



WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

**Koolkan
Aurukun
Campus**

**Principal
Elizabeth
Mackie**



**What's
happening
this
month?**

July

30th July - 1st August—
Weipa Athletics Carnival

August

22nd—Under 8's Day

25th—School Photos

Celebration Parade

**Every Friday
12.15pm**

Attendance Awards
A B C Awards
Class Awards
Principal's Award
All Welcome

Followed by a school BBQ

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Aurukun Athletes Blitz the Field

Aurukun had 14 students from Years 4—9 compete in the District Athletics Carnival held in Weipa on the 30th July—1 August. After a 2 1/2 hour drive on Wednesday the students were happy to stretch their legs and enter the 200 metre heats. We had 4 students make the final, with Austin Marpoondin and Melva Tybingoompa both coming 1st and Kashae Adidi also placing 2nd.

On Thursday all 14 students competed in track and field events. Austin placed 3rd in the Triple Jump and Kashae 2nd in the same event. Austin and Elton Poonkamelya placed 4th and 5th in the High Jump and Kashae showed her skills with another 2nd. Aurukun produced a strong contingency of competitors in the 100 metres with Aus-

tin, Bob Arkwookerum, Kashae, Melva and Caitlyn Walpo all making the finals.

More magic and strong



Aurukun students watching Liam doing high jump

performances were produced by Aurukun on Friday. Austin placed 1st in 800m, 200m, shot put and long jump and was just pipped at the post in the 100m placing 2nd. Aquella Woolla also demonstrated her strength placing 1st in the 9 years shot put. Topsy Bowenda dominated the 12yrs javelin placing 1st. Kashae again showed tremendous effort by placing

2nd in all of her events and winning the 14yrs shot put. Melva showed how good she was winning both the 11yrs 100m and 200m races.

Overall Aurukun is to be congratulated on their competitiveness and showed great courage and spirit whilst competing in all events.

A special congratulations also goes to Austin who was awarded the Boys 12 Years Western Cape College Champion and Boys 12 Years Central Cape Age Champion.

Well done to the students for their excellent behaviour and participation throughout the carnival.

Thanks also to Mr Ewing and Miss Einam who kindly gave up their time to supervise the students over the three day carnival.

Mr Ewing and Miss Einam

Principal's Message

Term 2 was an extremely busy term for student assessment and reporting. Completion of Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 tests, Year 2 Net and completion of District Wide Assessment Tasks have afforded students the opportunity to show improvement in knowledge of testing and assessment genres whilst providing evidence for Semester 1 reports to parents. Parents / carers were invited to share in classroom successes during week 11 and the ABC Rewards Student Fun Day was a huge success. Transition Day was also very well attended with many families choosing boarding options for their children for 2009.

You may have noticed the improvements to the school – renewal of the basketball / tennis court and the fencing on the school oval. We have been approved for the provision of a Special Needs Unit which will begin operation during Term 4 this year. This is a very exciting addition to our school with the provision of resources for specific services to support students who need additional assistance to develop the skills they need to achieve their life goals.

Mrs Mackie

L  K
at the great
work in our
Junior School
classrooms

Year 1

This term, Year One will be investigating lots of things that are the same and also how those things are different. We started this week by looking at shapes. First, the children sorted the shapes into triangles, circles, squares and rectangles. Then they thought about how these shapes were the same and how they were different. Percy said, "These ones same circles, these ones same triangles, these ones same rectangles, these ones same squares. All different shapes." Aaliyah said, "Same triangle shape, but orange, blue, green, yellow, red colour."

Mrs Martin



Percy sorting same and different shapes

Under 8's Day

Friday 22nd August

At the Clinic

8.30am—12.30pm



Prep A and B

Term 3 for Prep A and Prep B will be very busy as both classes are going on a number of excursions including a visit to the clinic, bush walk to the swamp and a traditional fishing trip to Obon. In addition to these excursions there will be many guest speakers coming to talk to the classes. We would like to invite parents or caregivers interested in joining us on our excursions to contact us. Please just remember that permission forms must be returned for students to attend any of these excursions.

Ms Cosnett and Ms Einam

Troyson and Carol in Prep B on Wednesday morning for Parent Reading and Morning Tea



Prep B would like to invite parents/guardians to join them for book group and morning tea on Wednesday mornings.

Year 2

Welcome back Year 2 to another fun filled term.

This term Year 2 will be researching the animals of Aurukun. They will be investigating their lifecycles, environments and the movement of land, sea and air animals as well as producing a descriptive report. This unit of work requires the children to get amongst the animals and into their environment. A school excursion to the landing to take photos is on the agenda.



Year 2 using making sock puppets


Children will also be putting their imaginations to the test by creating an animal of their own and presenting it to an audience.

Ms McBurnie

Year 3



Year 3 students with our class friend Milly Anne and Teacher Aide Elfreda

 Hello from the Year 3 class. We would like to invite family members with children in Year 3 to come in and join our **Family Reading Afternoons**. Come along any Thursday afternoon between 1.30 – 2.30pm. It is going to be a busy and exciting term, as we are finishing our Craft Task and then we will be learning about Endangered Species. We look forward to seeing you at our **Family Reading Afternoons**.

