



Term 2 Newsletter 2023

# TIWI COLLEGE



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Community feedback has been listened to. 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 towards happy, rewarding and healthy lives.



# Principal's Message

*"The newsletter is a small snapshot of some of the learning activities and experiences shared by our 'Picka Family' this term. I invite you to read on and join us reflecting on the term completed."*

Having reached the halfway point in the year we can look back and reflect on the great progress that has been made this year throughout the College. We have a great team of professionals and their dedication and commitment to the College, and in particular, to student learning is highly evident.

Tiwi college is a home away from home for our students so it is not surprising that staff and students are referred to as the "Picka" family – an honour and a privilege bestowed on our staff.

Like any other family we still encounter challenges and tests but to their credit and the credit of students and their families these are always faced with a "can do" attitude. Through working together and maintaining a positive outlook these challenges deliver and enhance our collective growth and knowledge.

A particularly inspiring facet of learning this semester has been in the development of critical thinking skills – Being able to sift through information and determine fact from fiction and relevance from distraction.

It is important to be able to tell what is truthful and what is not and this is a highly valuable skill. Our students are learning to question information and the reliability of its source and they are encouraged to avoid unreliable sources.

As part of a focus on the Tiwi College Core Values of Respect, Care, Mercy & Trust, we are encouraging these questioning techniques which are often used to test reliability, for example:

"Is this something you have only heard or do you have first-hand experience of it?" By teaching students to applying their knowledge, training and skills to real life situations and testing for validity.

We value the hard work of all involved and I would like our school community to join me to thank and celebrate the continuous efforts aligning Tiwi College with its' Mission & Vision for the Tiwi People.

Regards,  
Greg Hollis.

Mamanta consultation services are in place to support Tiwi College principal, 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 would like to acknowledge the good work being done by many committed and passionate people working toward the Tiwi College Mission & Vision.

Tiwi Students have been put at the centre of decision making with a holistic and nurturing learning environment. It is a real pleasure to see Tiwi kids enjoying the uniqueness and benefits of education at home on Tiwi timani. [www.mamanta.com.au](http://www.mamanta.com.au)



Pictured: Maximus, Matthew & Greg



Pictured: Mamanta Consulting



# Well-Being Team



This term the well-being building has had a wonderful refresh and has become a very welcoming space for students and staff.

We have welcomed Stacey and Deanne into the team this term assisting in student services and academy.

The team has been working hard with students to stay engaged in class and extending that learning environment on Country and back into community. We hope that we can continue to be there and support our students in making the centre a safe and welcoming place for all.

Stacey, Deanne, Kevin, Savage & KayKay.



Pictured: Kevin, Matthew, Albert & PS



Pictured: Stacey & Sandra



Pictured: Maxwell & Deanne.



# Tiwi Academy



## Highlights from Term 2!

**“Thank you for an incredible Term 2, see below for our highlights over the last few months!”**



### Young Men - After School Program

This term the young men have shown great engagement in the academy program.

Tiwi College has been very lucky to have Danyon here from AFLNT running football programs with the students.

Savage.



### Young Women - After School Program

This term the young women have been very productive in academy program. They repaired the bikes to ride and have been enjoying afternoon walking around campus.

Kay Kay & Deanne.



### Tiwi Fridays

Tiwi Fridays are a great opportunity for our Tiwi staff to set the focus on culture, history and the natural environment which surrounds us. Our students enjoy a combination of in-class lessons and on country excursions.



# New Staff



**The first semester at Tiwi College saw some big changes with staffing & strategic actions in line with essential financial management. It is great to report that as the College has settled, future opportunities are on the horizon and Tiwi people are encouraged to register interest in upcoming roles which will be shared via Tiwi networks and seek.**



*Family Group Home 1 Parents  
Waisele, Loraini and their 2 children Keith and  
Judah*

The Yalani's moved to Australia in 2017 originally from Fiji and came to Australia through religious visa as a missionary to the East Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. They have been living and working in Elcho/Galiwinku Island for the past 5 years with their adopted Yolngu family. Waisele, Loraini, Keith and Judah all speak fluent Yolngu dialect, which was valuable to their connection with the Yolngu people in East Arnhem Land.



