



Term 4 Newsletter

TIWI COLLEGE

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Tiwi Principal's Message

Awana Mamanta,

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and pay my respects to the Mantiyupi clan group the traditional owners of the land we live and work on and pay my respects to leaders' past, present and emerging.

As another school year comes to an end, we reflect on our journey throughout 2021 and the memories we've created both personally and together as a school. It has been a rollercoaster year for our college, but we have faced these challenges with Respect, Trust, Mercy and Care and have come out United.

2021 has seen us say goodbye to a few staff members. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking these staff for their service to our school and wish them all the very best in their endeavours. I would like to give a specially mention to Shane Tipumantumirri and Tammy Abala for their amazing work and commitment to Tiwi College over the past 10 years. You both have left a great legacy for our students to follow, and I am confident that legacy will continue through your fantastic work with your business MAMANTA as you both continue to support our Tiwi community well into the future. Another long serving staff member I would like to thank is Sila Pati. Thank you Sila for your commitment, guidance, and leadership throughout your 11 years here at Tiwi College and we wish you all the very best in your next journey in life.

This year has seen the continuation of some fantastic school programs. Brad Sheppard from CDU has completed a project down at the creek in collaboration with our Seniors Young Mens class. It is fantastic to see the shade facility now being used by our students as well as the public. The FGH area has continued their hard work and commitment to our school and have done fantastic adjusting to the continued demands of our changing school year. I thank all in the FGH area for their amazing work and commitment to our students.

Our HPE department have been very busy this year, most notably creating the morning fitness program and the exciting student development program which has seen a 3-year \$9,000 sponsorship deal from our fantastic friends over at Chairtair. Awesome work Chelsea and Callan and thank you Chairtair. The continued support has not stopped there with our very own Tiwi Land Council donating \$30,000 worth of clothes to our school. This donation has been added to our rewards system where students are rewarded for good behaviour and taking initiative in all areas. Also, this year the HPE area have added approx. \$30,000 worth of gym equipment to our student athlete development program and community wellbeing. With more news to come approx. \$85,000 on athlete development equipment and a new gym space soon to be announced. Exciting!!

We continue to see great success in our new behaviour management program called TAYAMANGI. This program has replaced the Traffic Light system and is 100 percent Tiwi based. We have seen our students take charge in restoratives and conflict resolution using this cultural knowledge taught by our Tiwi elders. TAYAMANGI works side by side with the Tiwi Cultural Wellbeing Model that has been developed by Tiwi elders in collaboration with Kevin Doolan from Red Cross Northern Territory. We look forward to further developing, teaching, and implementing Tiwi Culture within our school curriculum next year and beyond.

In the academic space we have seen a lot of change throughout this year. Staff have taken on additional roles and have shown great teamwork and leadership. The collaboration between our teachers and Tiwi staff has seen the Tiwi Friday sessions grow with two-way learning at the centre of this exciting program. We look forward to developing this program further next year as we bridge both worlds.

Our operations staff have been hard at work keeping our school running smoothly throughout the year. Servicing all our vehicles, power & water, cleaning, farm, maintenance, barge pickups and many more etc. I would like to thank Pete and the crew for their amazing work throughout the year. You've done such great work all around our school.

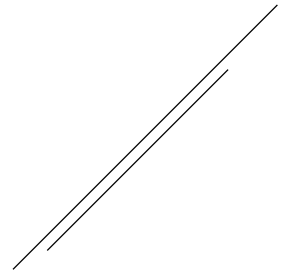
I would like to acknowledge and thank the Tiwi Education Board. Chairman Mr Brian Tipungwuti, Deputy Chairman Mr James Scrymgour and fellow members Richard Tungatalum, Sylverius Tipungwuti, Austin Wonaeamirri, Joseph Poantulura, John Ross Pilakui (Sharkman), Marius Puruntatameri and Dianne Moore. I look forward to working closely with the TEB as we continue to strengthen our founding fathers vision of Education, Training and Employment for the next Tiwi generation.

Lastly I would officially like to give a huge Tiwi welcome to our incoming Principal Thelma Parker and her partner Grant. We are very excited to have Thelma and Grant join our school as we look forward to 2022 with much hope and confidence. Hope you all have a blessed and safe Christmas Mamanta. Mana Jeffrey Simon Ullungura



Pictured: Jeffrey Simon, Tiwi Principal.

Assistant Principal



Dear family and friends,

I'd like to thank the Tiwi Education Board for the opportunity to continue serving Tiwi College in 2021. We're extremely excited and proud of our graduates. We congratulate Lindy Timaepatua for completing her Year 12 NTSED studies alongside the Senior Young Woman and her teachers Ashlee Healy and Marie Clancy. Cobain Tipiloura, Tyson Lynch and Sam Cooper for completing their SEDA studies in the Senior Young Men class alongside myself and Jonus Babui.

