

TIWI COLLEGE

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Principal's Message

The completion of the Term provides us with the opportunity to look back, reflect and evaluate our individual learning journeys, the growth we as individuals have achieved and the progress of the college as a whole.

On balance it has been an experience that has been very heartening. There have certainly been challenges and they have tested us beyond what we could have expected but we endured and will continue to do so. What is highlighted is that the real strength of the "Picka" family is our people. The students whose duty it is to grow and learn, the staff who support and role model life-long learning in all that they do, and the families and friends that support us in so many ways.

Following what can only be described as a few turbulent years the college is now firmly on the path of resetting itself and reaffirming the values, culture and traditions that have made it so strong and so important and such a wonderful asset. Much of the foundation work was done by my predecessor, Bryan Hughes, and the Mamanta Consulting team and both deserve our thanks and gratitude for without them and their efforts our future may have been very different.

As is the case with all growth and development changes are necessary and these are being implemented to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of our teaching and learning. This will manifest itself as a restructuring and redeployment of staff and I can only commend all those involved for their dedication, commitment and in some cases sacrifice to student learning. They too deserve our utmost praise and gratitude so I would ask when you next see them out and about in community to thank them and congratulate them for everything they have done for the college, your children and all our students' education.

Please enjoy sharing this newsletter and the snapshot it provides of our learning journey this term.

Greg Hollis

Message from Shane & Tammy

The Mamanta mission is to work collaboratively from a community led, strengths based approach that focuses on Immersion & Cross-cultural Learning, Reconciliation Action, Cultural preservation & strengthening and local empowerment. Our consultation services are in place to support Tiwi College staff, students and community partners to be a positive force driving action and alignment toward the Tiwi College vision of Education and Vocational choices for happy, rewarding and healthy lives.

Tammy & Shane are happy to be back at beautiful Pickataramoor to work alongside the College and look forward to seeing more Tiwi kids enjoying the uniqueness and benefits of education on country.

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Pictured: Greg Peter and Shane & Hughsie

Tiwi Staff



Community feedback has been listened to and there are good changes on the way at Tiwi College.

Tiwi people are thanked for support during this important transitional work aspiring to the Vision and Mission of Education and Vocational choices toward happy, rewarding and healthy lives.



Tiwi staff who arent pictured: Deanne, Demaga, Andre, Jermaine, Roderick & Edward

Wellbeing and Academy



Highlights from Term 1!

The wellbeing team have had an incredible term, see below for academy, wellbeing & community dinner!



Academy Programs

This term academy is Monday/Wednesday for boys and Tuesdays/Thursdays for girls. In academy we have been running a number of awesome fitness programs for the students which have included walking, boxing, gym sessions, footy, ice baths and more.



Wellbeing Team

We are delighted to welcome Kevin Doolan to the Tiwi College team as the well-being coordinator working closely with our liaisons and academy Brad, Caitlyn and Banita. The well-being centre has been a great place for students to go when they are needing support.



Community Dinner

Community dinner has been super fun this term. Students and staff have enjoyed a weekly joint game of volleyball together. Community dinner has been a great vibe with lots of dancing and delicious food!

NEW STAFF!



