

# Tiwi College News

Term 2, 2019



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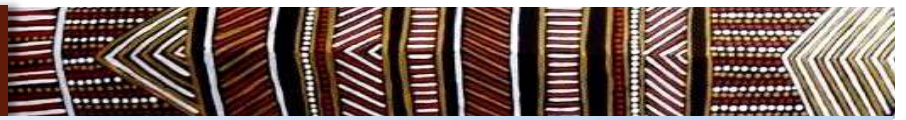
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Awana Family and Friends of Tiwi College,

This term we held our Annual General Meeting and welcomed many returning board members along with several new ones. Our Chairperson Brian Tipungwuti remains, with Andrew Tipungwuti joining us serving as our Deputy Chair. The 2019-2023 strategic plan developed over 2018 will be implemented and lead by the Tiwi Education Board guiding us for the next 5 years. For this year our focus will be settling and consolidating the growth phase the past three years has brought. See below the key goals for 2019. The ones in green have been achieved, and the ones in orange are in progress.

- Develop more culturally appropriate curriculum;
- Develop and implement a whole school consistent approach to Literacy and Numeracy;
- Employ a Special Education Needs Coordinator and improve special needs provision;
- Establish partnership and affiliation with partner Girls school like we have with Scotch College;
- Refurbish FGHS.
- Build boy's Academy Room
- Improve Tiwi Staff Accommodation
- Improve transition pathways from Primary to Secondary & School to Work
- Develop extended VET opportunities and facilities for students.
- Providing relevant and quality PD opportunities for all staff.
- Build student resilience;
- Improve and expand existing stakeholders;
- Improve school and community relations.
- Maintain current friendships and partnerships;
- Create more partnerships that are mutually beneficial.

We wish you all a safe and happy bush holidays and look forward seeing everyone to start term 3.

Mana,

Stuart Ward



Hello Everyone,

Quite a massive term with so much happening. Our staff organized lots of fun filled structured learning activities in their programs, which has lead to quite a busy term.

- \*SMART Spelling PD
- \*Bubble Art Visitors from Italy
- \*ANZAC Day Dawn Service Ceremony.
- \*U/18 AFL Top Women Competition / AFL U/15 Boys and Girls Comp in Darwin.
- \*SYW and SYM Work Experience on island.
- \*SYM Construction Program with Brad Sheppard from CDU.
- \*SYW Residential School in Darwin-NTSDE.
- \*Dreamtime Immersion Trip to Melbourne / Scotch College Excursion to Melbourne.
- \*Culture Camp - Massive thanks to the Academy Team in organising the camp and for the staff who attended for their support and for staff to fulfil such a cultural experience with the students from their end.
- \*End of Term Mass followed by the Fete - A massive thank you to the students for their work with the FGH Staff with their time and investment in a very big project. Well done! The biggest turn out from communities thus far.
- \*Our regular Cafes - Thank you to all the staff for all the great baking of cakes, scones, muffins, pancakes, bacon and egg muffins and different variety of coffee offered...Very Much appreciated.
- \*The Great Gatsby - Staff Dinner. Was a very fun filled exciting night for all who attended-Many thanks to the Social Club for organising the big event.
- \*Red Dust visitors - Always a pleasure to keep our ongoing positive working relationship. Students were also respectful having them join us for the week.
- \*Celebration of Brian and Jennifer Clancy's 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Such a beautiful occasion witnessed by the whole school community. Thank you to Meaghan, Tammy and the FGH Staff, and Liti for the power point, music, speeches, decorations, baking of muffins, and dances by Trouble and the students made it a memorable day.
- \*Athletics Carnival-A day to see our students stand out displaying their natural and gifted abilities with their speed and participation in all the races and field events. Well done to Miss. Courtney H for organising the big event.
- \*Circuz Oz-Fun filled packed workshops for the students.
- \*Report Drops and Engagement Days in the Communities-always great to see families and touch base with them regarding their children.

I take this opportunity to thank the Exec Team; Stu, Cally, Paul, Denden and Joy who work together with the Academic, Academy, FGH, Operations and Tiwi Staff under the guidance of the Advisory Board of the TEB. It really is both a Blessing and a Privilege to work alongside all who are here to make a positive difference with these kids.

