

Tiwi College News



Term 2, 2020

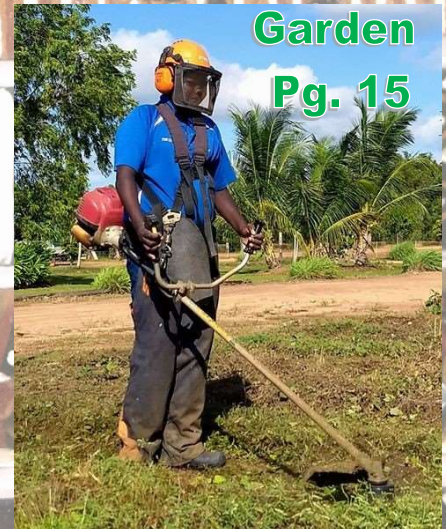
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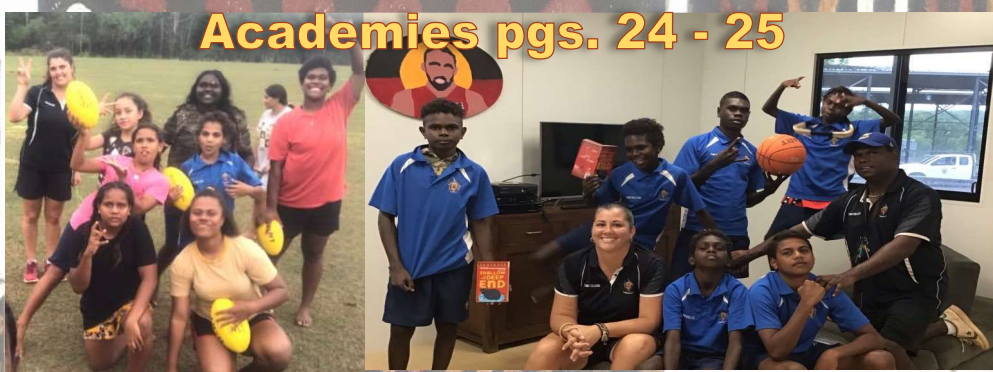
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Hello From the Pickka Family!



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Awana family and friends of Tiwi College.

COVID19 is just about behind us now, and we can start focusing on learning and enjoying success in school. I would like to address an important aspect of schooling. School success starts with attendance. Every day a child stays home means they are missing out on valuable learning. At Tiwi College, every student matters and every moment counts. You might think that a day or two away from school doesn't matter, BUT it actually does.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but				
If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 Day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 11
1 Day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 10
2 Days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 7
3 Days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing in grade 4

We want all our students back at school and enjoying their time here. Next term we will be waiting at the Milikapiti and Pirlingimpi shops every Monday between 9.30 and 10am. Please help us by getting your students ready and waiting for pick ups.

This term we said farewell to some of our wonderful staff:

Anthony Puruntatameri

Shania Puruntatameri

Amelia Laginikoro

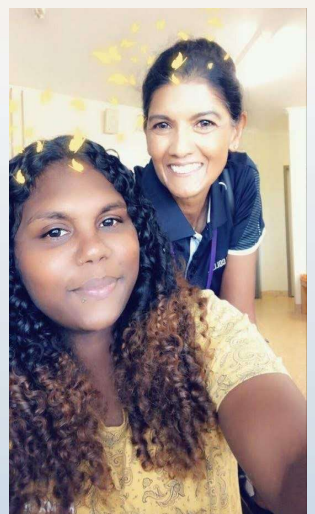
We wish them all the best for the future.

We also welcomed new staff:

Jeffrey Simon Jnr

One of the highlights of our Thursday night community dinners is the opportunity to meet and speak and spend time with our students.

Jill Lees



Hello Everyone,

Quite an interesting term with so many changes affecting the global environment due to Covid 19 and staff having to make changes to their programs to adapt to the environment. This is all due to the staff coming up with lots of fun-filled, structured learning activities in their programs to try and fit in what has been quite an interesting term. This included the following:

