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School Rover

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who gets the credit - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dunk Island Work Experience June 1 - 7, 2008



In partnership with GPT and Voyages Resorts, a week's work experience was arranged at Dunk Island to support the Hospitality students in gaining real life experience in the industry.

Six excited girls were found wandering the Clump Point jetty and Mission Beach on Sunday afternoon, June 1st, wondering what the week would hold. As the catamaran pounded its way towards the island, their excitement grew as the white sand, aqua sea and swaying coconut palms gave them a warm welcome. This was going to be a wonderful week!!!

After the resort induction on Sunday night, the girls were up at 6:00 a.m. to start their shifts.

Leilani Lingen & Shanay Pearson in front office,
Elaine Matthew & Christophilda Lingen in housekeeping and
Marcie Ambrym & Tanita Allen in food and beverage.
They were fitted out with uniforms and looked fantastic.
Their buddies showed them the ropes, learning on the job and

quickly gaining confidence with the routines and the guests. What a beautiful place to work! We joined the rest of the staff in the mess for meals.

We did have some time off and were able to enjoy the facilities of the resort. Playing tennis, volleyball and the gym was popular as the girls pumped iron and peddled the bikes. On the last day we went canoeing,

spotting a green turtle and lots of oysters at low tide. We even climbed Mt Kootaloo and viewed the breath taking vista of islands and beaches to the south.

Awards:

Forty Winks Award :
the student who can sleep through 2 alarms - Shanay

Banfield Award: to the students who is a friend to spiders, geckos, bugs and banfields - Leilani

Colgate Award :
for the biggest smile and showing the most confidence - Tanita

Beachcomber Award: for finding the biggest oysters - Marcie

Telstra Award: for talking the most on their mobile phone - Elaine

Wimbledon Award: the ace tennis player of the week - Christophilda

All too soon, the week was over. Mr Cameron (HR manager) invited us for breakfast on the last day and congratulated the girls on their terrific effort, inviting them back for a job once they finish school.

I'm sure a few will take up his offer!!!





(Our Dunk Island roustabouts finding their sea-legs and finding directions to get back to base)

MAREEBA STATE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE

A brief note of thanks from a Guidance Officer at Mareeba High School for a day enjoyed by their students on their visit to the Careers Day :-

"Thank you for the wonderful day you facilitated in May. Our students really enjoyed the day and we were all very impressed with the range of career opportunities they could access.

We enjoyed the dancing and the school spirit which was so vibrant.

Your students were all very polite and helpful and we hope you may invite us back next year." Hazel Bensted





HOLIDAY INN PERFORMANCE

Often, it happens that our students have been engaged in some time-consuming events that give credit to their enthusiasm and patience during their own leisure hours.

Though there were some side benefits that took the form of a sumptuous meal, the slight incursion into the lives of 'busy' adolescents is not something to be reckoned with lightly. In the same vein, the singing supporters and dance teachers will be seen to take on the challenge of hours of practices, singing and fiddly preparation unavoidable in such events. Mr. Mapa, Aunty Harriet, Aunty Nancy and Ms Stella had their fingers on the pulse.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Edging onto the Djarragun scene at regular intervals is a nondescript group that seemingly forms a tight scrum to discuss a multiplicity of topics which relate to a developing giant.



Successive teams ventured upon hidden and unknown territory to successfully hack out an educational garden from an agricultural field. We don't have a formal photograph just yet but the impromptu pics captured here belie the business character to the meeting. The members of the Board are unknown to most of us (and maybe they prefer it that way) but we do make this small gesture of thanks for the sterling effort towards maintaining and embellishing an invaluable institution that Djarragun College has become.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 13 June found the Djarragun student population pinballing across Johnson Park in Gordonvale. Those who like the freedom of open spaces and areas to frolic had the opportunity to burn out more than a few cylinders. Mr. Virgil Gill masterminded the schema for the day and with plenty of staff and the well-established athletics equipment and

Simultaneously, events took place at various stations. The Middle distance runners pounded the perimeter of the field while high jumpers bobbed, shot putters lunged and javelin throwers hurled metal shafts to unpredictable distances.

Heavy discussion took place at the Triple Jump discipline where first time jumpers were imparting techniques from someone with memory loss and another who was incapacitated by a cortisone injection. Fortunately, Fate intervened in the form of the lady from the tuckshop who came to the rescue to impart the essential details thereby minimizing our chances to create world-beating records.

As usual, the 'little people' paved the way for enthusiasm and wide-opened eyes and bubbling personalities kept a steady flow of clients fronting the starter's pistol. No malfunctions occurred this year and the smell of sulphur didn't have to be released with the help of a hammer and a brick.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2008 AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE	BOYS	GIRLS
8	Kevin Toby	Nancy Matthew
9	Leo Aitken	Naima Daniels
10	Jonah Salee	Di-Wallum Neal
11	Andrew Oui	Kiesha Thimble
12	Ralph Daniel	Alma David
13	Alfred Bond	Kiallem Myngha
14	Murphy Tabuai	Edau Saub
15	Kieran Johnson	Elisa Mara
16	Robert Amber	Roslyn Asai
17	Leroy Kris	Anai Ganaia
OPEN	Justin Wasiu	N/A



**TERM THREE RESUMES
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