Greg Hollis - Principal



Lindsay Abbott - Teacher



Nathan Terry - Teacher



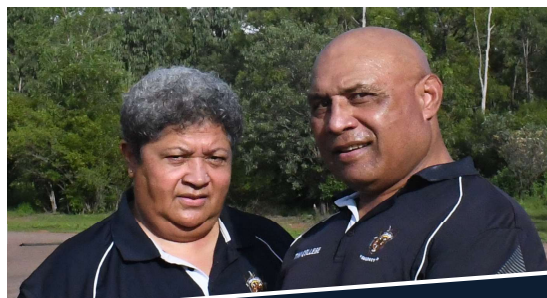
Kevin Doolan - Wellbeing Coordinator



Akanesi and Maikeli - FGH



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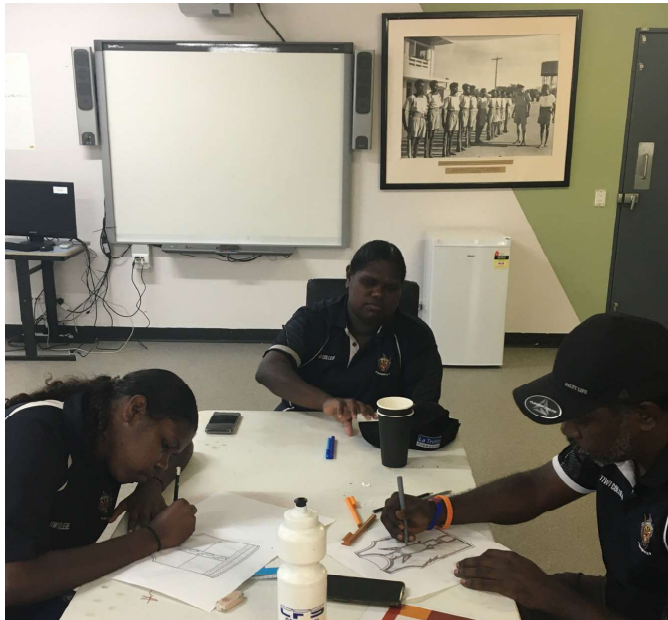
WELCOME BACK TO OUR FGH PARENTS



Wellbeing Centre

Pictured: Well-Being Center

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This term in the well-being centre we have been working on developing Ngawurrakurlurumi (let us grow-Tiwic cultural well-being model) for each classroom. This is something that we want to take to the whole school and introduce to see how this can fit into the well-being timetable.

The well-being timetable is to take the culture into the classroom. We start with Ngawurrakurlurumi teaching the students how to pronounce the words and the meaning of the words.

The well-being centre is a safe environment for students to come in during lunch breaks, and if they need extra support during class time. We have Brad, Caitlyn and Banita supporting the students in class and at the well-being centre.



Monday, we have culture sessions for the students. The sessions are planned by our whole team on Thursdays and Fridays. Everything we do is guided by Ngawurrakurlurumi. We have planned this term Kumurrapuni, card activities on language, reading and writing, guest visits from culture leaders, dreamtime, and creation stories, yoyi, songs and are planning an end of term performance.

Kevin.



Pictured: Junior Middle Young Women Class

Junior Middle Young Women

Our class have had a wonderful term of classroom engagement. Please have a read of a few of the highlights from some of our students:

Joan: This term I have enjoyed coming to school. I've learnt to prepare and cook chicken fried rice and chocolate spiders. For Valentine's Day I helped my class prepare a class caring tree and we wrote up heart shaped notes to thank people that have been helpful to us. We also made gratitude cards to thank our hospo staff for keeping our classrooms and school clean. I enjoyed our afternoon dip at the Picka creek. I've also been learning how to sew.

Latisha: I've enjoyed coming to school this term. I've enjoyed learning my timestables. My pace at solving Mental Maths is getting better. Ms. Cilia pushes me to do better. I've also done a lot of practice on my Numbers and Place value. During free time I ask my teacher for extra Numeracy worksheets because I love solving Maths problems. I also learnt how to sew a skirt and managed to make one for myself.

Noelissa: This is my first week at Tiwi College. On my first day in school I joined my classmates for a swim at the creek-I enjoyed it. I was able to write up a Persuasive Writing piece and my argument was that "Reading Books is better than watching Television. I also want to submit a singlet design for my Tiwi Island AFL team, Ranku Eagles so I've started working on that.

*Have a Blessed Easter and a wonderful holiday!
Cilia and Barbra.*



Junior Middle Young Men

“ **THANK YOU TO JONUS, EDWARD AND RYAN OUR ASSISTANT TEACHERS**

Lindsay - 'I am looking forward to doing lots more 'Learning on Country' ”



Pictured: Junior Middle Young Men Class



Junior Men's class has had a great start to the first term with numbers of students gradually increasing as roads open for pickups. All Young People have been assessed in Reading and Maths and grouped appropriately.