- SYW Monster Bake Sale-A great day for staff and students with a very good profit that was made by SYW Teachers and Students.
- Birthday celebrations of staff and students.
- Academy Programs, before, during and after school.
- FGH Lifeskills Program.
- Whole School Incentive Camp - A 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 fantastic experience with the students from their end.
- Christian Fellowship celebrated every Sunday with Mass and an open invitation to the Picka Community. So good to see our Christian Fellowship team go out on weekends to see families as part of their community engagement.
- Celebrating a Baby Shower for one of our staff members - Thank you to all the staff for all the great baking of cakes, scones, muffins, pancakes, and other nourishing types of food, and lots of gifts and presents for Shania. Also for running all of the games during the day to make it such a pleasant and beautiful day for Shania.
- 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 Higlet for organising the big event.
- 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 - Jill, Cally and Paul who work together with the Academic, Academy, FGH, Operations and Tiwi Staff under the guidance of the Advisory Board of the TEB at Picka and the support of the Tiwi Education Board to make a difference with these kids here at Tiwi College, Pickertaramoor. 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.





Awana,

This term teachers have continued on with their literacy and numeracy routines in the mornings and developed a variety of engaging topics and learning activities for the afternoon sessions including cooking, law and government, biology, chemistry, art and history. The English and Maths rotations and daily reading groups are having a positive impact on student progress with many students showing great improvements in their learning and confidence. The introduction of MiniLit and MacLit programs to support student literacy development has been a great addition to our academic program and will greatly assist students to gain the skills and knowledge they need to become proficient readers.

This term has also been an important lead up to the implementation of cultural curriculum in Semester 2 at Tiwi College. For the first time in the college's history, students will be learning about Tiwi history and culture every week as a regular part of their program. Tiwi staff have been involved in fortnightly workshops to prepare activities and resources in readiness for 'Tiwi Friday's' to begin next term. We hope that in the future this will provide a great opportunity for parents, family members and Elders to come and be involved at Tiwi College on Fridays and share their stories and knowledge with our students.

Mana,

Cally Jetta

Academic Coordinator



Xavier Lalara with MaLit tutor Clinton and Layla

Cooper and Alice Daniels with MaLit Coordinator Geri.

Awana! Family and Friends,

Greetings from the Family Group Home Coordinators!

Due to Covid19, our Term 2 of 2020 has presented us with a *"new normal"* and has changed the way we did things this term.

First and foremost, we would like to acknowledge our Creator God, King of the Universe, who without Him, our existence is meaningless and void. Secondly we would like to acknowledge the True Owners of Tiwi Islands, its elders past, present and upcoming, who without them, Tiwi College would have not been here today. From their visions and dreams, we are reaping and enjoying the fruits today.

With Covid19 bringing changes globally and also here in Tiwi College our Fete day was cancelled due to gathering restrictions. None the less, our hardworking Academy team as always, organised rewards camp which is always a major highlight for students and staffs. Both Academic staff and FGH staffs joined the Academy staff in making a two week camp in the bush a memorable one. There were fun activities like fishing and hunting but most of all, students were able to learn more about their Tiwi Culture with the support and guidance of the Tiwi elders present at the camp. We are so proud of these Tiwi students knowing, learning and understanding their traditions and culture and making sure they would be able to pass it down to the future generations of Tiwi. We believe as created beings, God almighty has blessed us with our cultures and traditions which gives us an identity as a Tiwi living in the 21st century.

A big thank you all from Amelia who is leaving us this term to continue her career in Darwin. Thank you all to our present Tiwi elders, Brian and Jennifer for all the love, acceptance and guidance. Thank you to all awesome students, Amelia is going to miss you so much. Remember she is in Darwin and you can always visit and see her there. Thank you all!

Hope you all have a blessed and safe bush holidays... enjoy responsibly!

Love from Paul and Amelia Laginikoro.
Mana!





Look what we are learning in Junior Primary

WOW! What a busy few weeks we have had in Junior Primary, with lots of learning going on! We were lucky to be a part of the Senior Girl's bake sale where we bought heaps of yummy cakes and desserts. We also received some super cool sunglasses from Guy Reynolds and learned about protecting our eye sight. Athletics day was also a huge highlight with so many students showing excellent sportsmanship which made me feel so proud.

During our Literacy sessions, we have now looked at all the alphabet names and sounds. We still recap these sounds daily to make sure that they stay in our memory. We have now begun to introduce diagraphs (two letters together make one sound). We have looked at qu, th, ch, sh and ai so far. We learn these through songs, flashcards and guided reading sessions.

We have been practising these sounds and brainstorming words that use these sounds. We have also been working on learning to read and write our high frequency words daily. We do this by building our words with magnetic letters, play doh, writing on whiteboards and using the iPads. The Senior girls have been coming into our classroom and reading with us and we have also been lucky enough to listen to some stories they wrote.

