

# Tiwi College News



Term 4, 2019

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Awungana Family and Friends of Tiwi College,

Tiwi College is a young school which is easily forgotten at times. We only opened in 2008 and it's taken time to develop into the school you see today.

The Tiwi elders, who founded the college held a vision of providing quality boarding education ran by Tiwi, for Tiwi, on Tiwi country. I am sure they would be proud to know that this year we have reached a milestone 8 Graduates, proving that this vision is very much a reality.



In the Senior Young Women's, Kimberly Stassi and Freda Puruntatameri have completed their NTCET Certificate through the Northern Territory School of Distant Education. In the Senior Young Men, George Portaminni, Paulinas Stassi, Dion Apuatimi, John Kantilla, John McLennan and Stanley Tipungwuti have completed their Sports Education Development Australia (SEDA) Certificate II in Sport and Recreation with some also completing a Certificate II in Construction. These VET Certificates were completed through Charles Darwin University.

All of our graduates leave us with the life skills required to be successful thanks to the Family Group Home. They have strong bodies, strong culture and strong minds thanks to the Tiwi Academy. They have had a quality education and are work ready thanks to the Academic team. The combination of these programs leave them equipped to develop into future leaders of Tiwi and we are so proud and excited for what their futures hold.

It's at this time that I would like to acknowledge all the staff at Tiwi College for their contributions made this year whether they be in the Academic, Family Group Home, Academy or Operations space. These contributions combined have helped us to fulfil the vision set out by the Tiwi Education Board. I am sure you will join the Tiwi Education Board and I in thanking our Tiwi College staff.

I want to personally thank the TEB, Staff, Students, Families and Friends of the college for their support over the past 5 years. After much consideration this is the right time for me to resign as Principal. Ashley and I will leave after Term 1, 2020 with full hearts feeling privileged to have had the opportunity to work and learn with you all. In Term 1, I will provide a handover to the incoming principal so that she is prepared for this opportunity.

The Tiwi Education Board wish to inform our Tiwi Community of the appointment of Jill Rees as the new principal of Tiwi College, beginning Term 1, 2019.

Jill is relocating from Carnarvon, Western Australia and is very keen to contribute to the Tiwi. The Tiwi Education Board are delighted to have her as my successor. Jill is a firm believer of the current way that the school is established and is keen to continue in a similar fashion. On behalf of the Tiwi Education Board, we wish Jill all the best for her tenure and look forward to the ongoing growth of Tiwi College.

Have a safe & happy Christmas Holiday with Family & Friends & we will see you in 2020.

Mana,

Stuart Ward

Hello Everyone,

Another massive term with so much happening. Thanks to the staff for implementing lots of fun and structured learning activities in their programs to try and fit in what has been quite a busy term.

- \* Science Trip to Darwin - Thanks to Cally for initiating it and Kate and Jack for organising and supervising the students. Feedback from the staff and students who attended was very positive.
- \* Essendon Sports Talent ID Day with Courtney H and KK.
- \* Indigenous Literacy Foundation Trip to Sydney - Thanks to Ashlee and Tictac for organising the trip and supervising the girls. A massive effort by the students in getting another book published.
- \* Christian Fellowship at Picka and inviting members from community to join. The visit to the Milikapiti to sing Christmas Carols was a great community engagement leading into the Christmas Season.
- \* MENZIES Visit - Awesome effort by the student leaders continuing on the good work with the WellBeing App to be installed on Mobile Phones. Many thanks to our friends from MENZIES for guiding the students. MENZIES also provided positive feedback regarding our students and their participation.
- \* Rewards Trip in Batchelor and Darwin - A fantastic week enjoyed by both staff and students. The students participated in many fun activities, and displayed respectful behaviour throughout the trip.
- \* Scotch College Volunteers - Thank you to our 3 volunteers Hugo, Oscar and Josh for your commitment to the college with your time, assisting and supporting the teachers and students in the classroom. We thank you for your lively personalities and ability to love and support the students and respect towards the Picka Community.
- \* Report Drop Offs and Engagement Days in the Communities - Always great to see families and touch base with them regarding their children.
- \* Graduation Ceremony - A fantastic effort by our Senior Students to graduate this year. Thanks to our staff who have guided and supported them throughout their time here at the college. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours - George Portaminni, Paulinus Stassi, Stanley Tipungwuti, John Kantilla, John McLennan, Dion Apuatimi, Freda Puruntatameri and Kim Stassi.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Team - Stu, Cally, Paul, Denden and Joy for working together with the Academic, Academy, Family Group Homes, Operations and Tiwi Staff under the guidance of the Advisory Board of the TEB at Picka (Andrew Tipungwuti, Jennifer and Brian Clancy). Thank you for the support of the Tiwi Education Board to make a difference with these kids here at Tiwi College, Pickataramoor. It 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 from Tiwi College.