We are improving phonics and decoding skills using the Macqlit Reading Intervention and if done daily can increase reading levels by 3 years over the year. Therefore, it is important that students keep attending regularly to benefit from this. Other students are following the BKS Program in Literacy and Maths that is the pre-course knowledge to begin Vocational Training and Transition to Work.

Life skills has included cooking and gardening in the Farm Kitchen. Young People have cooked pizza making their own dough, sausage rolls, chicken fried rice, spag bol, cupcakes and shepherd's pie.

I'm sure they could whip up a good feed for their family now after learning these recipes so be sure to ask them. We have planted the garden ready to harvest in the dry and use with our cooking too.

As well as these subjects we are doing STEM activities (science, technology, engineering and applied maths). We have been doing construction activities and the Young People have learnt about and constructed their own volcanoes including blowing them up! Tiwi Mondays is lead by The Tiwi Crew who are focusing on language, culture and belonging. We have begun excursions on Friday mornings to great spots around the Island and I am looking forward to doing lots more 'Learning on Country' activities as we head into the dry. I have been impressed with the effort and engagement of the Young People and am looking forward to the next term to support their ongoing learning.

Lindsay



Pictured: Washing College Troopy

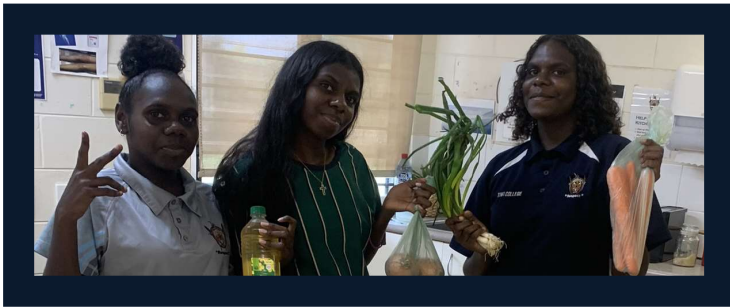


Pictured: Afternoon Visit to the Creek

Senior Young Women

WE WELCOME LEEANNE & JOY AS ASSISTANT TEACHERS

WE COULD NOT BE PROUDER OF THE EFFORTS OF OUR SYW



Pictured: Winnie, Alice & Hilda



Pictured: Hilda & Tina

Senior Young Women have had a strong start to 2023!

They have worked hard on getting back into routines, completed their distance education work and completing their work experiences.

Some highlights include;

- cooking in the kitchen
- working on our maths mental
- researching jobs
- filming safety videos in the kitchen

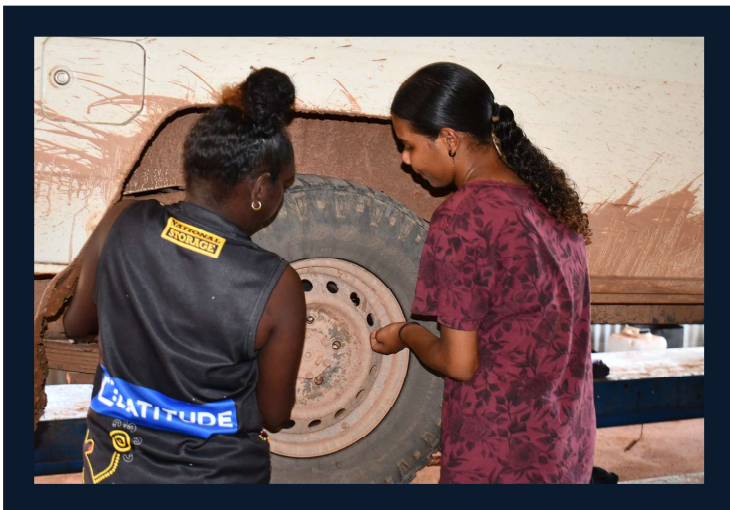
We have enjoyed having solid numbers and students coming to school every week.

This means we have been able to reach our Term 1 goals.

Students have focused strongly on building their academic stamina and using class time effectively.

We could not be prouder of the efforts of our Senior Young Women and hope they have a good rest in the holidays to come back and smash it again in Term 2!

Ashlee



Pictured: Winnie & Michala - Work Experience



Pictured: Lindy, Jean, Coral Leeanne & Ruby