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School Rover

CRUSADER CHAMPIONSHIPS

AFL U/13 2010 Weipa : September 5-9

Very early on Sunday morning, nine well organised kids and Josh (he was still asleep) were picked up and transported to Cazaly's where we met up with Kane and Richard from AFL Cape York together with Roy, Joel and Zac who were kindly dropped off by Ian Prest from Yarrabah Sate School. Soon, we were on our way to Weipa. We spent over 10 hours in the troop carriers and all of our players were patient, relaxed travellers.

During the carnival all participated in many activities as well as train for and play in the carnival. We had sessions with Bravehearts Child Safety Unit, Crime Stoppers, The Weed it Out Police Unit, Be Strong be Heard, the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs unit and of

course the Cultural Dance activities run by the Bawai Dance Company which culminated in a concert for the people staying at the Weipa Caravan and Camping ground.

Our D C guys were outstanding participants in the practice sessions and the concert. Josh Kyle and Thuraka Sammons, in particular, took on leadership roles and are to be commended. Andre's "shake a leg" was a huge hit with the audience.

Footy practice sessions were held each morning and games took place on the first two afternoons and straight after breaking camp on Wednesday morning.

Our Cook Cluster team comprised of 12 DC students and 3 primary students from Yarrabah. Our team was too polished, skilled and determined for the opposition. We won the

Crusader Cup for the first time in 5 years. At times, our teamwork was outstanding. All players tried hard but I will make mention of a few.

Malachi Songoro was an excellent captain showing very good leadership particularly in the first and last games. **Jerry Frank** was tough and skilful, working really hard both in training and in games. **Josh Kyle** has not played much footy yet but showed great improvement and determination throughout the carnival. These three boys tied for our most valuable player award.



Eric Whap played the best footy of his life. In the game against Torres Strait, he kicked six goals. Eric took many overhead marks. **Adrian Dau** played well in all games. He followed instructions well and tried hard to improve over his weaknesses.



Tamina Bassini was our only girl in the team but she was a strong contributor. She took one of the best contested marks of the carnival.

Special mention must also be made of the efforts of **Justin Hill, Laru Jackonia** and **Andre Akiba** for

playing determinedly and capably for the Torres team who were short of 3 players. **Ali Dotoi** and **Phillip Solomon** played for our team as two



Yarrabah boys had pulled out at the last moment. Phillip was, as usual, courageous and Ali showed that he could match it with the older boys.

Our students were a pleasure to work with.

They participated well in all activities and improved in each game.

List of Participants

Yr 6 Justin Hill, Laru Jackonia, Andre Akiba, Ali Dotoi, Phillip Solomon

Yr 7 Noel Baker

Yr 8 Tamina Bassini, Josh Kyle, Thuraka Sammons, Adrian Dau, Malachi Songoro, Jerry Frank, Andrew Oui, Eric Whap, Steven Auda,

We had a record number of students selected for the U/14 Crusader Squad for 2011. Congratulations to Malachi, Adrian, Josh, Jerry, Thuraka, Andrew, Eric and Steven.

Justin, Ali, Phillip, Laru and Andre are all being considered for the U/12 Crusader team for 2011. This team will be selected in May of next year.

Mr. Dave 'MJ'
AFL Manager, Djarragun College

CAREERS UPDATE

Coles Work Experience Program:

This week, **Kathleen Peter, Louisa Joe (right), Eddie Mau** and **Delita Aruba** attended the induction on Wednesday. When I went to pick them up on the first day, **Louisa** was serving customers at the checkout and taking their payment (including credit cards!). She said the credit card transactions were easy to learn because most people paid by credit card. It was a big first day for them - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



ADF Tour

Dennah Auda (r) and **Kathleen Peter (below)** attended the ADF tour for five days. They went on a



navy boat ride past the Opera House and under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. They toured Defence bases in Sydney and Canberra and also went to Parliament House. They both had a great time but couldn't believe how cold it was!