Mana

Sila Pati-Assistant Principal.



# Academic Coordinator



Awana Mamanta!

It has been a very full and busy semester as far as academic developments and opportunities go here at Tiwi College. I am pleased to share that after several meetings and lots of staff input we now have a whole school approach to teaching literacy and numeracy at the college along with an overview for Geography, History and Science studies that has a specific Tiwi starting point. These changes have been supported by fantastic new resources for classroom teaching and learning; some great professional development for staff and an updated and consistent approach to assessment and data collection. Our NAPLAN students did a fantastic job this year with the majority sitting through the three testing sessions and putting in their best efforts. We were very proud of their work and conduct.

In Term 2 our college made a connection with Ruyton Girl's School in Melbourne in the hopes of establishing an ongoing student exchange program for our Middle Young Women similar to that which the boys enjoy with Scotch College. Our group of six comprised of three year 9-10 girls and three staff travelled to Melbourne for 4 nights where we enjoyed a busy timetable comprised of in school lessons and activities as well as out of school experiences such as attending training and touring the facilities at Collingwood Football Club; visiting the National Gallery of Victoria and seeing the Botanical Gardens and War Memorial. We were also lucky to attend Melbourne University and meet some staff and students from the Indigenous Centre there who provided our group with a tour along with great information about pathways and opportunities on offer for Indigenous students wanting to study in Melbourne.

In week 8 a small group of primary, Junior and Middle Young Women students were invited to attend the Literacy Festival at Milikapiti Primary School with special visitors from the Indigenous Literacy Foundation along with star Jessica Mauboy. Tiwi College's latest publication with ILF was launched and a section read aloud by primary student volunteers. The students all enjoyed lunch, a play with the other students and a mini concert by their idol Jess. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all and we are very grateful to Milikapiti Primary and ILF for inviting Tiwi College to attend, we look forward to more great collaborations with ILF and we also thank them for supplying us with beautiful resources, books and t-shirts.

Wishing all of our students are safe and happy holiday break, enjoy your camping!

Mana,

Cally Jetta

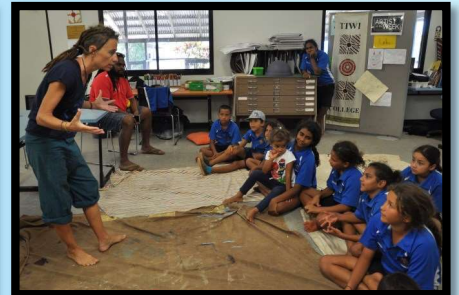
Academic Coordinator



# Primary Mob

This term we have welcomed three new students into our classroom. Deborah and Andriesha Tipungwuti and Maria Puruntatameri, which takes our class total to 16! We have been very lucky to have had a lot of visitors to our classroom this term.

- Marion from Senior Young Women joined us for some of her work experience, and she worked with our younger mob on some reading games.
- Kimberley Stassi and Taylah Pati from Senior Young Women ran a health lesson and supported the primary mob to make posters.
- Miss Deb visited to help teach our class about split digraphs and play literacy games
- Helen from DI to check up on us and assess our reading development.
- Italians Francesca and Julia to do bubble art.



We also went on a special excursion and got to meet Jessica Mauboy. Thanks to Indigenous Literacy Foundation and Milikapiti Primary School.





## JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN Term 2

The Junior Young Women have settled nicely into term 2. We have enjoyed lots of learning, excursions and developing our relationships.



We have been continuing our routines of literacy and numeracy. The girls have enjoyed our new spelling program and have worked hard to learn different spelling choices. In maths, they have enjoyed our new computer program. On this program they must think quickly to answer different questions.

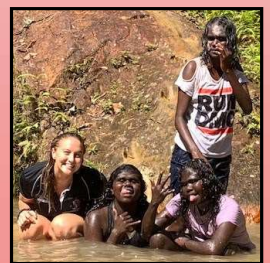


This term we have looked at the culture and country of China. We have compared their culture to our own. The students enjoyed cooking different Chinese dishes.

