



**TERM 1 NEWSLETTER, 2024**



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SAVE THE DATE - Thursday 6th June, 2024!

# Upcoming Community Engagement



## TERM 2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Monday 15th April - Pirlangimpi
- Tuesday 16th April - Milikapiti
- Wednesday 17th April - Wurrumiyanga



# Principal's Message

## Welcome to our Term 1 Newsletter

What a fantastic start to the year! During this first term we have witnessed a real thirst for knowledge from our dedicated students and an appreciation of the efforts and sacrifices being made to give them a great education.

There has been a great deal of activity throughout the term and while the pages that follow bear testimony to this, look more closely and you will see the key secrets of what makes Tiwi College such a great school:

We work hard, we enjoy challenges, we care for each other and yes, we most definitely have a lot of fun.

Students and staff are working hard, our culture program is going from strength to strength. We have hosted dignitaries, footballers, family and friends of the college. We dance, we sing and we share stories of our successes, our hopes and our dreams. The Picka family is a great family to belong to, a family where we not only care for each other, we challenge ourselves and see changes as opportunities for growth and development.

As we strive to be the best we can be we are always looking for opportunities to grow, improve and advance learning opportunities.

At the start of Term 2 our college staff will be dedicating time to visit communities, meet with parents, listen to ideas and outline the initiatives we will be trialing. As a result our students first day back on campus next term will be Thursday 18th April.

Ahead of that we wish you all a relaxing and refreshing holiday and, as always, we look forward to seeing all of our students rearing and ready to go for an exciting and productive Term 2.

Greg Hollis  
Tiwi College - Principal



# Academy



# & Tiwi Friday



## Girls Academy

We have had Deanne and Stacey run fitness sessions for the ladies. The other days Family Group Home have run volleyball and basketball.

The girls have also enjoyed long walks and creek swims this term!



## Boys Academy

We are working with a simple training programme and timetable that hopefully will inspire and motivate students to the many benefits of fitness and wellbeing as a way of life to further enhance and supplement their sporting activities and dreams. Highlights of the term:

- Circuit training.
- Gym sessions.
- Basketball and hit the ball options.
- Footy training.



## Tiwi Friday

We have had special guest and founding father Bernard Tipiloura visit this Term to help run Tiwi Friday.

Students have learnt how to hunt and gather for jukwarringa (mud mussel) and piranga (long bum) and have enjoyed on country learning and learning Tiwi language through games.

# Junior Young Women



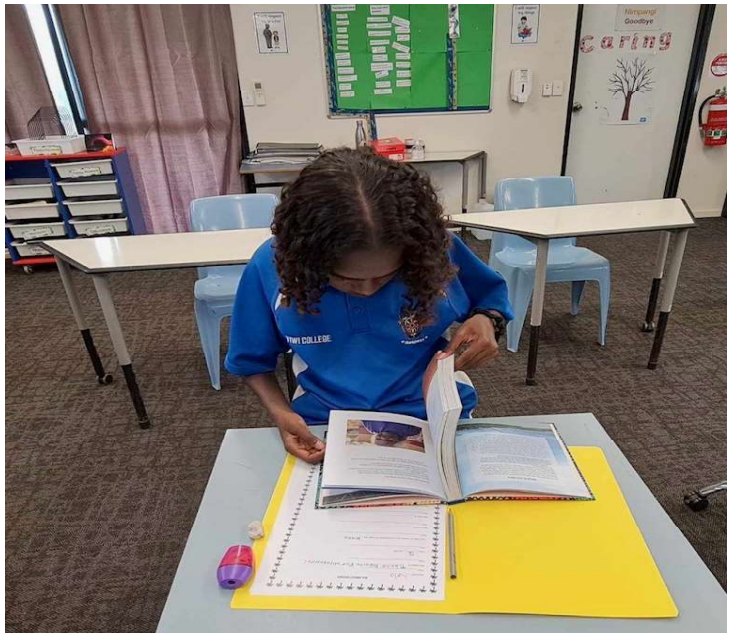
We welcomed new students at the commencement of Term 1 and our class roll is gradually increasing. The girls are adjusting well to class routine and engaging well in class.

We also welcomed back our Year 8's and 9's and they have been working on being good role models to our new students. Apart from our Literacy, Numeracy and Elective lessons we have had the privilege of learning on country through our culture program.

Some of the students were also able to attend an excursion to BIMA wear as part of the Design and Technologies class. Thank you to all parents, guardians, and staff for supporting our students education and wellbeing.

Cilia & Marie

# JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN



# Junior Young Men



The Junior and Middle Young men have had a challenging term getting to know their new teacher who has high expectations and is challenging them with complex tasks, but they are adjusting and rising to the challenge.

Our overall motto for this year is "Let's grow strong together." The young men have been working on a collaborative art task incorporating traditional Tiwi techniques as well as leaf printing and learning about mixing colours.

In maths the men have been tackling pre-algebra topics such as positive and negative numbers, exponents and the language of algebra and are now beginning to recognise like terms.

IT skills have been increasing as the men practice online NAPLAN tests and have learned to play a learning/revision game called Blooket. Incorporated into IT and social development, the men have commenced Zoom sessions with students from Scotch College. This has been fun and is to prepare for visits between the two schools. Students who can regulate their behaviour and are engaged in learning will visit Scotch College next term.

There have been so many amazing learning experiences this term from microscope work, IT, art and many more but most importantly is the learning the men experience about themselves in a community and building strength for the future.

