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Principal's Message

Our pledge to parents is to do everything we can to give your children the best education we can deliver. We strive to keep them happy and safe.



Tiwi College is a great school because we care!

When you send your child to Tiwi college you can be sure that they are going to be well cared for and nurtured in our wonderful Family Group Home settings. They will be safe, well-nourished and as far as we can manage freed up from community distractions. This was of paramount importance to our founding fathers to ensure students could keep their focus on learning.

Our Staff love being at Tiwi College and they love your children - but none of us are perfect. There will always be challenges in a school setting and to deal with these we set boundaries, rules and codes of behaviour. They are not at all unreasonable but for the safety and well-being of our Picka family - the Tiwi College community - they must be adhered to.

Our pledge to parents is to do everything we can to give your children the best education we can deliver. We strive to keep them happy and safe and this is a challenge we readily accept.

2023 has at times been a difficult year - it has thoroughly tested us on many fronts but as we have addressed each challenge we have become stronger and stronger. There have been many outstanding individual performances and some wonderful team successes but the moments of which we can and should be most proud are those that have truly challenged us and we endured because we have faced them as a community.

My thanks to all our college staff, our parents and community members for all of your efforts and contributions throughout the year. For those of us leaving, we wish them well in their future endeavours, and for those of us returning I wish you a safe and enjoyable break.

The 2024 academic year is calling to us. It offers us the chance to renew our focus, reignite our passion for learning and build on our successes. Let's meet it with the same energy and burning desire for success we would meet opponents in a grand final!

Greg Hollis.

Well-Being Team

The Well-Being team was started in Term 2 this year. Throughout the year the team has worked hard on creating a safe and friendly environment for all of our students, staff and visitors. The Well-Being hub has been a place of learning, a place for students to come and have chat, discuss/resolve any issues, and has also become a hang out for the students at recess and lunch. We would like to thank our wonderful students for such a great year and would like to share some of our highlights;

- Garma Festival
- Engagement Days in the communities
- Year 6 Orientation Day
- Visit from Richmond Football Club
- All of our Learning on Country Days



Junior Young Women

Awungana mamanta,

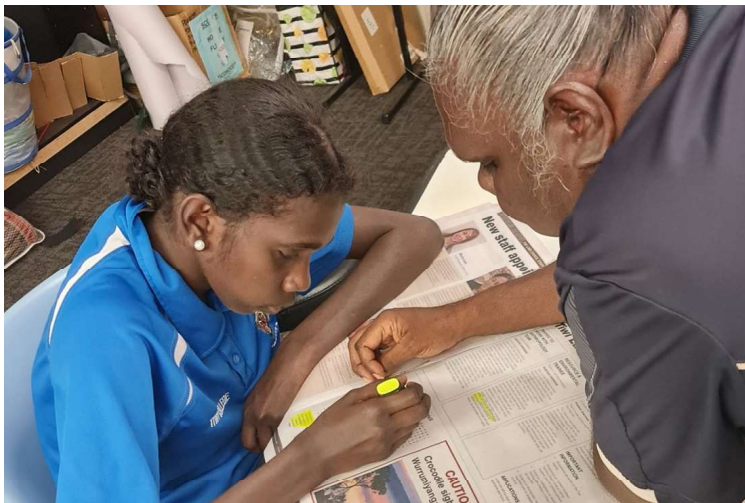
Semester 2, 2023 has seen an increase in student numbers in the Junior Middle Young Women class.

Most of the class were in constant attendance with the girls trying their best in class engagement and productivity.

The girls were fortunate to attend the Solar Car Workshop in Darwin in Week 2 of Term 4. They were able to help put together a solar car and participated at different booths that were up on the day.

Thank you to the Principal for helping us go on this trip. Thank you also to our parents and guardians for your support in helping us get to school every week.

Cilia & Joy



JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN



Junior Young Men

This term JYM class have focused on Literacy and Numeracy in the morning sessions and electives in the afternoon. The Macqlit Reading intervention lessons for Literacy have improved both phonics knowledge and comprehension skills. The JYM have also completed a film study on the NZ movie 'Boy'.

In Numeracy the JYM have been following the BKS modules and have all improved in their number skills.

Social and Emotional learning has been an elective the JYM have participated in with social games and discussions that build resilience.

The JYM Participated in the Basketball NT 'Bring Bounce back to the Islands' Remote clinic for the day at Xavier College and had a lot of fun building skills and playing games.

Our lifeskills cooking classes have continued with a variety of dishes including buffalo and goose cooked in the Farm Kitchen.

