

Senior Young Men

Awungana,

This term has been as exciting as it has been productive for the Senior Young Men of Tiwi College.

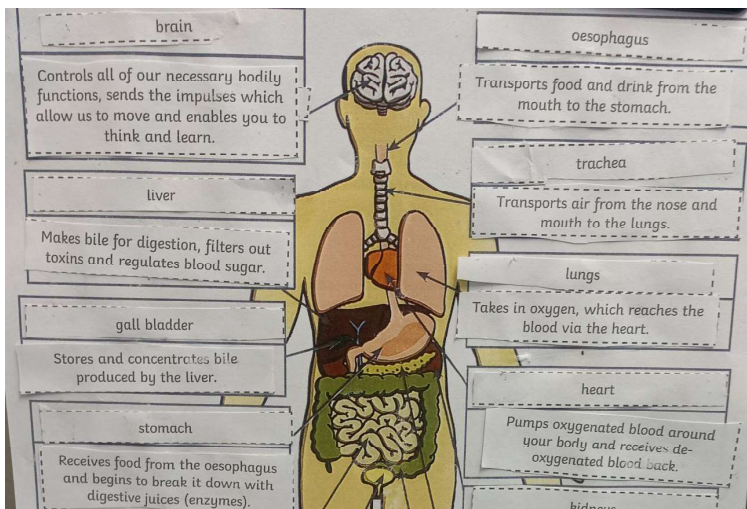
We have continued our push to improve our reading skills with a variety of factual texts responding and discussing the contents of those texts. We have also looked at editing our work and using different forms of grammar in our writing.

When dealing with maths we have looked at multiple digit numbers in relation to addition, subtraction and division. We have learned how to check our answers, by reversing the process to check whether our answers are correct. We have also looked at degrees and measurement with regard to angles and coordinates.