Ms Young

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This term Year 4 will be learning all about space. We will be doing lots of fun art and craft activities like making rockets, suns and models of Saturn and the solar system. We would like to congratulate Aquella and Tristian for being chosen to represent Year 4 at the Weipa Athletics Day. Well done and good luck, we are all proud of you. Year 4 is very excited that we will soon be moving into our new classroom. We are looking forward to decorating it with all of our fantastic work. Thank you to everybody who has worked on making our new classroom.

Appow from Mr Braney and Year 4

Year 4



Can you guess which Year 4 students are behind these rabbit masks?

Year 6 and Year 6/7

This week the Year 6 and 6/7's have participated in a virtual classroom to learn all about information technology. Theresa in Cairns, via a live video link, guided the students through a maze of new computer programs and equipment. Students got the opportunity to create their own animations, design 3D gardens and participate in 'Tai Bo' and fun strategizing games over the three day Boot Camp. Theresa moved all the technology required for the Boot Camp from Cairns to Aurukun for the students to use. On Thursday students were lucky enough to have pizza flown in fresh from Cairns for lunch. Students thoroughly enjoyed all the fantastic activities made available to them and worked extremely hard over the three days. Miss Sligo, Miss Brewell and all the students would like to thank everyone involved for their patience, help and hard work.

Ms Sligo and Ms Brewell

Year 4 / 5

The Year 4/5 class have quickly settled back into school for Term 3. We are very excited about the work being done on our classroom and are looking forward to decorating the room. We would like to thank the builders who worked on the classrooms in B block – they are fantastic! This term we have dived right into our Healthy Eating unit looking at different things that keep us healthy. First we made our own healthy friends which will be covered in different healthy foods and healthy habits as we learn more about them.

We have three students in our class who will be heading up to Weipa for the Athletics Carnival. We would like to wish Carlo Yunkaporta, Caitlin Walpo and Liam Kerindun good luck. We are all very proud of you.

Ms Page



Walter and Carlo working very hard on their healthy friend "Jake".

Technology Boot Camp 2008



Year 6 and 6/7 eagerly awaiting instructions from Theresa in Cairns.



Austin deep in concentration.



Year 6's using animation program.

Read All About It! Read All About It!

Aurukun Middle School students creating great work.

Year 8

The Year 8 students welcome everybody after a great two weeks holiday, hoping everybody has had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Congratulations to Sherima Poonkamelya and Bob Arkwookerum on being selected to participate in the Regional Athletic Trials in Weipa in Week 3.

The Year 8 students this term, are completing a task in which they will begin to learn and understand what Soap Operas are and why people watch them.

The Year 8 class is looking forward to another exciting semester of learning, listening and fun.

Mr Raciti

Always make sure you know when you are flying out and that you are at the airport early to check in.

Art Project News

Mr Charlie Street will be here each Tuesday and Thursday to work with the Year 9 and 10 students on Art murals being completed at the school and library.

Year 9, 10 & AYS

The TAFE shed behind the Childcare Centre has been tidied up by our new teacher Mr Tony Pearse and Fred Blowhard, making the area suitable for students to participate in 'Work Readiness' programs.

These programs will take many forms and be designed to suit individual needs. Currently there are students wanting to be mechanics, hair dressers and artists. Our budding artists will shortly be creating large murals on the school buildings and town library.

One of the mining companies is assisting with the location of an amenities block in the TAFE grounds, which is a requirement before full programs can operate from the site.

Anyone aged 15—17 interested in any further education programs can contact Mr Pearse via the school.

Mr Pearse



**AURUKUN
FUN DAY**



You Can Do It!

Congratulations to these students for **100% attendance for Term 2.**

They have shown excellent **Organisation** and **Persistence** in getting to school every day.

Brianna Waia

Iris Bowenda

Tristian Woolla

Boarding School Bulletin

We are still getting students out to boarding schools this term, however the schools are filling fast. It may be worth planning ahead for next year and enrolling your child for the start of Term 1 2009. If your child is in Year 7 this year and you would like them to go to boarding school at the start of next year make sure you come into the school and fill out an enrolment form so we can make sure they are not left behind.

Most students have settled back into their boarding schools and are looking forward to camps and sporting events. Some students have missed their flights back to boarding school. Remember, if you miss your flight back to boarding school and you don't have a valid reason Abstudy will make you pay for the flight. Most parents and students have an excellent routine for getting ready on boarding school return dates. If you have any questions about boarding school please come and talk to me.

Mr Buckley



**ABC STUDENT
Semester 1 2008**

Tristian Woolla receiving his bike from Principal Liz Mackie and College Director Mr Ian Mackie.

School Photos

Monday 25th August

Students have been given the envelopes for individual photos.

If you would like your children at school to have a family photograph please see Mrs Stewart at the office to get the family photo envelope.