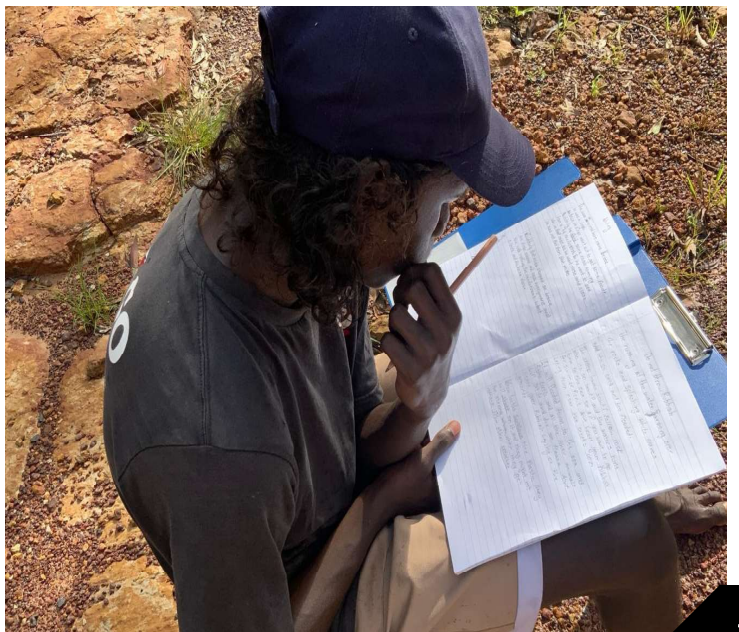
Mrs Jane is so proud and privileged to be part of their learning journey.

Let's Grow strong Together.

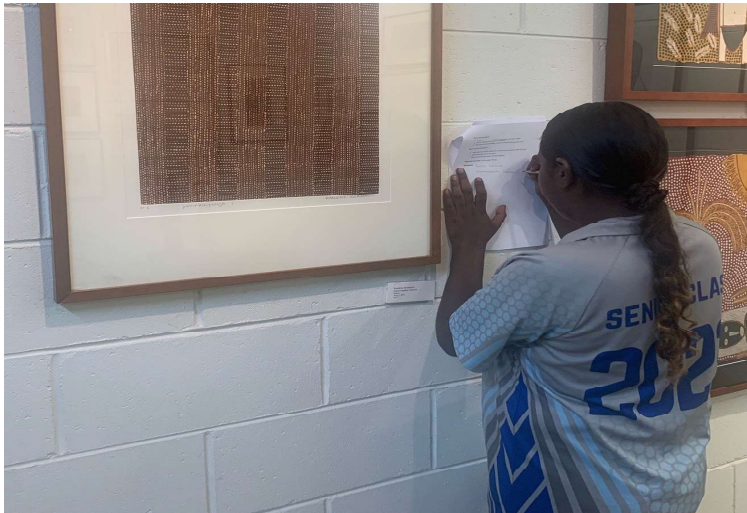
Jane, Bronson & Paddy.



# JUNIOR YOUNG MEN



# Senior Young Women



Senior Young Women have had a great start to 2024!

Students have been working on their distance education subjects towards their NTCET as well as completing VET certificates in Community Services and Conservation and Ecosystem Management.

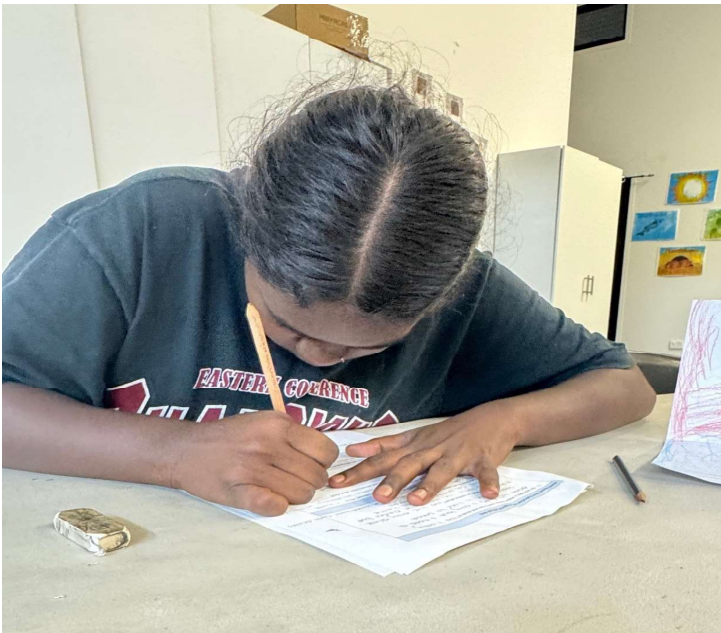
We have set SMART goals for health and wellbeing and completed the St John's First Aid online short course.

Students enjoyed a trip to Jilamara to complete a project on a Tiwi artist and the art centre and created some intricate zen patterns.

We have completed recounts for literacy building on giving more information and using the senses to improve our writing. Students have focused on chronological order and using past tense.

Ashlee & Kay Kay

# SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN



# Senior Young Men



These weeks have been geared towards getting the Senior Young Men ready for work and building their qualifications. The young men who have been attending school rose magnificently to meet that challenge.

We had the Junior Rangers come out to explain about land management and the correct and safe use of chemicals. As well as instructing students on the basics of a dynamic risk assessment.

Students successfully completed their first aid and CPR qualifications. Awesome effort!

These events tied in closely together with other work ready programs building the foundations for all our learners to become employed and empowered young men.

Nathan, Savage & Baru