The students enjoyed learning about Chinese dragons. They had a go at drawing their own.



This term, the students were lucky to have a few excursions. The students got to go to the beach to look at different shells and understand more about coral. The students also got to go to Taracumbi falls for an afternoon out with their teachers. This was LOTS of fun!



## JUNIOR YOUNG MEN TERM 2 2019

Term 2 saw the boys continue to work on routines within the classroom. The boys had a jam packed term with many of them attending Culture Camp as well as the annual 2019 Scotch Trip. The boys also attended our engagement day at South Beach which was full of fishing, touch rugby and even some turtle hunting!!



The boys also participated in some life-skills sessions at school which included some cooking sessions. The boys learned how to make home made pizzas by following a recipe as well as cleaning up after ourselves in the kitchen. Following on from this, the boys then got in the kitchen and made some sausage rolls from scratch which turned out to be a hit with students and staff member!!

Throughout the term the students continued to have a significant focus on wellbeing and building upon our resilience. The boys completed a range of activities in our Resilience Project resource which allowed them improve in all areas. As a class we have developed our ability to regulate our emotions better and speak about issues when they arise.



## MIDDLE YOUNG WOMEN

This Term we have been working on our attendance to class and completing set work tasks. Some girls have really stepped up their efforts, which is great to see.

We have been looking at The Great Barrier Reef and how special it is. Did you know that coral is made up of tiny animals called Polyps and is not a plant?!!!!

We have made some delicious food down at the farm kitchen, we even had our 'celebrity chef' Aliti come down and show us how to make some delicious and spicy curry.

Crystal, Shannon and Chanelle were lucky enough to be selected to go down to Melbourne due to good behaviour and improvements in areas of the classroom. We were hosted by Ruyton Girls School and had a great time establishing a relationship between the two schools. We hope that in the coming years our girls will be given the opportunity to participate in an exchange program, similar to that of the boys program with Scotch College. We are very proud of how our girls conducted themselves, even when they were frozen from the Melbourne cold.

This term we have also met Jessica Mauboy when she came to Milikapiti with the ILF, visited Pularumpi school and did some activities with the young ones there, there was Rewards Camp for those who earnt a green traffic light and Athletics Day assisted by Red Dust.

A great term filled with plenty of fun things to do!

We look forward to seeing the girls return to school after the Bush holidays ready to work and learn.

Stay safe and look after each other.

Courtney and Shania





# Middle Young Men

Awana from the Middle Young Men,

Term 2 has been a time of culture as our boys took it upon themselves to engage in Indigenous Aboriginal literacy tasks where they were able to develop a stronger understanding of their Tiwi culture but as well learn about other cultures around the world too!



# JYM & MYM travel to Melbourne

Term 2 had many highlights but in particular what an amazing experience it was for the Junior and Middle Young Men that travelled to Melbourne and spent time with their Scotch brothers and their families.

We had many highlights that week but nothing could top our opportunity to join in the Michael Long walk to the MCG and watch the bombers verse the tigers in the Dreamtime match. There was nothing better than watching our young men scream out for Daniel Rioli and Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuit doing the Tiwi Islands proud as they went head to head on the main stage.

A huge thank you to the Scotch families for taking such care for our Tiwi boys and we can only look forward to our visit next year.

Warm regards,

Jack McGrath 'Middle Young Men'.



If any families want to see more photos of their students in Melbourne please email Jack at:

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## Senior Young Women



This term has been a busy one for our class. The Senior Young Women have continued doing reading group with the little ones on Thursday mornings which has been fun. We had on island work experience, followed by NTSDE residential camp in Darwin for a week. Our class have been working hard to finish off their assignments for English, Personal Learning Plan, Child studies, Maths, PE and Art. We have also managed to fit in some time for our wellbeing activities, end of day gratitude's, and some laughs. We enjoyed camp, athletics day and the Fete, and hope everyone has a fun filled bush holidays. We look forward to hearing all your stories when you return for term 3.



Ash & Tictac