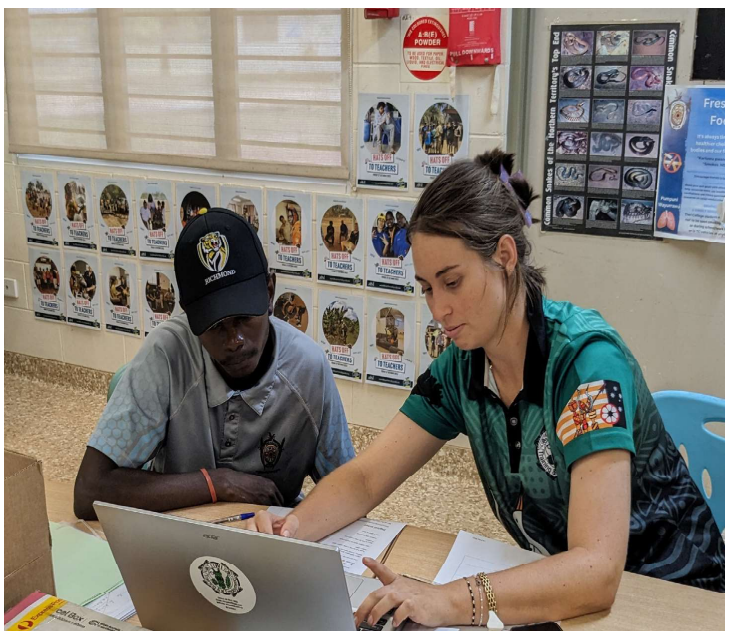
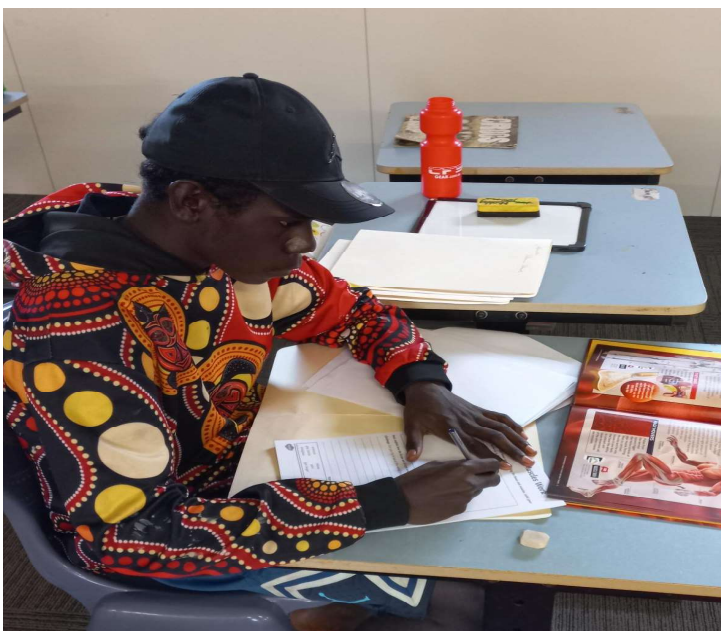
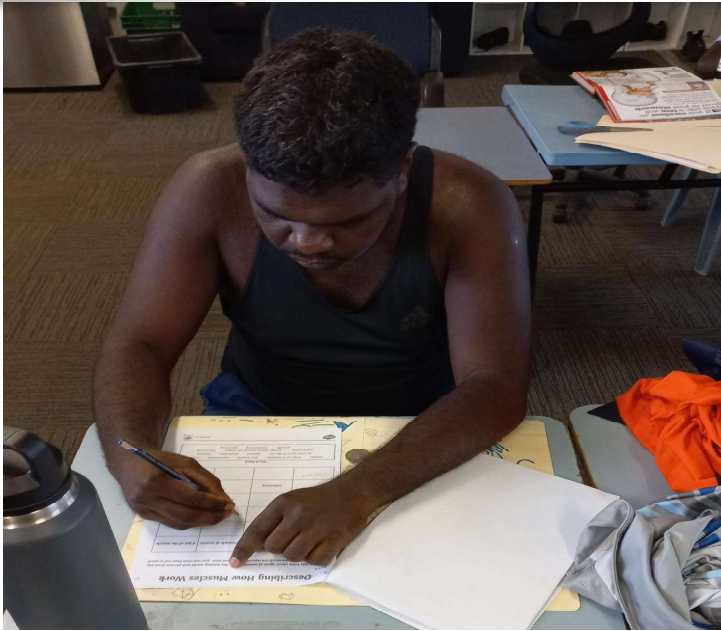
On the work life-skills side of learning, we have used on site machinery to build confidence in their uses. As well as doing maintenance work on site. All of this learning is and has, been geared toward a life outside school to become a productive member of a work force, and member of the community.

I congratulate the Senior Young Men who have come week in, week out, engaged in learning and striving towards their personal best.

Regards,
Mr. T & Paddy



SENIOR YOUNG MEN



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CULTURE CAMP

Tiwi College was lucky to have Richmond Institute visit for a week this term. Richmond Institute visited as part of their annual Top End trip to develop cultural education and leadership qualities.

Richmond delivered a range of fun games around teamwork, building trust, communication to sport and rec activities, fitness and nutrition sessions and healthy social and emotional well-being education.

We are excited to be able to develop a great relationship with Richmond and have plans for yearly visits and to build a strong partnership with them. Looking forward to 2024 and the great opportunities for our students with plans of a graduate program.



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Term Four FGH News

Greetings,

Awungana Mamanta! Bula! Maloilelei! Bagbati! Halo Olaketa! Kia Ora! Howzit!

“Distractions and obstacles are removed, but opportunities are to be pursued.”
– SpringLife.

What an exciting year it has been! It is an honour and privilege serving in a role which involves serving and supporting the stakeholders, managing the daily operation of the house, educating students through extracurricular activities.

2023 began intentionally with the focus in “resurrecting” the college with the emphasis on “reset”, “refocus” and “rebuild”. The hypothesis by neuroscience also highlights similar concepts with, “learn”, “unlearn” and “relearn”.