*Operations Manager  
Gavin Page*

Gavin grew up in Cape Town, South Africa before moving to Gold Coast, Queensland. Before starting at Tiwi College, Gavin was teaching international carpentry students at a private RTO and worked on movie sets for Netflix, Amazon Prime and MGM.

Gavin takes a genuine interest in his students, work colleagues and really enjoys teaching and sharing knowledge.



# Junior Young Women



Pictured: Cilia & Joan at Tiwi Friday excursion to the Museum

JMYW that have attended school this Term have been able to engage in Numeracy lessons focusing on money, best buys and time. They had an opportunity to visit and compare prices of basic goods in local community shops and Woolworths online platform. In Literacy students engaged with the language, structure and purpose of storytelling. Students created a short imaginative narrative with a focus on descriptive writing.

They have also been learning on country engaging in collecting healthy bush tucker and visiting organisations like Tiwi Design. We've also had lots of hands-on opportunity to prepare healthy snacks and meals, sew household articles and accessories.

Thank you to family for encouraging the girls to attend school and all staff at Tiwi College for supporting the students in their learning journey.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday of camping, hunting and reconnecting with family on country or interstate.





# JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN





# Junior Young Men



Pictured: Valerian, Winston, Patrick, Max, Mark, Keanu, AJ & Bronson

In last terms newsletter I talked about my excitement of the opportunities available in 'Learning on Country'. As the Dry arrived each Friday the 'Junior Men' have had the opportunity to head out of campus to do activities that The Island provides organised by Tiwi staff. We have been to Tarracumbi swimming and cooking yinkiti, McClair fishing for Blue Salmon, Purnali to go crabbing and more fishing and to visit the museum at Wurri. These experiences create further opportunities to build on Literacy skills and provide solid educational value back in the classroom. Junior men have been focusing on writing both recounts and narratives, the latter which has 3 parts orientation, complication and a resolution. Enjoy your read of one of our Junior Men's narrative. He nailed the skills in his narrative and created a humorous story. We have been using VampTV and Vibe Readers, both resources geared towards Community students and the Junior Men have enjoyed the activities improving other literacy skills. Lifeskills continued this term with some great cook ups in the Farm Kitchen, Roast buffalo was certainly one of the favourites during this time. Numeracy skills are developed with each dish made learning weights and measures too.

Regular visits to the Picka creek were enjoyed by all the men and they created there own game of Water AFL and learnt more water safety skills swimming in in these magic spots. Next term we are all looking forward to an overnight camp as well as a weeks long trip to Scotch College in Melbourne, this is creating much excitement within the Junior Men's class.

If you know of other Junior Men that could be enrolled at Tiwi College please do let them know of the forthcoming activities and I will look forward to assisting with their learning as I do with my current mob.

Mana - Lindsay.





# JUNIOR YOUNG MEN

On Monday Bronson decided to go out hunting so he go all his gear and drove out bush.

**Complication** - major problem that the main character (protagonist) has to solve.  
He went to this one fishing spot called McIaire when he throw his line out a really massive Puffer fish took his line it made bronson fall in the water sinking under the water.

**Resolution** - how the problem is solved.  
he abs sinking under the water about to die but savage came to the rescue and hapoon bronson in the back and pulled him up luckily bronson made it and the puffer fish was til on the line so they ate it.

*I really like this story mate!  
Great Effort*

Remember to:  
engage your audience through descriptions and building tension.





# Senior Young Women



Pictured: Caroline, Alice & Winnie - Jessie River



Pictured: Drivers Licence Tests & Healthy Tucker Assessment

## Awungana,

This term, Senior Young Women have worked exceptionally hard and made some real progress with their learning.

We enjoyed a trip to Jessie River focused on 'Healthy Tucker', getting our learner driver permits, completing work experience and creating a video about Kitchen Safety.

The Senior Young Women's class was very lucky to have a number of community businesses and organisations host them for work experience and others who were willing to host in the future.

We would love to thank these businesses and organisations for their support of our class and commitment to the development of workplace skills and relationships to ensure our class is best prepared for employment after school.

We hope everyone has a great bush holiday with families and friends and refreshes ready for Term 2.

Ashlee, Leanne & Joy



# SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN

