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Term 3 Newsletter

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"Respect"



Tiwi Principal Term 3!



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Pictured: Jeffrey Simon, Tiwi Principal

Awana Mamanta,

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the Mantiyupi clan group the traditional custodians of the land we work and live upon. I would also like to acknowledge our founding fathers for if it wasn't for their vision and determination our great college would not have become reality. Guwa

Term 3 has been yet another busy term for our students and staff here at Tiwi College. We have seen a lot of changes in most areas of the school with new staff joining and long serving staff sadly leaving. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those staff who have left our college and express our great appreciation for their time and dedication they have shown over the years not only here at Tiwi college but also the greater Tiwi community. A big welcome to our new staff who have joined us during term 3 and I hope you have settled into the Picka community well.

This term has seen the continuation of popular programs and the inclusions of new and exciting student and staff driven programs such as the weekly learning on country which has seen our students take the lead and teach their teachers about culture and hunting on Country.

Tiwi Principal

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The teachers in returned have bridged these lessons in the academic world making two way learning fun and exciting for our students. We look forward to supporting this program as our season changes from Tiyari (Build up) to Jamutakari (Wet season). Our HPE department have been doing fantastic work in the fitness and wellbeing area encouraging all staff and students to get fit and stay healthy. The recent Athlete Development Program has commenced this term with approximately 25 students identified. The weekly SEDA coaching program at Millikapiti has been fantastic this term and has had great engagement.

It has been a busy term for our Academy program with the continuation of the weekly Tiwi Friday sessions and the exciting new implementation of the new Behaviour management program called TAYAMANGI. This program has already been trailed this term and has had amazing results with students taking control in restoratives using cultural practices along with our school's core values of TRUST, CARE, MERCY and RESPECT. We are excited at taking a whole school approach when this new system is rolled out in term 4.

We have started using the REACH program this term which has made communication more efficient throughout the academic and FGH areas. Eventually we plan to have REACH across our whole school by the end of term 4. This term has seen our school implement a new smoking policy in collaboration with the Deadly choices program. Students who've been identified have been supported, monitored and rewarded when ever taking up the initiative to beat tabaco addiction. Tiwi College is committed to helping our students in this area.

As we see an end to term 3, we reflect on the challenges and draw inspiration from the positive collaborations and resilience shown by all staff across all areas of our great school. It has definitely been a hectic term which has seen us face a COVID scare, and a lot of staff change just to name a few.

We have also seen the recent success of our school fete and the fantastic initiative of our students donating funds to students across the world who are less fortunate. Great work!!

We hope you all have a safe and fantastic holiday ahead and look forward to seeing you all back for term 4.



Pictured: Jeffrey Simon, Tiwi Principal

AISNT Updates

**Term
Three!**

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Pictured: Gail, Cheryl, Liam and Tasha

Hello All,

As I am sure you are all aware, the AISNT team have been doing some work at the College over the past term while the Board has been involved in the process of employing a new Principal.

During our time here we have met many of you, both staff and students. We feel very privileged to be a part of Tiwi College as it is moving forward. I know that during our time here we have had many opportunities to join the everyday activities that you are all involved in on a daily basis. One of our earlier experiences was the fete which we thoroughly enjoyed even though it took us quite some time to remove the colour spray from our hair. Congratulations to all involved in making it such a successful day.

A huge shout out to all of you for working together in this Community of Tiwi College and understanding the vision that underpins the college.

Well done!

Gail and Cheryl

Learning On Country



FGH Coordinators



“Tune your ears to wisdom and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight as you would for silver, seek them like hidden treasure.” (Proverbs 2:2-4)

Awana Mamanta!