Learning on Country activities have included learning of Pukamani, learning the skill of ritual Pukamani pole preparations, Purnali Beach, swims at Taracumbi and fishing at spots close by. The JYM are always excited to do these hands on activities.

Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe and happy Christmas and New Year.
Lindsay & Bronson.



JUNIOR YOUNG MEN



Senior Young Women

Awungana,

This term the SYW's class have worked tirelessly to complete their final assignments in time for the semester two grading period. They have researched, planned and created canvas paintings with accompanying folios of design process and progress. As well as worked on an art inquiry focused on local Tiwi artists and art centre Jilamara.

In Literacy, students created their own gothic stories with creepy and strange characters and gloomy, spooky settings. The plots were very creative and gave us all a good laugh. They transitioned onto a new genre of superheroes and presented an oral presentation on a superhero they created to fight a community issue (locally, nationally or globally). Some issues included; vaping and smoking, homelessness, poverty, gossiping or bullying and stealing.

Students have begun working on the health and safety units towards the completion of their Certificate II in Community Services with Ange from TITEB.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ashlee & Leanne



SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN



SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION SYDNEY EXCURSION

A group of Senior Young Women travelled to Sydney as part of the Create Initiative funded by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

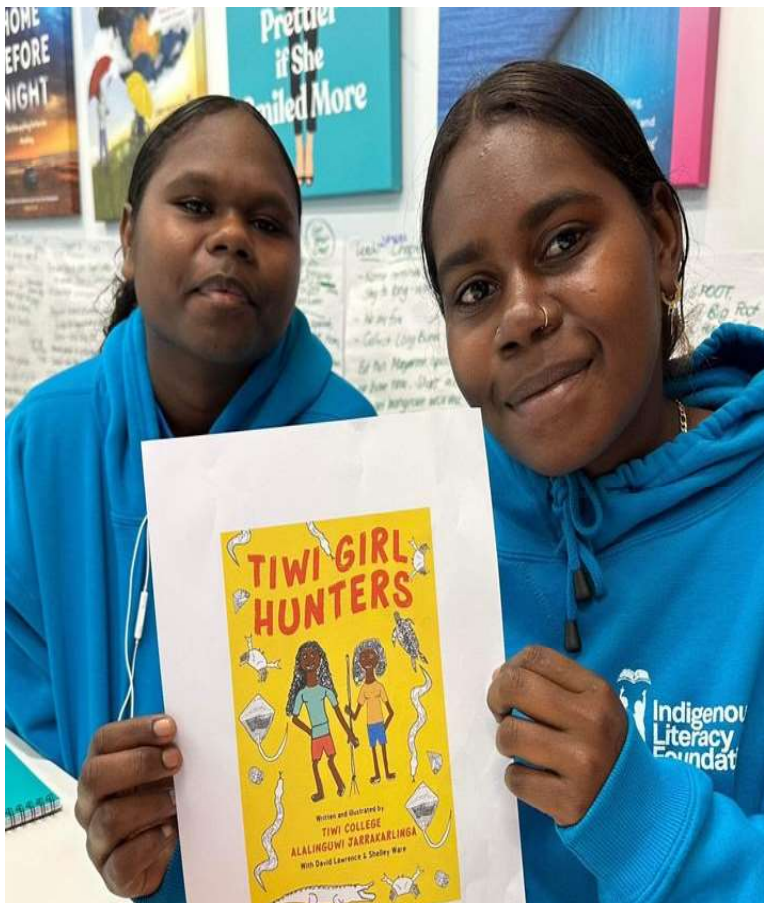
During their time in Sydney the students attended workshops over three days where they worked with authors Shelley Ware and David Lawrence and Hachette publishers and editors to write and illustrate a book across three days.

Students were required to come up with their own ideas and develop their setting, characters and plot. They worked on writing, illustrating, the blurb, the cover and editing. This year they chose to write a chapter book about two besties going hunting. It is titled 'Tiwi Girl Hunters'.

Throughout the week the students were also interviewed by ILF and NITV. They attended a book launch where they unboxed the books, signed autographs and spoke with many people in the publishing industry. This developed their communication skills and confidence in public speaking.

It wasn't all hard work though as the students also had opportunity to see the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House. They visited Taronga Zoo, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, cinema and GWS training centre.

The Senior Young Women's class is grateful to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation for the opportunity to attend the Create Initiative, Shelley Ware and David Lawrence for their expertise in writing and creating as well as their encouragement of the students, Hachette publishing for assisting in the creation of the book and for the printing, the Milikapiti Shop and Milikapiti Sports and Community Club for their sponsorship, and to all the families and friends who support our class in all our endeavours.



SYDNEY EXCURSION