To staff both past and present you have made massive contributions to these students success and we wish these young men and woman the best start moving into the next chapter of their lives.

We've had to say goodbye to members of our Picka family. This includes staff who've dedicated many years of service to Tiwi College and more specifically many years of love and care for our students. It's been a privilege to have worked alongside these staff and I'll be forever grateful for what they've taught me.

It's exciting to envision the opportunities that are available for students at Tiwi College in 2022. We have a strong Tiwi Principal in Jeffrey Simon Ullungura who instills confidence to our staff on always bringing it back to a context relative to our students. We welcome Thelma Parker as our Principal who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. Alongside our quality teaching staff, FGH parents and operations crew we're in the process of cementing a strong team of people who'll work together to provide the best possible schooling for students on the Tiwi Islands.

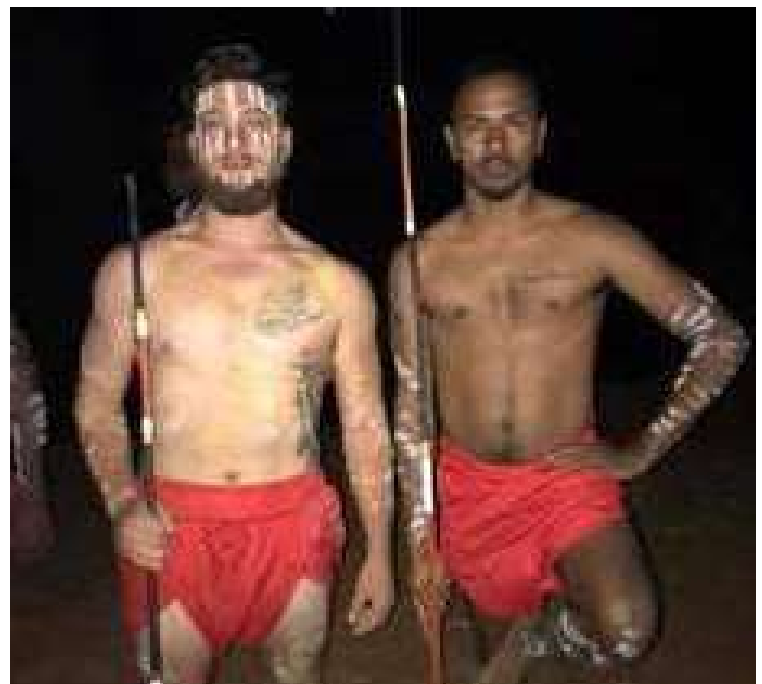
Moving into an Assistant Principals position my focus for 2022 is quite simple. I want to see more students coming to school. I want to support staff in giving our students the best opportunity to stay at school for the entire week and work alongside our team to continue to create programs and curriculum that empowers our students to learn and grow.

We wish everyone a relaxing and safe holiday. See you all next year.

Warm regards, Jack 'Leg's McGrath



Pictured: Jack McGrath, Assistant Principal



Pictured: Jack & Jonus

Tiwi Academy

Highlights from Term 4!

“Thank you for an incredible Term 4, see below for our highlights over the last few months!”



Meat Trays

New rewards incentive launched this term to acknowledge students who make a concerted effort in academics, behaviour and participation throughout the week. Each week, a male and female student are presented with a meat tray to share with their families over the weekend.



Community Dinners

We were delighted to welcome the entire community to Dinner this Term. Keep up the good work.



Tiwi Fridays

Tiwi Fridays are a great opportunity for our Tiwi staff to teach the students about culture, history and the natural environment which surrounds us. Our students enjoy a combination of in-class lessons and on country excursions.

NEW STAFF



Pictured: Michael & Kirsten - MYM Teacher



Pictured: Simon - SYM Teacher



Pictured: Paddy - Operations Staff

WELCOME TO TIWI COLLEGE

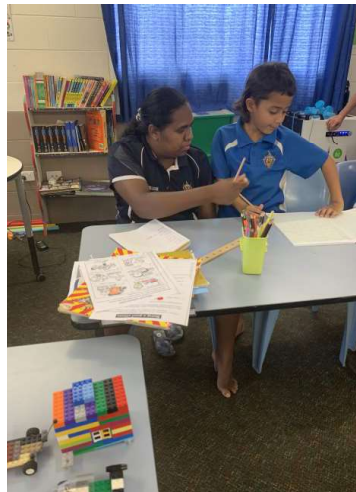
Primary

I have been so proud of all the hard work and effort my students have put into their learning!"