In Writing, we have been working hard on our letter formation and we have come so far from the beginning of the year. We have been practising writing basic sentences and stories using our sound knowledge to help write down words, and learning our high frequency words.

In Numeracy this term we have been working really hard on learning addition and subtraction. To do this we have been using number lines, counting forwards and backwards and using blocks. We have been practising counting by 2s, 5s and 10s and some of us have even been able to write these patterns down. Our number formation has improved so much from the beginning of the year with many of us able to write to at least 30.

We have also explored the topic of Measurement. We have looked at height, weight and capacity. We did a variety of different hands on activities to learn this. We also looked at ordinal numbers, focusing on first to twentieth. We have continued to participate in regular number fact sessions to enhance automatic recall of number facts and counting patterns. All students' have showed growth in their progress and speed and I am super impressed with the results shown.

Please feel free to come see me at any time for any more information.

Stacie J



At home you can:

- Practice the sounds we have learnt.
- Practice our sight words.
- Practice basic addition/subtraction sums.
- Read and discuss books sent home from school.
- Practice letter/numbers and forming them around the correct way.

Proud learners



This semester I am proud of having great days at school.
- **Andriesha**



This semester I am proud of 2's, 5's and 10 times tables.



I am proud that I made it through the semester, because I worked very hard.
-**Kobe**



This semester I am proud to be doing neat handwriting.



This semester I am proud to try and write neater.



This semester I am proud of neat writing, having a neat book & converting improper fractions to mixed number fractions.
- **Maikeli**

U p p e r P r i m a r y

This semester I am proud of learning about ratio's and coding. –
Talima



This term I am really proud of writing my short stories about the haunted house and the snowball fight. -
Xavier



This semester I am proud of doing SMART Spelling and division. –**Maria**



This semester I am proud of the metaphor poem I wrote on my family.
-**Denise**



This semester I am proud of learning word classes like verbs, adverbs, adjectives, proper nouns and pronouns.
- **Talei**



This semester I am proud of making funny things on the code.org website.
-**Clinton**



This semester I am proud of finishing the Storm Boy book study, and working independently.
- **Deborah**





JYW Term 2

SCIENCE

In science this term we looked at the life cycle of plants! Students LOVED visiting the farm



MATHS

In math's, we looked at increasing our speed with simple equations. We made graphs, calculated time, measured angles and looked at different strategies for solving division problems.

LITERACY

In literacy, we worked hard on our SMART Spelling. We wrote information reports, biographies and completed persuasive essays. Students learnt to be independent when researching and working on the computer.



Term 2 has seen the Junior Young Men class mature and begin to develop into strong Tiwi men. We continued to develop a range of skills around being kind to one another, as well as respecting and valuing each member of the class. The boys continued their work with Floyd in the farm which was a highlight for many of the students. We had a day out on country whereby we fished, learned to make spears, as well as talk about Tiwi culture, lead by Yello and Levi. We also said farewell to Levi for 8 weeks as he is off doing everyone proud with the Army!

We had an extremely busy term focusing on reading, writing, culture, music, life skills and sport as well.

Some highlights of our term were:

- JYM Engagement Day
- Possum Hunting
- Seeing Levi off at the airport



We wish you all a safe and restful Bush Holidays and we can't wait to see you all back next term.

Elias Karageorgiou, Levi Wauchop and Jeffrey 'Yello' Simon



In the Middle Young Women's classroom we have been learning about quite a few new concepts in all subject areas this term.

We were lucky enough to do some soil testing with Floyd down at the farm, checking for heavy metals. Thankfully the test results came back with very good results and we can say with confidence that the soil is good and safe for growing plants.

In Numeracy we had a focus on learning times tables, learning the order of operations in BIDMAS, how to calculate perimeter and area of rectangles, squares and triangles and different strategies for working out multiplication strategies.

We were very fortunate to have sunglasses donated by Guy Reynolds which some students have used when out and about.

In cooking we made some new dishes including San Choy Bao, Dumplings and apple pies. The girls do an exceptional job in the kitchen.

Tiwi College had their Athletics day which saw nearly every student participate in all areas. It was a great day.

Although we have had lower numbers this term, the ones attending have taken their learning seriously, they have stayed in class and produced some quality work. The Middle Young Women should be very proud of their efforts!

See you next Term!

Courtney and Gladys

