

Tiwi College News



Term 1, 2019

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Awana Family and Friends of Tiwi College,

This year we started off with a number of new staff who have all quickly fit into the *Picka-Family*, and are doing an outstanding job. We enrolled a large number of Junior School students who are adjusting to the 'Tiwi College Way', with the help from some of our returning students and our dedicated staff.

All students attending Tiwi College receive a green, orange or red traffic light at the end of every week based on a score of their attitude and effort in the Classroom, Family Group Home and Academy. Each term there is a major incentive reward event held for students who achieved their green light target, and this term we had our highest participation rate yet. This is a great sign so early in the year, and suggests there will be some outstanding learning and achievements to come.

I want to thank all of our staff for their efforts in helping each student achieve their goals. There is a really positive feeling about 2019 and I am really excited for the year ahead.

Some things to look forward to next term:

- ⇒ Back to school Disco.
- ⇒ Girls and Boys engagement fishing trips.
- ⇒ Junior and Middle Young Men's Scotch College visit in Melbourne.
- ⇒ Senior Young Men's and Women's Work Experience on island.
- ⇒ The Boys Academy Room being built (weather permitting).
- ⇒ The Family Group Home Fete on June 13th.
- ⇒ Incentive Culture Camp.
- ⇒ Class projects in the Farm.
- ⇒ Junior Guide Fishing experience for Senior Students.
- ⇒ Red-Dust Visit.
- ⇒ Athletics Day.
- ⇒ End of school Disco.

Until then I hope you all have a safe and happy holidays.

Mana,

Stuart Ward



Hello Everyone,

It was a busy term 1. We had a very large intake of new students. A term that has certainly had its challenges, but very thankful to have the continuing dedication, tireless efforts and commitment of the Executive Team.

Being a busy term to sum up, Term 1 included the following:

- Staff 1st Aid.
- License Registration-Great to have some of our staff achieve their LR and HR License this term.
- Margaret James Book Launch -Thank you to Ms Cally and Ms Courtney McLean for organising and helping the students involved attend this. Special moment for the girls.
- Week 5 Engagement Day with the students fishing trips to Jessie was a fantastic day for all with the students catching some good size quality fish.
- SEDA Program for the Senior Boys and their coaching clinics in the Primary Schools on Melville Island. Well done Matt and Jonas in making sure this continued on this year.
- The Reading Program - in particular the Senior students reading to the Primary School and younger Tiwi
- Our regular Picka Café every Saturday and staff social touch game every weekend.
- Visits from the clinic mob. Tiwi College very much appreciates and are grateful for your service.
- Funerals and Ceremonies: very sad but it is part of the respect we have towards Tiwi Culture for staff and students to attend and send our condolences towards the families - a massive thankyou to all the staff in your understanding of this.
- Church every Sunday - Thank you to those staff in leading the church in prayer and to the staff for their music and lunch.

As you have read, it certainly has been an extremely busy term with so much happening, and not to forget, all the programs that all staff have initiated and delivered to the students this term. I thank the Academic, FGH, Tiwi Academy and Ancillary Staff in allowing me to work with you and I look forward to working with you all next term.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Sila Pati - Assistant Principal



Welcome New Staff



Karina Lalara

Previous Job: Danila Dilba Health Services

Current Position: Office Administrator

Home town: Darwin

Family Members: Dennis Henry (Aka Denden), Makayla, Xavier and Isla-Shae

AFL team: Tigers

Hobbies: Fishing and spending time with my babies

What I like about being a part of the Picka Family:
They are all wonderful people and feel a sense of belonging

Funniest moment at Tiwi College: Always a laugh with staff members

James

Previous Job: Trainee Mentor at Bhagwan Marine

Current Position: Trades Assistant/ Quicksmart (boys) / Junior Guides

Home town: Darwin

Family Members: I have 1 older brother and 2 sisters, And I have a beautiful partner with 2 boys and 1 girl.

Hobbies: Watching sport, Playing with my kids and hunting on land and sea

What I like about being a part of the Picka Family: My family love to wake up every morning and look out to the beautiful country and feel blessed that we're apart of the Picka Family.

Funniest moment at Tiwi College: Mr. DenDen's jokes

Favourite part of the week: Everyday

Cally Jetta

Previous Job: Aboriginal Education Coordinator, Coodanup College, WA

Current Position: Academic Coordinator

Home town: Mandjagoordup, W.A

Family Members: Husband Clinton Jetta, 4 sons Clinton Jnr(10), Kobe(8), Jacob(6) and Maali (4)

What I like about being a part of the Picka Family: The freedom my kids can enjoy here and the strong sense of community

Favourite part of the week: Friday assembly, staff and students are all excited for weekend and Thursday community dinners

My Interesting fact: Our home town in WA means meeting place in the Noongar language.

