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School Rover

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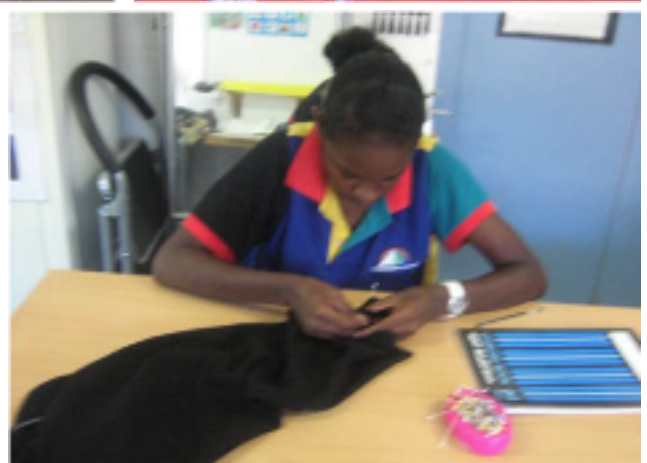
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

'Reflect upon your blessings, of which every man has plenty, not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.' Charles Dickens

Ms Mbongeleni - A Reel Sew & Sew

Girls in the Overlocker Room are spinning the bobbin into overdrive under the expert tutelage of Ms **Mbongeleni Chigeza**. Turning their skills towards the Valentine theme this term, the girls have added lustre to the season with the production of love heart cushions. Vibrant colours, fulsome shapes and fastidious frills gave ready testament to the acquired skills of the stitch vendors. At the close of last year, some of the girls were resplendent in the gowns that they had patterned, cut and assembled for themselves.

Roselyn Asai (left) shows off in stunning purple;
bottom left - Embroidery by Roselyn Asai, Juniko Kepa & Stella Dau
bottom right - Lane Ingui is hemming a valuable pair of pants.





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Mr. Joe Tamburin

Mr. Joe is taking leave of absence to face the surgeon's knife just like many of the famous sportsmen. Mr. Joe has been the stalwart in the Shed overseeing a generation of the Djarragun tinkers and welders through the first phases of possible apprenticeships or career options.



Much of Mr. Joe's handiwork is visible around the College in the form of decorative geckos on the wall, the stained glass panels in the Principal's office and the decor to the famous Djarragun Coffee shop. Mr. Joe delights in telling how his first commission to the school was to repair a leaking air-conditioner or suchlike and then he just happened to find other things to do. That was almost a decade ago. At last call, the air-con was still doing fine.

Happy recovery and the rest that you didn't think was ever heading your way, Mr. Joe. See you in your better leg at the College, hopefully, in the near future.

RETURN OF THE AFRICAN QUEEN

A familiar face missed for much of the Term is Ms **Peggy Chigeza** - Matriarch of the Hospitality Faculty and Queen of the Caffeine Corner. Still making a steady recovery after surgery, we hope that the Djarragun environs restores all of her former vivacity.



Keeping the kettle boiling during her forced absence, is Queen in Waiting, Ms **Stella Mara**, who has worked feverishly to try to fit the Zimbabwean sandals. Ever-ready barista, Uncle **Paul Garong** (Percolator Papa, himself) was the stalwart Coffee grinder, scone dispenser and template to the life of Cappuccino Chic.

The willing band of students who milled around like vigilant crusaders retained the cheerful disposition and salutary service for which each successive group has formed the hallmark of its service.

The steady flow of traffic that continues to attract the growing clientele is ready testament to the small establishment as an eatery and the respite for the Cuppa Brigade. Congratulations, all round.

Welcome & Farewell



We say goodbye to Ms **Carol Morris** (left) who has decided to move on from the Djarragun scene. We



achnowledge that Ms Carol had one of the busiest jobs in the school with many frustrations. In spite of all the challenges she faced, Ms Carol was efficient and quick with responding to all the tasks she had to perform.

All the best to **Naomi Anglis** (above right) who has accepted the position of Enrolments Officer.

Brea Speechley

Sadly, our Librarian, Ms Brea had to leave us very suddenly to attend to an urgent matter with her family. Always the one with the stunning smile and the very winning personality with the students who flocked to the library. Best of luck.



DJARRAGUN & YARRABAH PRIMARY SOCCER & AUSSIE RULES

A day of quick competition, flighty passages of fitness and dogged determination landed on the Djarragun oval on March 21. All pistons were firing when Yarrabah Primary students descended upon the campus.

Mr. Michael Lee (bottom photo) supervised the Soccer game at the minimized school oval.



The Aussie Rules game was tussled over on the vast expanse of the new field on Maher Road, just down from the College.

Both boys and girls made up each team and, thanks to Mr. Ludo Kuipers, we have great action shots to prove the mobility of players.

(left) Kiara Matthew zooms in to contest possession

(Above) George Dorante and his Yarrabah tackler float above the turf for a moment





Grayson Hart & Craig Waldon manning the transfer tank at the Djarragun Aquaculture Unit

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DEFENCE FORCES - TRAINING PACKAGE



Up in the Wilderness Centre, a heavy programme began on March 15 involving about 40 prospective recruit for the Australian Defence Forces.

Nearly one third of this contingent is made up from Djarragun students and the eight week course is meant to give a taste of the

rigours of real career training.

Most of the participants have arrived from the outer islands of the Torres Strait and from communities within Cape York Peninsula.

Mr. **Anthony Lupi** is coordinating this programme as part of the initiatives of Djarragun Enterprises.

WRITER'S CRAMP

One of the current movies currently making an impact in the cinema industry is “Precious”. This high tension evocative storyline prompted some sensitive responses from **Branxton Dick** and **Grayson Hart** who each wrote a ‘letter to Precious’ as a follow-up exercise in their recent studies. Their pragmatic, compassionate advice indicates a couple of sound counsellors in the making.

“Dear Precious,

I would like to tell you that you are an amazing and intelligent person. I think you are a strong person and you are talented. You never give up on trying to make your life better and becoming a better person for your siblings.

You are not a person who lets verbal, sexual and physical emotions break you down.

Good luck for your future and your little ones’ lives. Don’t let them face the things you faced in your lifetime. I think you are a good role model to others who can’t face the same trouble you went through.”

“Dear Precious,

I saw your movie and it was very touching. The situations you’ve been through have been very hard and tough. Forget the past and believe in the future. Your health and your children are important in your life. Get the education you need and stay safe and healthy.

Never give up and keep on pushing forward in life. Confront your problems and solve them. Be strong. Best wishes for the future.”



CONSTRUCTION

Work goes on for the Construction Unit as additional awnings and modified paving takes place. While Mr. **Joe Tamburin** oversees the final measuring, TAFE students **Morris Hodges** and **Walter Ware** get down to the nitty gritty.