What an amazing year for me and my family settling into life on beautiful Melville Island; and an incredibly busy and productive year for our staff and students here at Pickataramoor.

Our academic team had six new additions at the start of this year and for all of us it has been a year of settling in, developing relationships and improving our practice and provisions for our Tiwi students. We are proud of the scope and sequences we have produced for our six core subjects (Literacy, Numeracy, Science, History, Geography, I.T) and the extra-curricula and specialist opportunities we have been able to provide to our students. Science Experience trips at both Darwin and Sydney University Campuses; community Sport and Coaching visits; Cultural workshops here and in Melbourne; an official Government House book launch; School Based Traineeships in Business and an Indigenous Literacy Foundation trip to Sydney are just some of the exciting experiences our academic program has provided students with during 2019.

Our Art program is going from strength to strength under the direction of our Art specialist teacher Adele, providing students with all kinds of fun and creative opportunities. Our assembly room is now decorated with student made pukumani poles and looks fantastic. We also hosted two bubble making visitors from Italy who ran a series of workshops with students through their Art lessons earlier in the year. Students have produced amazing works and they continue to add colour and character to our school.

Our senior students have been developing their work ready skills with both the Senior Young Women and Senior Young Men engaging in work placements out in the Tiwi communities for a week of on the job training. Our Senior Young Men followed theirs up with two weeks of building and construction training as part of their studies and several cultural mentoring and sport coaching opportunities also that have allowed them to share and enhance their cultural knowledge and public presentation skills. Driver education and First Aid training was also offered to senior students this year and a number have successfully completed training and earned certificates.

Our annual Scotch College exchange program enjoyed another successful year and Tiwi College was also able to establish a connection with a private girl's school in Melbourne that will provide an exchange program for our female students starting in 2020. Scotch have further supported our college by way of past Scotch students volunteering their time here and we are hugely thankful to past exchange students Hugo, Josh and Oscar for the incredible contributions they have made over 3 terms this year. They have been a valued and helpful addition to our academic team and we wish them all the best for next year and beyond and also look forward to more Scotch volunteers joining our Picka family.

Our primary class continues to grow in size and strength under the amazing guidance of teacher Jayde and assistant teachers Bobette and Jacob. Students in the primary have had the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons; fireball tennis coaching; a circus workshop and a music concert and book launch hosted by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation through-out the year and have enjoyed their weekly Physical Education and Art lessons with specialist teachers also. In 2020 our primary class will split into lower and upper classes to cater for our growing numbers and student needs. Next year, we will focus on consolidating a consistent and well-rounded approach to curriculum delivery that explores new literacy programs and develops further links with local industry to build on student work experience opportunities and employment pathways.

A great many people have helped to make my first year on Melville Island and working at Tiwi College an amazing experience. Thank you to the Executive team Stuart, Sila, Paul, Dennis and Joy for their endless guidance, expertise and support and helping me settle into the role. Thank you to the kind Tiwi staff, students and their families for making my family and I so welcome here on your beautiful country. Thank you to the dedicated and passionate teachers and assistant teachers that go above and beyond for their classes. Thank you to our partners at NTSDE, TITEB, SEDA and CDU for value adding to our student provisions and opportunities.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and I look forward to another great year at Tiwi College in 2020. Mana! ~ Cally Jetta





# Primary Mob

This term we welcomed Denise Martin into our classroom, a friendly, enthusiastic and hard working new team member!

This term we have focused on improving our reading fluency, which we did by timing each other three times each morning, and recording it to compare. We also set reading goals every day and our teachers have been impressed. In maths we have continued to challenge our self to learn more times tables.

We would like to thank Thomas Brewin, a placement student from Australian Catholic University. He has worked with us for the last four weeks and taught us a lot. We appreciate your effort and have enjoyed having you in our classroom Tom! All the best for your future study and life as an educator. Here are some pictures of our time with Tom.





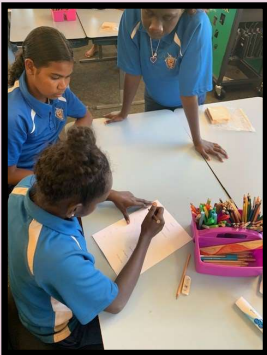


## JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN TERM 4

It has been a wonderful term in the Junior Young Women's classroom. Many girls have stepped up their ability to stay in the classroom and work to the best of their ability. We have had **many** highlights!



In Literacy, students learnt about poverty in other countries and developed more gratitude towards their own lives.



