

Tiwi College News



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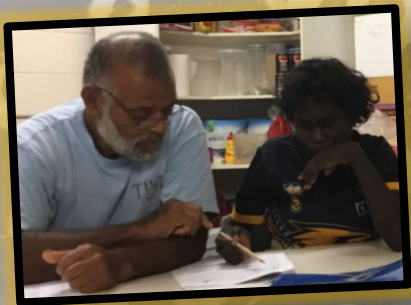
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Tiwi College 2020



Awana family and friends of Tiwi College.

This has been an incredible term and I would like to thank our staff who have rallied around and supported each other to ensure that we provided every opportunity for our students to learn in a safe and caring environment.

We welcomed to our team at Picka:

Fred Maetoloa and Dawn Sutherland as Family Group Parents to House 1.

Rickeisha Daniels as Assistant Teacher to our MYW's class.

Brad Palipuaminni as Assistant Teacher to our SYM's class.

Dion Apuatimi as Assistant Teacher to our JYM's class.

Geraldine Austring (pictured on left with our Exec team of Paul, Jill and Stuart) has stepped up into the position of Academic Coordinator.

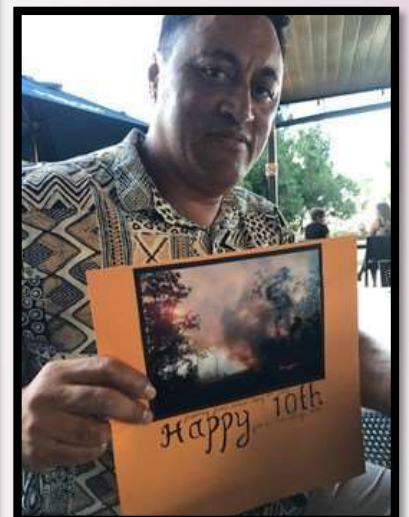
Sadly at the end of this term we say farewell to our Farm Manager, Floyd Constable who has been a very valuable member of our operations team. We wish Floyd and Gianna all the best as they return east to Queensland.

Our dear Assistant Principal, Sila Pati has been on long service after faithfully serving Tiwi College for 10 years. In his absence we have been very fortunate in having our ex principal Stuart Ward step into his role.

Stuart and Ashley finally leave Tiwi College this week after almost 6 years serving our students and school. We wish them all the best as they escape to COVID free Queensland.

Thank you to Kameli & Titilia who change occupation this term after 6 years as FGH Parents
Thank you for all your effort.

We have a final term to look forward to, and I take this opportunity to thank you all in community who support our school and send your children to school ready for learning every Monday morning. We go on holidays from 25 September to 12 October and we will be picking up students on Tuesday 13 October 2020.



Hello Everyone,

A short term for myself as I had long service from Weeks 4 to 8. In addition I am very thankful to have had Stuart Ward cover for me during my absence and fortunate to work with staff committed to doing their best for these students. Some of the fun-filled, structured, learning activities in their programs this term, included the following;



- Whole Engagement Day BBQ in the communities to kick off Term 3.
- Birthday celebrations of staff and students.
- SYM Work Experience in Darwin.
- FGH Life Skills Program.
- Primary School Interschool Athletics in Milikapiti-Massive thanks to the Primary School in organising the event and for the staff who attended for their support to provide such a fantastic experience with the Primary School 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.
- * Boys Re-Engagement day on country is always a highlight for staff and students to interact having fun and learning more about each other's country.
- * Academy trips with the girls going to the Lodge in GPT and the boys going to Purnali. Thankyou to the Academy Staff for organising such a great event for the students.
- * Xavier visit for interschool sport and the 3 on 3 Basketball Competition in Darwin.
- * Report Drop offs 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, Geri, Paul, to work together with the Academic, Academy, FGH, Operations and Tiwi Staff under the guidance of the Advisory Board of the TEB at Picka (Andrew Tipungwuti) 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.

Tiwi College Farm



This term in the farm has been dominated by challenges and upgrades to the farm watering systems. Jamie and I have been installing additional lawn sprinklers to address some of the brown patches. We are hoping to create a lush lawn with some shade trees to create an area like a community park. Great for picnics and games on the grass. We've also been very lucky to have Rick Timmers team construct us a fantastic new machinery shed. This will mean that the farms valuable tools and equipment can be locked away from the weather. We had an excellent crop of lemons, with this year's being very very juicy. The bananas are producing and the mangoes are in flower. A lovely time of year in the farm. Thanks to everyone who came down and either helped out our said g'day. All the best for your break and term 4!



Awana Mamanta!

It's been a great honour and privilege in continuing my service for the Tiwi people as a Family Group Home Coordinator term 3 of 2020. I would like to acknowledge the Tiwi elders and people past and present on whose land I have been given the privilege to serve tomorrow's leaders, today. Thank you for entrusting with me humongous responsibility, which I will continue to faithfully undertake with the help of God, the Tiwi Education Board, my supervisors, and the Family Group Home (FGH) parents.

Third term has seen a large number of new students being enrolled at Tiwi College and this can be attributed to the Global pandemic that has shaken all our world. Students who cannot attend their schools on the mainland have opted to study here at Tiwi College, in their prestigious country, on Tiwi Islands. It has been my joy watching the old students setting a good example for our new students. Most of our new students have caught on so well with our core values of Trust, Mercy, Care, and Respect.

