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School Rover

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing."

Team Acacia Camp

I have to commend Mr. **Daniel Hollis** and Mr. **Phillip Hall** on the camp. The camps I have held in the past were all run on my own as the teacher, including supervision, motivation, planning, running of all activities and preparation of everything from



From the 18th to the 20th of February, Team Acacia attended a camp at Barabadeen located on the North West side of Tinaroo. The facilities and location were appropriate and adequate for our camp. We were also blessed with clear skies, beautiful scenery, native bush animals and low humidity.

The outcomes for the camp were leadership skills and team building activities. The students participated in canoeing, abseiling, bushwalking, orienteering and a number of team building games and activities. They were also involved in a number of activities such as brainstorming and problem solving. A very worthy activity was the Gifting activity. Students were required to make a gift for another student and presented it on the last night of camp and with this, tell the group two positive things about that person. This was a very powerful and humbling activity for the group and it was terrific to hear some very well thought out and positive messages from the students regarding their peers.

NOTHING LEFT TO CHANCE WITH THESE 'OVER THE EDGE' TYPE OF ACTIVITIES. THE SMILES SAY IT ALL !!

(left) Mr. Daniel & Crew up the creek - with paddles.

(r. top) Leota Tom & Vanessa Anau decked up to take the challenge

(r.) Vanessa Anau - about to conquer the Rock



cooking to cleaning. Having **Mr. Daniel** and **Mr. Phillip** on camp gave it extra dimensions I would have never been able to achieve. They were both very patient, enthusiastic, well prepared and had designed lessons around the outcomes planned for the camp. I found **Mr. Daniel** to be very knowledgeable in a large number of games but also in the focus activities on the camp. His debriefing sessions after the canoeing, grounded the students in the outcomes for the sessions and students reflected this to a higher level of learning and understanding.

Mr. Phillip was a great source of knowledge for the students and he explained the lives of creatures such as pythons, goannas, bats, stick insects, rat kangaroos to great detail to the students. He was enthusiastic and very patient with students' needs and levels of understanding on camp. He bonded well with the students and enjoyed working this age group as he had not experience this level for some time in his professional life. **Mr. Phillip** was very well organised in all his sessions with abseiling and orienteering. I must also point out that **Mr. Kirk** and **Ms Louisa** from Outlook North both attended the camp on Thursday also added greatly to the dimension of the camp with the abseiling activities.

Ms Jackie Seeto and **Ms Larina Lee** were tireless in organising the girls on camp and supervising them at night. They were also very well organised and performed a great job supervising the meals and refreshments on the camp. Both looked tired by Friday afternoon but had smiles on their faces for the whole three days. I must also note that **Ms Jackie** was suffering from a bad chest infection but decided to stay even when offered that she could return with **Mr. Daniel** on Thursday when he left to return to Cairns.

Lastly, as always, **Ms Michelle Garside** was a fantastic help behind the scene. She organised a great deal of the camp staff, notes, food and all the small details that needed to be dealt with when I was not able to. This camp would not have been the success it was without her organisation and input towards its outcomes.

Mr Dean Garside

DENGUE FEVER

Time to get serious because the current rise in the number of sufferers has pitched above the 400 mark. There is always the dread that sooner or later one of our students will

become a victim to the wiles of this insidious insect.

Well-versed in the knowledge of the Dengue deliverers, staff member, **Mr. Harry Tenni**, revealed to staff a description of the creature as well as a horrific list of possible symptoms. These include severe headaches, body aches and pains, vomiting, sweating, fevers. Information from a local website declare regions where outbreaks have already occurred :-

"Recent local dengue transmission has taken place in **Aloomba, Bayview Heights, Bungalow, Cairns North, Clifton Beach, Earlville, Edge Hill, Edmonton, Freshwater, Holloways Beach, Kewarra Beach, Machans Beach, Manoora, Manunda, Parramatta Park, Smithfield, Westcourt, Whitfield, Yorkeys Knob**. Mosquito control work will continue in these areas."

All Djarragun students are encouraged to be 'Dengue Diggers' fighters against this

virulent, life-threatening enemy. So it's back to the trenches - in this case to make sure that they're emptied of water where the mosquitoes will breed.

In addition, there is also the threat of a \$400 on the spot fine imposed by the Cairns City Council where homeowners are found negligent in allowing breeding places on their property. Nearly all of our Djarragun students live in the targetted areas where the Dengue mosquito (*Aedes Aegypti*) has already done its damage.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH FORUM

On Friday, February 20, nine Years 11 & 12 students attended the Australian Youth Forum at the Cairns Central Cinemas. This forum gave us the opportunity to speak about violence and safety in our community and have our opinions heard by the Minister for Youth. This is a really positive thing because our opinions will be gathered and used to create future policies that will affect our lives.

On the day, we were linked via satellite to the other forums that were occurring simultaneously all over the country. **Edetu Kane** was chosen to give the summary for the Cairns forum and was heard by the Minister for Youth and all the other participants in Australia. I'd like to (commend) **Israel Sales, John Gabey, Elizabeth Gebadi, Edetu Kane, Tonya Ludwick, Shakira Thaiday, Marcie Ambrym, Tanita Allen** and **Isobel Ware** for having no shame and speaking in front of all the other schools on the day. Thank you.