Reflections

Hello and greetings everyone :) It is such a blessing, honour and privilege as I reflect and gather my thought and wits to put pen to paper. I am just so overwhelmed to be on this prestigious page. It was not so long ago when we graced the pages of this newsletter, in 2017, in our welcome. We have been here ever since, notching up the mileage, enthused with the passion and divine calling. Our journey wasn't smooth sailing though. We came in riding on our high horses with high expectations, moral values, opinions, and worldview. Eventually, we realized that to make a difference we had change. So we had to unpack and repack those assumptions in order to forge genuine relationships in this unique setting. The journey has been arduous but rewarding nonetheless. Suffice to say, we have been enriched by the experience as we embrace the Island life, its unique people and culture.

Rebuilding

Crisis and Curve balls can be windows of opportunities. These are defining moments that gives birth to new beginnings, rebuilding and a new season to be welcomed with fresh insights and new perspectives. Spring is in the air and foliage transforming the landscape into a lush sea of green is just mesmerizing. I surmise that it correlates at the juncture Tiwi College is at. We are in a transitionary and rebuilding phase. New beginnings are not easy and there will be challenges and obstacles along the way, mind you. My prayers that we will not be dream killers and snuff out the years of toil and hard work of those who have pioneered this journey. Lets keep fanning the flames of that 'Dream' that the elders envisioned. In confidence, may we be consumed and inspired by the vision and rebuild out of the ashes. Our resilience and resolve, will propel us into the future and beyond. Pick a family, we can do this! Share the love

The Dream Team

The new face and role sharing within the Coordinators job description. As a College and especially Family Group Home, it is a blessing to have people of such calibre and giftedness endowed with wealth of knowledge, experience and wisdom. Our roles as FGH parents is first and foremost primary, the added responsibilities, though important are secondary. Its not much about the perks, but about being true to our calling, our passion, our aspirations, in making a difference. I guarantee you, the experience will surely be rewarding.

Our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your trust, support and well wishes as we take on this exciting new responsibilities. We wish you and your families the very best to a safe and enjoyable holiday. Mana.

- Malakai Waqa

FGH Leadership Team



Pastoral Care Leader (Malakai Waqa)
Management and Administration



Financial Management Leader (Sheree Vetekina)
Budget Management and Administration



Policies and Procedure Leader (Nadine Maetoloa)
Policy/Procedure Implementation

Tiwi College Fete '21

"This day is always such a special celebration of all the hard work and effort the students have put into their after school program, especially meaningful as they are able to showcase their work to parents and friends from community!"

The annual Family Group Home fete was held in week 3 of this term, the 5th of August. It was nice to be able to have this event after it was cancelled last year. This day is always such a special celebration of all the hard work and effort the students have put into their after school life skills program. What makes it especially meaningful is the opportunity the students have not only to showcase their hard work to the staff and students at Tiwi College, but their parents and friends from community. It is also nice to begin the day's festivities with a Mass, thank you to Father Joseph Priest who was able to lead the service. We thank everyone who took the time to come along to the college on the Fete day.

The students spent most of term two planning and preparing for their stalls and have hopefully gained some useful life skills which will serve them for life beyond Tiwi College. Keeping records, paying back expenses and donating to a charity or organisation of choice is all just as important as the actual day. Of course, being able to spend any profit that may have been made to purchase some recreational items for their Family Group Home is always a highlight.

This year the students are impacting the lives of those near and afar with their chosen fete donations. International organisations such as One Girl and the Malala Fund will improve the opportunity for girls to receive an education across the world, some money is being donated to the Brain Cancer Foundation which enables research and quality treatment for brain cancer patients. On a local level, some houses are donating towards the Calvary Home Care Services, aged care home in Ngui.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Peter, Matt and the operations team for their help with the setup of the fete day. Special appreciation for others on the day who helped with logistics and running of the stalls; AISNT, our Darwin Office Team, Simon Beaton and Gary Lee.

We also would like to thank some individuals and organisations who also kindly donated their time, services and resources to the various stalls:

- Tiwi Design
- Ngui Social Club
- Tai's Supermarket
- Sila Pati & the Tiwi College HPE Department
- Anthony Parker
- Ravula, Maetoloa, Waqa, Soqali & Vetekina Families



From the Fete Committee

Pictured: Fete 2021

Tiwi College Fete '21