Year 10 Career Program

Year 10 classes went on industry visits. They had a choice of either going to JCU or going to Tropical Reef Shipyard and Beaurepaires Tyre Centre. Mr. **David Lierich** reports that the Tropical Reef Shipyard tour was excellent and the students were made aware of a lot of opportunities in that industry.

The Beaurepaires Tyre Centre tour was a little rushed. However, at least, it gave some of our budding mechanics another employment option to think about for the future. The JCU tour with the Aspire group led by **Robyn Bouche** and **Liz Calliope** was again excellent and it was great to see so many students getting excited about Uni.

One student (**Moses Tabuai**) couldn't decide between two disciplines and I said, "Why don't you do a double degree?" He was so excited to find out you could do two at once and didn't care if it took a little longer! Thanks to **Ms. Joanna Furse, Mr. Reese Brookes** and **Mr. David Lierich** for driving buses and especially Mr. Reese who came along to be an extra staff support for the trip.

Ms Cate Robins

HOSPITALITY

Djarragun College Hospitality Students have been recognised as winners in the Salute to Excellence Awards.



Their applications have been recognised as a High Achievers in the Tourism and Hospitality

Industry at the 2010 Salute to Excellence Awards. They are now invited to attend an interview and skills test. The skills test involves the students undertaking tasks involving the categories in which they have been successful - Food and Beverage.



Congratulations to the Hospitality Staff who continue to turn out quality students (above) like **Eima Messa** and **Michael Geas** and quality outcomes across the school. Excellence is the word!

WHEN I.T.'S IN YOUR BLOOD

Running rampant across the globe for those countries with heavy internet access and pixel stimuli are the swathes of computer-loaded games and activities. **George Dorante** (right) poses the typical preoccupation of his peers Even at his tender age now, he's probably a veteran.



DEEWR

The major construction work happening on the northern end of the campus is showing speedy progress.



Visitors from DEEWR (Dpt. of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations) inspected the property to assess the projects for which funding has been allocated. These include the new Trade Centre and the boarding facility for boys.



Aaron Miller (above) passes a scoop net of barramundi fingerlings under their noses during the brief tour of the barra tanks.



Cybrary Battle Day



When they came into the cybrary that morning, they found themselves brought onto a cyber battlefield. Mr. Gio's 8A class was confronted with a warzone.



To get into their teams, they had to safely replace the furniture and arrange it effectively. They then cleaned and set up the computers. They checked their emails and got an invite to a computer game called Thinktanks that involves a tank/football match where they played in teams.



There were two teams - Green Team and Blue Team. They played 3 matches, and had team meetings between each match.



They did special team tasks like erasing Disks and using photos. They even hacked the program and painted and pasted images on the digital tanks.



During the third match, when they were one match each, there was one point in it, 7 vs 8. The third and final deciding match,



was drawing to a close..but alas.... there was a disqualification. So, I think it remained a tie. Great fun was had and fantastic computer and teamwork skills were shown on this day. Peace was declared.

Mr. Aaron Agius

BOARDING ACTIVITIES

Sometimes the general helter skelter in the boarding routine can give way to more relaxing forms of recreation.

Extricating fingers from the keyboards and eyes from the monitors can be major operations in their own right when juvenile attention is solicited. Life can be so caught up in the Garden of



Pixels that mundane social gathering around a deck of cards or the pool table may be regarded more than slightly passe.

Houseparent, **Aunty Lencie Sailor** shows she still has the cardsharp nous to tackle any newcomers to the table. **Bonnie Claudie** and 'TJ' **Stewart** take to the sandpit for bocce to bombard the jack with precise trajectories.



Meanwhile, clattering from the pool table announces serious cannoning into any of the pockets by **Willie Wosomo** and **Jerry Anau** in a game that required more chalk than talk.

The Boarding sector has initiated a newsletter of its own and the following is a part of the latest spiel about the types of activities that occupy the hours outside of the classroom -

BOARDING

“Djarragun College offers boarding to about seventy Indigenous students from remote areas of northern Australia from different cultural backgrounds. They live in close proximity and with new rules that are often unfamiliar. Boarding parents quickly get to know all students and help them adjust to their new ‘family’ environment. There can be hitches with home- sickness, resistance to new rules and regimentations, and dietary adjustments.