Courtney Higglett

Previous Job: Ski and Snowboard Instructor

Current Position: Female Academy Coordinator

Home town: Melbourne

Family Members: 2 Sisters (Kate & Eli) , Mum (Tracey), Dad (Richard), Rabbit (Kippa)

What I like about being a part of the Picka Family: Going fishing on the weekends with everyone!

Funniest moment at Tiwi College: When one of the boys sprayed me with a water pistol at the rewards dinner and I said " oh is it raining?" and I was standing under a roof!

Favourite part of the week: Academy Training with the girls on Tuesdays and Thursdays

My Interesting fact: I have an identical twin sister

Jack Mcgrath

Previous Job: Employment at a winery

Current Position: Middle Young Men's teacher

Home town: Yinnar, Gippsland VIC

Family Members: Damian (Dad), Claire (Mum), Patrick (Brother) & Vincent (Brother)

What I like about being a part of the Picka Family: Building relationships with the students

Funniest moment at Tiwi College: Watching the students run wild in the heavy rain.

Favourite part of the week: Community dinner with the entire Picka family.

My Interesting fact: I've lived in overseas in India for a year.

Elias Karageorgiou

Previous Job: Primary Teacher at Templestowe Park

Current Position: Junior Young Men Teacher

Home town: Melbourne

Family Members: Mum- Jenny, Dad- Michael, Brother- George

What I like about being a part of the Picka Family: the sense of community and love I felt, the moment I stepped foot off the plane at Picka!!

Funniest moment at Tiwi College: Thinking I lost a student at the creek but realised one of them was hiding from me underneath the waterfall. Big panic stations for a couple of minutes. Students found it hilarious!!

Favourite part of the week: Monday morning check-ins with the boys and hearing about their stories and what they got up to on the weekend.

Deb Calder

Previous Job: Learning Support Teacher on Thursday Island

Current Position: Special Education Needs Co-ordinator

Home town: Melbourne

Family Members: 5 brothers and sisters. 1 son

What I like about being a part of the Picka Family: The community feel & meeting new people

Funniest moment at Tiwi College: watching the new staff hook a barra, then losing it when the line snaps.

Favourite part of the week: Reading groups in the morning

My Interesting fact: I went to Antarctica

Kate Sunderland

Previous Job: Prep grade Templestowe Park Primary

Current Position: Junior Young Women's teacher

Home town: Mornington, Melbourne, Victoria

Family Members: Mum- Lynne, Dad- Stephen and sister - Jessie

What I like about being a part of the Picka Family: I love the sense of community and that you always have so many people there to listen to you when you need support. I also love how much fun everyone can have!

Funniest moment at Tiwi College: When a King Brown snake slithered into my classroom. I ran and jumped on my table and had to hop from table to table to get my radio to scream HELP!

Favourite part of the week: Wednesday mornings, as we have most of our students and we enjoy talking about our favourite moments so far and things we are looking forward to.

Adele Booth

Previous Job: Art/Drama teacher at The Kilmore International School

Current Position: Art Teacher

Home town: One Tree Hill, South Australia

Family Members: Parents: Lyndall and David, Sisters: Clara and Verity, Nephew: Callan, Niece: Macey

What I like about being a part of the Picka Family: Everyone learning from each other

Funniest moment at Tiwi College: Falling over in front of the SYW while trying to smear Titctac's face with shaving cream,.

Favourite part of the week: The moment when I look around the room and all of the students are engaged in making art

My Interesting fact: I have ridden through the snow on the back of a reindeer on the border of Siberia/ Mongolia



Shania Puruntatameri

A big welcome back to Shania, a graduate of Tiwi College. Shania is now working with the Middle Young Women, along side Courtney McLean, as the Teacher's Assistant.



Awana Mamanta!

I am very happy to be a part of the Tiwi College staff this year and have filled the role of Academic Coordinator. I have moved to Pickataramoor from the South West of W.A which is Noongar country, along with my husband (Clinton) and our 4 sons, Clinton Jnr (10), Kobe (8), Jacob (6) and Maali (4). Our 3 eldest boys attend Miss Jayde's Primary class here at Tiwi College and all of us are really enjoying being here.