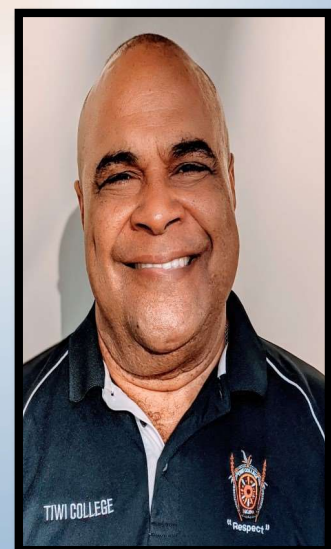
With our new FGH 1 Parents joining the Tiwi College team this term, Fred Maetoloa and Dawn Sutherland have been building their bonds with the boys. Even though it has been challenging for our junior boys, I am so proud of them in their continual effort in trying to live up to the Tiwi College standards. Viola Vea has been instrumental in making sure that everything runs smoothly at FGH 1. There were some minor challenges with students settling down and learning the Tiwi College "Ways" and routines, but all is well.

I would like to thank all the hardworking and diligent FGH parents in their excellent teamwork with students and all other departments of Tiwi College and making Term 3, productive.

We would like to acknowledge Mr Kameli Ravula & Mrs Titilia Ravula for their six and a half years working at Tiwi College as Family Group Home parents. Thank you for your never-ending support and care given to the students over the years. We value your contribution in the FGH space and we look forward to seeing you step into your new role from Term 4 onwards.

Enjoy your holidays responsibly and see you all in Term 4.

Lots of love from Paul Laginikoro

Mana!



Awana

Greetings from Tiwi College to all our Island Communities. It has been a busy and challenging Term with staff and students facing many changes and adjustments.

The Primary school lead by Jayde Johnson and Stacie Conway continues to show strong growth among students developing their learning in all areas of the curriculum. A visit to their classrooms shows many examples of excellent work and happy children actively participating in all sorts of activities.

Junior Primary, Stacie & Banita: The highlight of my term has been seeing how much growth my students have achieved in their learning!

Upper Primary highlights, Jayde: Learning about life cycle of a plant in science and getting to visit Floyd in the farm and for him to pass on his extensive knowledge of plants to our students.

JYW, Kate and Natasha: "We have seen our girls engaged in 'baking up a storm' and loving investigative science lessons. We hope to plan some 'Café' experiences for the whole school campus next term."

JYM, Elias & Yello: We have loved seeing the boys mature throughout the Term and start to look out for each more. It has been incredible!

MYW, Courtney M & Rikki: "Our highlight is seeing how much the MYW have learnt about the human body. We have created models to represent how the heart works and how the diaphragm works to fill the lungs with air."

MYM, J. McGrath & Jonas: "Reflecting term 3 a memorable highlight that immediately comes to mind was our classes' completion of our geography unit based around concepts in maps. The boys did a fantastic job being able to use an Atlas to broaden their horizons of the world and the amazing places in it"

SYW, Ashlee H & Tictac: "Seeing students finishing Year 12 external assessment and participating wholeheartedly in Culture card games lead by Tictac."

SYM, Matt G & Brad: "Two weeks of work experience in Darwin where we got to learn about and experience so many things that will prepare us for the workforce. Construction program resuming and beginning work on the bike shed."

Girls Academy, Courtney H & KK: Taking the girls into Darwin for a Basketball 3 x 3 Comp and watching the Senior dominate taking out the Region as champions!

Boys Academy highlight, Tammy & Tippa: Touch rugby George from Touch Rugby NT visited TC and ran training sessions to all classes.

Our students have continued on with Essential Math's assessments, an online program that lets them progress at their own speed and level. Our literacy program continues to support students in developing their reading, writing and speaking abilities.

Students have enjoyed several engagements days on country, fishing and other outdoor activities. A group of young women had a wonderful evening at the Garden Point lodge for the girl's rewards dinner. The boy's rewards dinner is scheduled for Punarli the beach week 10 and is much anticipated.

We also want to acknowledge and thank all the ancillary staff that support the students and academic staff, FGH parents, maintenance and hospitality.

Have a restful and refreshing 3rd Term break.

Mana,
Geri Austring
SESCO/ Acting Academic Coordinator





Thanks to the Assistant Teachers and students who made the Art Room a fun and creative place to visit



Some highlights from the Art program were :

- ⇒ Our ceramics program which included learning about clay sculpture, pots, masks and clay tiles
- ⇒ Creating and decorating the Yirrikapayi sculpture for the Patakijiyali Museum at Wurrumiyanga
- ⇒ Making a wreath to help us commemorate the Frontier Wars in Australia
- ⇒ Painting a mural at Munupi Art Centre in Pirlangimpi
- ⇒ Creating a 'RESPECT' mural from clay tiles for a display of school values in the Melville Room
- ⇒ Starting our new Music and Movement program



What's been happening in Junior Primary in Term 3

Wow! What a busy, fun filled term we have had in Junior Primary School. We were lucky to go to Milikapiti Primary School and participate in Athletics Day. I was so proud of the sportsmanship and effort shown during this day. We also were so lucky to celebrate Science week where we got to work in mixed groups and do lots of cool science experiments. We even got a visit and were able to practice and learn some touch rugby skills.



What we have been learning

Literacy

In Literacy we have been looking at Narratives. We have been reading lots of these stories and looking at characters, settings, problems and solutions. We have even had a go at writing our own narrative stories. We have been focusing on learning our diagraph sounds. We have looked at sh, ch, th, ng and ow. We have practiced reading and spelling words with these sounds. During our reading rotations we have been doing guided reading and practicing reading, saying and spelling our high frequency words.

Numeracy

We have a huge term learning Numeracy. We have been learning all about Australian Money. We have looked at putting Australian money in order from lowest to highest value. We have also looked at time where we have been focusing on learning how to tell o'clock and half past on a clock.

We have been continuing with our Blitzmaster program where each day we are given 8 minutes to complete addition and subtraction questions based on our individual level. We have been working on learning and writing numbers to 300, saying and writing the days of the week in order and learning the months of the year.

