capture the widest frame. What would explode in the mind of a young man confronted with a man-made acropolis wrestled from the waters of the Persian Gulf and compounded into a monumental oasis at the edge of the Arabian desert sands?

James Akiba will have enough reels spinning in his head to satisfy the Sandman for the next few years of dreamtime. Congratulations, firstly, to our cultural courier who is quite possibly, the first bearer of the PNG cassowary feathers to strut across the stage in one of the seven sectors of the UAE (United Arab Emirates) to bring Top Western Torres Strait dancing to the Middle East.

James' enduring impressions of his whirlwind tour was his first glimpse of the Palace shimmering on the sands, the hospitality of the people he met and the expensive details to the fabulous wonderworld.





(above) When food lasts forever and KFC is not an option
(below) principal dancer gets principal help

(above) James Akiba & George Mara "Grass in King's Castle"
(below) Ned Ingui & James Akiba - ambassadors in their own right engaged in international audience



DC Cafe

The Coffee Shop has had a gentle start this year and thank you to those faithful customers who have supported us thus far. We will endeavour to open on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays, depending on student numbers, TAVE students, work completed for Certificate courses and school functions. Please note: no coffee shop on Friday 2 May (Hosp TAFE Expo) and Friday 9 May (DJC Careers Day) We are happy to take phone orders - Ext 142. We look forward to seeing both past and new customers. Please support our budding Hospitality students to gain confidence and skills needed for the REAL world!

Rosemary Morrisson and Peggy Chigeza



(above) **Neil McGreen; Kieran Johnson training.**

AFL update. 5 boys were selected for the Crusader team to compete at the Queensland Country AFL Championships in Townsville. The boys left on Wednesday the 16th April and returned on Monday the 21st. **Maxwell Luke , Repu Kris , Kieran Johnson , Sterling Ludwick, Leslie Sailor.** Leslie had been picked as a top age player .



(above) **Ida Sam & Layla Dodd**

JOURNALIST GROUP

Welcome to **Br. Barry Lamb** from St. Augustine's College. Each week, he works with our budding Journalist Group starting at 11:50 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Lane Ingui, Rhiannon Hill, Layla Dodd, Wacada Baker, Ida Sam and Lisa Peter prepare engaging material outlining the vast array of activities permeating the campus. This is then sent for appraisal and possible publication in the Cairns Post.

BOOK CLUB

Assist. Prof. Barry and **Dr. Betty Osborne** have extended their input to the reading culture in the school by extending the Multilit contribution between 9 - 2.45 p.m. and have set sail with another strategy. The Djarragun College Book Club was born and operates from 3 - 4. p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

YEAR 9 STATE-WIDE TESTS

Year 9 students are gearing up for their State wide test which occurs in May. Years 3, 5 & 7 are doing likewise for their respective sittings. Heavy emphasis has been cast upon the reading and writing programme in the Middle School. A number of Learning Support workers have formed a posse which carouses the campus like bounty hunters on their own mission to muster lawless readers and help them to read between the lines - and, perhaps handle the odd sentence or two.

STAFF CHANGES

Farewell to **Carol Dickson** and all the best for the future.

Sina Casson joins the Learning Support team and operates in Ms Francesca's Yr 10 class.

Andrew Long is slotting into the primary school. He is an LSW in Mr. Dean's class.

JCU students are engaged in their practice teaching assignments at Djarragun. Welcome all - a proper introduction coming up soon.