In Maths, We have been working hard at staying focused for the whole maths lesson and not giving up. We worked really hard on learning fractions and getting better at answering simple maths questions more quickly!



This term the girls have done a few science experiments! A highlight for them all would be making slime!

~ Kate & Gladys





## JUNIOR YOUNG MEN TERM 4 2019

In Term 4 we continued to develop our relationships within our classrooms and had a focus of having fun and being kind to each other. Students looked after each other with greater care which was particularly pleasing. We cooked and we had lots of fun doing arts and craft activities.



The students continued on with routines and nailed down expectation's during Literacy and Numeracy. We had fun playing UNO and had multiple EPIC games that the students loved! We welcomed Saint Kilda Football Club and the students were great hosts and loved having their idols come to our school.



We continued with life skills and had a focus on Positive Education. We practiced being kind and showing empathy toward each other. This was really evident during our PE lessons whereby students were able to give constructive feedback to one another and accepting it in a positive way. We had a great term and the students should be proud of all they achieved throughout the year. ~ Elias & Levi







# Middle Young Women

This term, the Middle Young Women have been working hard at following routines to complete their work. We have been building on skills that will hopefully assist our students when they want to find work, fill in forms and have formal conversations on the phone to businesses.

Some players from St Kilda came and visited Tiwi College in week 5 and helped to run workshops with the students. We had a Q&A session in the classroom which was really good. The girls then taught our St Kilda visitors some games we like to play.

It has been a really good term with our students trying their best with both their work and behaviour. We wish all of our students and families a very safe and Merry Christmas and a restful school holiday. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Mana ~ Courtney McLean and Shania Puruntatameri





# Middle Young Men Term 4



## Awana families,

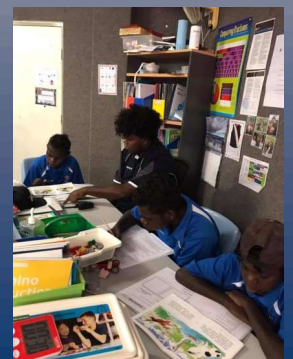
We would like to say thank you to the families that have supported the Middle Young Men's education at Tiwi College in 2019. We couldn't be prouder of the boys and their experiences and achievements which include:

- The Scotch trip experience in Melbourne during Term 2
- Progression across the board in the boys literacy and numeracy learning.
- Involvement in literacy classes based around Australian Indigenous Culture & different cultures around the world.
- Participation in multiple cooking classes where the students served up some amazing and delicious foods.
- Considerable improvement in our boys behaviour in being able to display our core values and we have witnessed some great upcoming leaders in our class this year.

Our class would like to wish all families a safe and enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to seeing our students back in action at Tiwi College in 2020.

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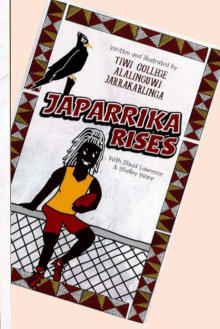
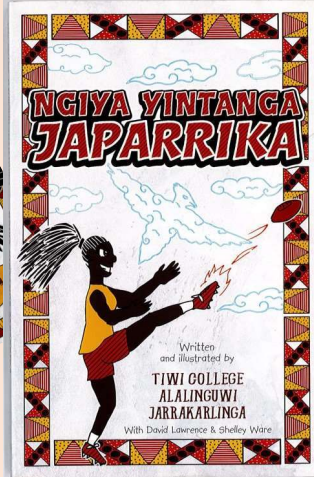
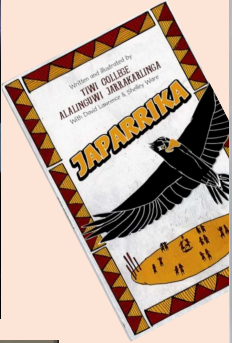
Jack McGrath, Anthony Puruntatameri & Hugo Nash.







## Create Initiative - Sydney



This term the Senior Young Women returned to Sydney for our annual Create Initiative trip with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. We spent Monday and Tuesday writing and illustrating part 3 in the Japarrika series (Ngiya Yintaga Japarrika), which follows our main character Kay-Bell and her quest to play AFLW. We were lucky enough to continue to work with our mentors from the past two years Shelley Ware and David Lawrence.



We spent a day at Luna Park, where we went on heaps of rides that went this way and that way and upside down. We visited the haunted house and had heaps of laughs. At the aquarium we saw all sorts of things and got to watch a training session with a dugong named Pete. The wax museum was fun, as we saw wax models of people like Aquaman, Chris Hemsworth, Oprah and Alf Stewart.



It was an amazing trip and we look forward to next years trip where we will start a whole new story.