The vision of the college has been a dream that inspires passion. Specifically, to get us from where we are to where we want to be as a college. Hence, the journey had its challenges and angst that provided a clear perspective to the reality. The predicament was quite daunting, and prayer was a source of strength, comfort, and hope that tomorrow good things will happen.

The rationale was recognizing and utilizing what we have in us through our giftedness, experience, and academic nous to bring about a positive outcome. There’s a sigh of relief as we wrap up the year, and we commend ourselves to an epic job done well.

The dynamics of the boarding team created an awesome synergy giving birth to new ideas and fresh insights, fundamentals for new beginnings.

I commend and thank the team to a great year of unity in spirit, outstanding work ethics and humongous support. Wishing everyone the very best during the holidays.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years! Safe travels and stay safe. God Bless.

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.”
(Colossians 3:23)

Highlights.

- Family group model re-established.
- Boarding structure in place.
- Boarding homes opened and fully functioning and a couple are work in progress.
- Old, returning, and new staff dynamics creating a unique balance.
- Co-coordinator model formed.
- Weekly Timetable established.
- Community Dinner a weekly highlight.
- Refurbishment of homes ongoing.
- Fete’ reintroduced and locked as an annual event.
- Students enjoying their space with TV’s, movies, video games, pool tables, darts, cards, puzzles and so much more.
- Gym sessions a much-anticipated program.
- Life skills program re-established.

Nice to finish the year with getting the students to come up with ideas to serve our Picka community and beyond with acts of kindness.

Malakai Waqa
Nadine Maetoloa

FAMILY GROUP HOME 1 & 2

This term the focus of FGH life skills has been about small acts of kindness and service to the community. We shared dinner with the teacher's as a token of thanks, collected rubbish from all homes on campus then disposed of it at the tip, served at community dinner, helped with cyclone preparations/clean up etc. A great initiative that the boys thoroughly enjoyed and we hope they continue this great work in their individual communities as well.

2023 our first year as Family Group Home parents and we can't believe it's that time already with the festive season just around the corner. We are very grateful for the experience and all those who have been a part of our journey this year especially the boys of FGH2 as they've taught us resilience, patience, understanding & love. What a journey and definitely one for the books!

With that we leave you with our best wishes for the upcoming festivities and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Maikeli & Nesi



FAMILY GROUP HOME 1 & 2



FAMILY GROUP HOME 4

Our life skills theme for this term is all about “Do small things with great love” by Mother Teresa.

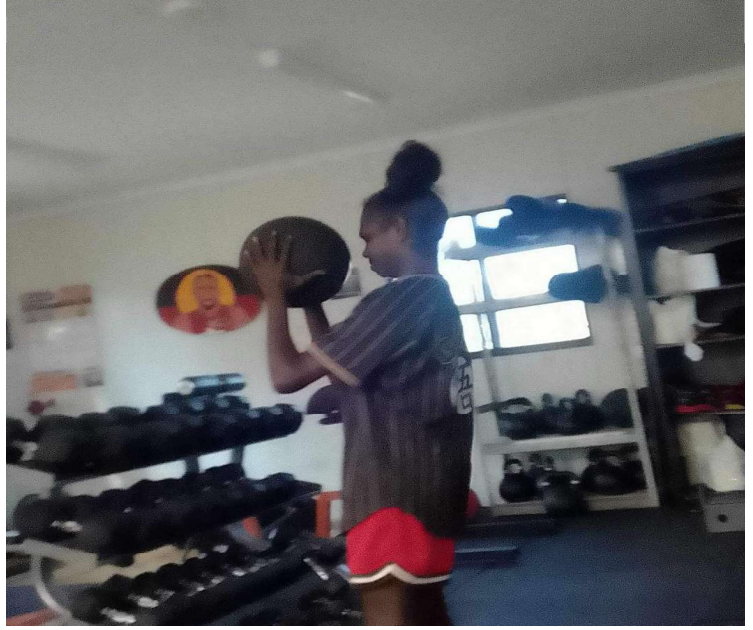
The girls have put up ideas of how we can use our hands to contribute to the community and the college. The ideas are:

- Being responsible for a group effort in the academy sessions.
 - Baking for community dinner.
- Cleaning up our own beds and putting rubbish in the bins.
- Helping to prep for dinner or supper by cutting vegetables and baking etc.
 - Putting up the Christmas tree as a group effort.
 - Praying everynight before bed.