I am still getting to know all of the students here and am grateful for how welcoming they have been towards me and my family. I look forward to working hard to ensure all Tiwi College staff feel supported and every student has access to a top-class teaching and learning program. Please feel welcome to call or email the school if ever you would like some information about the curriculum and programs that are being delivered here at the college.

I am truly grateful and blessed to be working and living in such a beautiful place and to be able to experience and learn about Tiwi history, culture and language. Thank you everyone for giving my family and I this amazing opportunity and for making us feel welcome here on Tiwi.

Warm wishes,

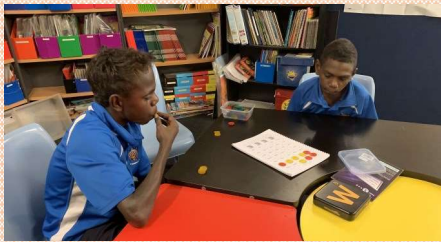
Cally Jetta





From the Kimberley to Tiwi—via Thursday Island

Hi Families and Friends. My name is Deb Calder and I have just started working at Tiwi College. Before coming to Tiwi Island I worked at Yiramalay Studio School in the Kimberley, then at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School on Thursday Island, Torres Strait. The culture and dancing in the Torres Strait was my favourite part of the island experience, and I can't wait to see the dancing on Tiwi Islands. I do miss getting out on the water in the outrigger each afternoon but I'm loving the fishing here on Tiwi—the fish are so much bigger.



My Role at Tiwi College

My job here at Tiwi is the Special Education Needs Co-ordinator, which makes me one of the luckiest members of staff because I get to work with all the students across the campus with their reading. I've learnt that the best way to teach reading is combining lots of word games that are linked to the book we are reading.



My favourite Tiwi Moment Term 1

Heading out to Jesse River as a Troopy convoy with the girls was one of my favourite days this term. It definitely brought back fond memories of trips in the Kimberley. This trip was part of a reward for working hard and a chance for the new staff to bond with the rest of the Picka Family.

I look forward to having more reward trips with the students

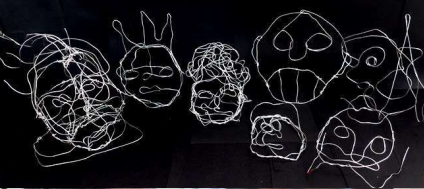


My family

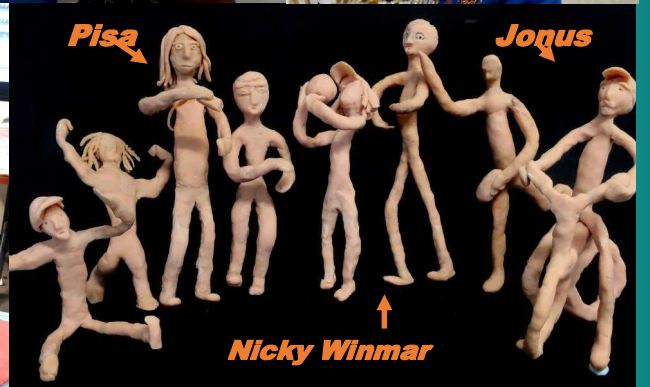
I am originally from Melbourne and most of my family are still there. I have one son, Jakob, who is 25 and working as a paramedic in London. I hope he gets the chance to come to Tiwi and meet all the wonderful Tiwi students.

A big thank you to the Picka Family for making me feel so welcome during my first term at Tiwi College.

Art

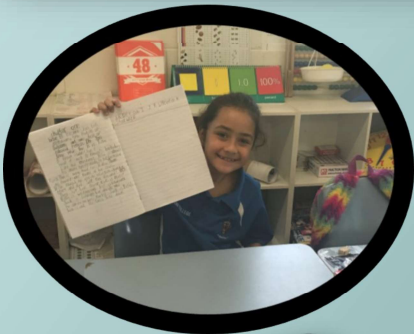


In Art we have been busy imagining, creating, problem solving, playing and talking about culture.



Kakirijuwi

This term we have been learning new types of poetry and how to write them. We have made draft and good copies which we displayed, and they will get made into a poetry book that we can take home and show our family. Bobette, Jayde, Adele and Cally have been really proud of how us mob have been concentrating and working hard to be stronger writers. They have also been really excited that we have been enjoying reading new books and borrowing them over night.



We have been loving getting to try new things in ART with Miss Adele. We had the theme of 'the ocean' and we made jelly-fish, turtles and octopus' using different materials. We also did an experiment which was like a lava lamp.



We made a bet with our teachers that if we got 14/18 class points we could make waffles in class. We ended up getting 15 points and here are some photos.