Laurianna Baira

Year 12 Djarragun Fundraising Team at Bunnings for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal

On Sunday, February 22, we conducted our first fundraising venture for the year. We worked together cooking sausages and selling drinks and we all had a great day. We were able to raise almost **\$1,400** and the profits will go to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

I'd like to thank all the students who attended on the day with a positive attitude and all the teachers who dedicated their time and helped to organize the BBQ. A round of applause is deserved by **Neil McGreen, Israel Sales, Kruby Neale, Isobel Ware, Elizabeth Gebadi, Elaine Matthew, Tonya**

Ludwick, , Shakira Thaiday, Camelia Fourmile, Mona Fauid, Mary David, Alex Namai, Edetu Kane, Julia Thaiday and members of staff - Ms Jade Allgood, Mr. Ken Duncan, Mr. Ross Walters, Mr. Virgil Gill, Mr. Philemon Chigeza, Mr. Vimal Shankaran, Ms Francesca Shankaran, Ms Anne Hopkins, Ms Jan Clothier, Mr. Harry Tenni, Ms Peggy Chigeza, Mr. Tali Tabuai, Mr. Grant Dutton and the dining room staff and all the drivers and other support people on the day. Thank you.

Israel Sales

SPECIAL MENTION for **Ms Jade** who masterminded the whole thing and worked non-stop.

HOSPITALITY

1. DC Café'

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 everyday depending on student numbers. We are happy to take telephone orders Ex 142. We look forward to seeing both past and new customers. Please support hospitality students to gain confidence and skills needed for the REAL WORLD!!!

2. New Venture/ Mocktail Party

Mocktails have enjoyed a great revival in fashion in recent years and, as such, is being introduced at DC Café' every second Friday afternoon starting this week. What a fantastic idea to end the week with an exotic swig er.. swing. Watch out for the advertisement around the college campus. Get your self in the party and be sure not to MISS OUT!!!

(The Hospitality Team)



They started in February and should complete the course in November. Hopefully, one or two of them will pursue further studies.

Their first reaction was nervousness. They thought Sydney was too big. They were overwhelmed by the assignments. They have excellent mentors who constantly check up on them so that everything is in order. They settled eventually.

PHOTOS - (above) Cathy Joe
(below) Maureen Aki & Urial Matthew



3 **Cathy Joe, Urial Matthew, Maureen Aki** are doing Advanced Diploma in Hospitality Management at the International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS). This College has been a great support for these first Djarragan students.

AQUACULTURE

Finally, on February 26, sixteen Years 11 and 12 and ten Year 10 students launched off on the long anticipated course in Aquaculture. The course is being conducted by Mr **Joe Coco** and Mr. **Shane Cotterell** under the supervision of Mr **Ken Duncan**.

On Tuesdays, a group is engaged in Marine & Aquatic Practices and on Thursdays and Fridays, a group is engaged in Aquaculture with **Mr. Aisea** and **Mr. Shane**.

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR

Any young people, aged 16-23 who would like the experience an 11-day tall ship adventure, please consider the 'Young Endeavour'. Applications close on **March 15th**. Please confer with Ms Jan in the Library. More info on www.youngendeavour.gov.au

LIBRARY LATEST

The library is looking good and is being heavily used by both primary and secondary students and teachers. As well as reference books and a large collection of fiction and non-fiction texts, we have computers that students can access during class time for research or other work. The library is open at lunchtime 4 days a week for quiet activities. Due to high demand, we have a year level roster operating at the moment.

I look forward to a great year getting to know all the students and helping them in their research and reading

The library is open at lunchtimes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for quiet activities. Due to numbers and usage so far, the following year level roster is currently in place (subject to further negotiation):

Monday	Yr 7 & 8
Tuesday	Yr 7 & 9
Wednesday	Yr 8 & 9
Thursday	Yr 10 & Seniors
Friday	Closed

The library has 6 laptops available during class time for individual or small group work. Please send students with a library pass, giving names and outlining tasks to be done. As the library isn't staffed all the time at this stage and there are many permanent bookings from both primary and secondary, please keep in mind that access for your students is not always possible and they may need to return to class. Prior arrangement is very welcome.

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES

Two great new DVDs have been purchased.

'Black Chicks Talking' is a documentary based on talking to five dynamic indigenous women about what it means to be Aboriginal today. "Often joyful, sometimes harrowing, it is a passionate and challenging exploration of black identity and a celebration of five very different lives."

'River of No Return' is the story of Frances Daingangan, one of stars of TEN CANOES, and her journey from traditional tribal life to the international red carpet.

Ms Jan Clothier

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Professional Hair Straighteners

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THIS FUNDRAISING FUNCTION IS TO ENABLE THE HAIRDRESSING STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO SYDNEY IN 2009 AS HAIR EXPO VOLUNTEER TEAM MEMBERS.

DRAGGED IN BY THE HAIR

This year we decided to open the hairdressing certificate courses to outside students. Gordonvale High was very pleased for their students to be given the opportunity. **Tonya Ludwick** accompanied me to Gordonvale High to give a talk about the course and show portfolios of our hairdressing students work.

We have had 11 enrolments from Gordonvale students in years 10, 11 and 12 and they will be commencing their hairdressing course on Wednesday 4th March in the Djarragun College hairRhythmic salon. **Estelle Neilson**



A happy shot of The Farm Boys promoting healthy eating and a wholesome lifestyle in the perfect surroundings