Pictured: Millikapiti Primary School Visit



Pictured: Colour Run



Pictured: Art Work



Pictured: Sport

What a fantastic year we have had in Primary School this year. We have got to do so many exciting and fun things and we have also been able to share some of our experiences with Millikapiti and Garden Point students.

In Literacy this semester, we have looked at narratives and persuasive texts. We have had a go at writing and reading these.

We were also lucky to have a visit from the Indigenous literacy foundation who are helping us to create a book all about Tiwi animals which we can't wait to finish. In Numeracy we have been looking at place value, fractions, time and multiplication. We have had heaps of fun doing a lot of hands on activities and working on Mathletics.

We have had a fun semester in that we have got to go to the Tiwi College fete, participate in the colour run where we got to throw heaps of colour at the teachers and other students.

We had Millikapiti Primary School come and visit us and we all got to go to the creek and play heaps of fun sporting activities. Chelsea and the Seda girls even took us to Millikapiti where we got to join in some activities with their Primary School class.

Stacie and Rickiesha.



Pictured: Junior Young Women Class

Junior Young Women

We would like to thank everyone that has contributed towards the girls learning experiences this Term. The girls have been quite engaged in their learning indoors and even more when they're out on country or community engagement. We've had a consistent number of regular attendees and we would like to congratulate them for making the choice to rock up to school every week.

Thank you to our parents and guardians, the TEB, school leaders and teachers. We would like to especially thank and say goodbye to Ms. Chelsea and Ms. Natasha who are moving on from Tiwi College. The "ruthless" JYW will surely miss you both and we wish you all the best for your future.

A meaningful Christmas and a prosperous 2022 to all!



Pictured: Chelsea, Tanesha & Anna



Pictured: Talei



Pictured: Cilia, Natasha & JYW Class

Junior Young Men



AWANA FRIENDS & FAMILY!

I cannot believe that the end of the year is already here. In mathematics we continued to focus on Fitzroy Mathematics to improve upon our foundation skills (several students actually completing an entire workbook in a single day!) as well as honing in on budgeting and money skills. In English, students learnt about procedural texts, such as writing the rules for UNO, how to make a fire and how to make a pizza.

In between, the class learnt how to use microscopes, went on a cultural excursion to Karslake, and played a couple of epic games of 'Back-Board' against the Middle Young Men. As always, we have continued to focus on respecting ourselves, others and our environment.

Unfortunately, I will need to leave Tiwi College at the end of this year. I would like to thank the staff (especially the Assistant Teachers who have helped in the JYM classroom this year), the Tiwi people for being so welcoming, and of course the Junior Young Men I have taught this year. I feel very lucky to have been given the opportunity to teach you and watch you grow.

Mana,
Simon Beaton



Middle Young Women



Congratulations to ALL Middle Young Women for 2021!

You girls have grown and matured immensely throughout the year.

It has been wonderful getting to know each of you all and your different personalities. Many qualities pop into my mind such as intelligent, vibrant, kind, brave, caring, sensitive and supportive.

It's been a privilege to work with you learn about your culture. Thanks for having me as your teacher. Cookie!

Thanks Michelle at Jilamara Art For teaching the girls all about 'ochre' & showing them how to cook it on the fire to change the colour.

MYW had a hoot swimming at the Pirlingimpi pool!

Proud as punch that our herbs grew!

Fun experimenting with how to make a rocket blast off the ground!

Cool making Squid Game 'cookies'

Middle Young Men

This term in MYM we have been working hard on reading and writing. We've read lots of books together as a class and talked about the way stories work and their meaning. As well as our Maths work, the MYM have focused on Inquiry Based Learning and through books, videos and practical activities have covered aspects of History, Health and Science.

We've also got out of the classroom and had fun fishing, swimming, splashing in the creek and cooking. Our Tiwi Friday sessions have been amazing with the students going out on country to learn from Yello and the Tiwi Staff's incredible knowledge of Tiwi Culture.

The MYM have been learning about keeping the classroom tidy and being respectful of each other.
Happy holidays!

Michael, Bradley, Max and Fred



Senior Young Women



AWANA FRIENDS & FAMILY!

This term in SYW students enjoyed finishing off their subjects Sports, Art, Numeracy and Driver Education.

We had a visit from the staff at NTSDE and Claire from TITEB came to Tiwi College to help us learn about safe food handling practices in the kitchen as part of our Certificate II in Community Services.

We were able to sneak out to Jessie River for a fish and Taracumbi for a swim once all the work was done.

The SYW class also assisted with the senior student graduation held at Wurrumiyanga.

We hope all the SYW have a well-deserved Christmas break with their families and are keen to return in 2022.

Marie and Ashlee