Several changes were introduced in boarding since the beginning of Term 3, so that students have an enriching after-school hours experience. This kind of program is common to nearly all Boarding Colleges but students at Djarragun were resistant to our changes – they were not used to the extra work or the organized activities on campus. They were more used to being driven around in College buses – cruising or styling up and then being very rowdy when it was time to go to sleep.



We set up a Council of Boarders to advise on the after school program, to assist Boarding Parents and to act as role models for all boarders. The council met four times and it provided important feedback to Boarding Parents and were developing their own leadership skills as they discussed issues and

suggested improvements. Chairman of the Council was **Wusang Guligo**.

The Council met each week and councillors agreed to a timetable of afternoon activities that included “prep” from 3:15p.m. – 4:15p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This involved access to laptops in the College’s computer rooms or classrooms. Boarders could work on assignments, reports or projects as well as continue with class work provided by their teachers or even widen their own general knowledge. Teachers, assisted by House Parents, helped students with their tasks. Students who had Sports training or Cultural Activities and who could not get to “prep” were taken into account.

Prep, co-curricular activities, tokens and strikes

Working well during three sessions leads to the student earning a shopping excursion at Cairns Central. Shopping is earned it is not a right.

During “prep”, boarder **Kieran Johnson** found the ABC TV Landline archive about crayfishing in his home community of Lockhart River.

Until 5:30p.m., there is a range of co-curricular activities like Art and Craft; Cards; Public Speaking; Gymnasium/Boxing; Kick Boxing; Board Games; Touch Football; Basketball; Skittles; Bocce and Pool. Students choose their activity for the session and different activities are rotated from day to day. Then the students go to dinner and after dinner they have free time until about 8:30pm often undertaking a new activity.

There is also a strike system designed to improve student behaviour – respect for House Parents, each other and property; cleaning dorms, verandahs and bathrooms/ toilets; kitchen duties; and keeping grounds clean. There are strikes also for smoking cigarettes and dope; absconding;



fighting; coming back late from weekend leave. Three strikes and the good work in “prep” is undone – no shopping for that week! Week by week more and more students are earning their tokens, avoiding three strikes and hence going shopping.

What is more, the boarding area has become quieter.

Sometimes the students want to continue with prep after 4:15 because they want to finish their work. Now the boarders settle down very well after dinner and rarely make the noise that was common before term three. Unfortunately some boys/young men and some girls/young women have been suspended or expelled because of their really bad behaviour. So the boarding situation is improving, but there is still some way to go to get it the way it should be and the way we want it to be.



MORE THAN PLAY DOUGH



Thanks to **Mr. Dean Garside (Mr.G)** and reporter **Kiara Matthew**, a piece of Primary action has been recorded for our history book. Kiara tells the story - On Monday the 25th of May, students from team Acacia went on an excursion to Bernard's Patisserie located in Gordonvale.



become a pastry chef just like Bernard.

The purpose of Team Acacia going on the excursion was because we are learning about careers. My teacher thinks that some of us should try to

Bernard was a very nice man. He had been working as a pastry chef for a very long time. He had been working since 1972 and started when he was 14 years old. He travelled the World, especially in London for 4 years. Then he moved back to Cairns and now works in Gordonvale at the



Patisserie. Bernard and his wife Lisa took us in and explained how things work in the kitchen. Bernard showed us how to decorate a birthday cake on the bench. After he finished drawing the decoration, everyone started eating it, especially Azaleayah.



After that Bernard said that we can get one or two cupcakes each and then design it. So everyone took their cupcakes and made a design. Our teacher, Mr G took pictures

of us designing the cakes. Then Bernard asked if we would like hot chocolate. We said "YES!" When we finished our hot chocolate, Ms Michelle came in the bus to pick us up. Everyone gave Ms Michelle a cupcake. Then we came back to the school.

by **Kiara Matthew**.