It has been nice to build positive relationships with the FGH 4 young women this term and get to know them before engaging in life skills.
Manasa, Loraini & Waisele.



FAMILY GROUP HOME 4



FAMILY GROUP HOME 7

Awungana Mamanta,

We cannot believe we are in the final term of 2023. We have had the privilege of journeying with the Senior Young Women throughout this year and growing together as a Family Group Home. In the last half of the year we have tried to encourage the girls to make green growth choices to ensure they are challenging themselves and taking the action to become the best version of themselves. This has looked like taking on more responsibility around the home, engaging in key life skills of washing clothes, preparing meals, being on time and cleaning. These skills are all important for life outside Tiwi College and to ensure they are demonstrating attributes that will see them succeed in a work place setting or as they go on to care for families of their own.

This term our focus for life skills has been using our hands to deliver random acts of kindness and service throughout our school and wider communities. The girls decided a number of different service acts they wanted to do and slowly we've been ticking those items off. Some of their chosen activities have been to help cater for World Teachers Day morning tea, make a morning tea for house parents, make a painting for their teacher, package and deliver hygiene products for some of the elders in their community as part of the Happy Box Project, create a nativity scene to display at three ways. Term four has been action packed with all the above as well as their trip to Sydney with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, which has been such a rewarding way for the girls to finish up the year after much hard work and diligence across all areas of life at Tiwi College. We look forward to seeing the girls return in 2024.

Once again, we are so-grateful to have been entrusted with the care of these young women and we hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas holiday season with family and friends; may it be a season of joy and peace for all.

Dunstan, Nadine, Anaiah & Eva



FAMILY GROUP HOME 7



FAMILY GROUP HOME 8

We have ticked off so many boxes as a boarding home which we set out to do from the onset. "Duty of care" is our first and foremost number one priority, where our actions and inactions will impact the wellbeing of those under our care. With that in mind the rest of the process and procedures are handrails to ensure a welcoming, comfortable and safe boarding home.

It has been a privilege to be parents of a bunch of remarkable senior young men (malakaninguwi). Most are familiar students, whilst some are new. The key for us in managing a great boarding home is both in our being and doing as a family unit. Each student contributes to the dynamics of the home in a special way. They are unique in every way with varying special wants and needs which we ensure they are met and handled professionally as best we can. We have had an awesome year, with expectations and goal setting a work in progress. For our graduates, pathways are available (VET), further studies and workforce placement.

Highlights

- Celebrating student's birthdays through the year and special occasions.
 - The reintroduction of the college fete, a family group home initiative.
 - The perks of the school fete are new video games, sports gears, and hard drives for movies.
 - Academy: Footy training, cross-fit, and gym sessions are a much-anticipated program of the week second only to mix nights and community dinner.
 - FGH life skills initiative of the term is "Hands". Our contribution in servicing our college community in some way.
 - Happy boxes consisting of gift packs of varying beauty items to indulge female loved ones.
 - Graduation/Rewards day as we celebrate our student achievements for the term and year.
- Kelera and I wish our young men, their respective families, and communities the very best for the holidays. Have fun and stay safe. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Gode Bless!
Malakai & Kelera Waqa



FAMILY GROUP HOME 8



2024 HIGHLIGHTS

TERM ONE
29 JANUARY - 29 MARCH 2024

TERM TWO
15 APRIL - 21 JUNE 2024

TERM THREE
15 JULY - 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

TERM FOUR
07 OCTOBER - 06 DECEMBER 2024

