

## Calendar

### November:

- 21st Junior School Parade 2pm
- 21st **Year 12 Last Day**
- 24th Year 7-9 Parade 8.55am
- 24th **2009 Prep Parent Information Night—6.00pm**
- 24-26 **Year 11 Camp**
- 24-28 **Year 10 Work Experience**
- 26th Year 4-9 School Parade 8.55am
- 27th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm
- 28th **Yr 1-3 Swimming Carnival**
- 28th Junior School Parade 2pm
- 28th **Year 10 and 11 Last Day**

### December:

- 1st Year 7-9 Parade 8.55am
- 4th **Prep—Yr 6 Presentation Morning**
- 4th **P & C Meeting**  
**Resource Centre**
- 5th **Tuckshop Closed for Cleaning**
- 5th **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

### January, 2009

- 27th **School Commences Term 1**
- 27th Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am
- 29th Senior Parade 8.55am
- 29th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm
- 30th Junior School Parade 2pm

### February, 2009

- 2nd Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am
- 4th Year 7-9 Parade 8.55am
- 5th Senior Parade 8.55am
- 5th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm
- 6th Junior School Parade 2pm
- 9th Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am
- 12th Senior Parade 8.55am
- 12th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm
- 12th **P&C Meeting**  
**Resource Centre-7.30pm**
- 13th Junior School Parade 2pm
- 16th Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am
- 18th Year 7-9 Parade 8.55am
- 19th Senior Parade 8.55am
- 19th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm
- 20th Junior School Parade 2pm
- 23rd Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am
- 26th Senior Parade 8.55am
- 26th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm
- 27th Junior School Parade 2pm

### TERMS—2009

- Term 1—27/1/09—9/4/09**
- Term 2 -21/4/09-26/6/09**
- Term 3 - 14/7/09-18/9/09**
- Term 4—5/10/09-4/12/09**

### NEWS AND EVENTS

The [Weipa Campus Newsletters](http://www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au) are now available on the Western Cape College Website. To view our newsletter, just log on to the website and download the relevant month: ([www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au](http://www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au)) and then click on News & Events/Newsletters. You can also view the Western Cape College Newsletter, which appears in the Bulletin fortnightly.

## HEAD OF WEIPA CAMPUS



With only 2 weeks of the school year left, we can look back over 2008 and celebrate the many accomplishments achieved this year. Thank you to the many businesses, community members and parents that have assisted us in providing the best educational opportunities this year. We couldn't have done it without you all. We look forward to another great year in 2009.

The following successful appointments in the recent round of promotional positions were announced; Leon Proud - Head of Weipa Campus (Band 8); Liz Mackie - Head of Aurukun Campus (Band 8); Nikki Schell - Head of Special Education Services (Band 6); Andrew Brandon - Principal Millmerran State School (Band 9). Due to the above promotions, Brett Mason will be the Acting Head of Senior School and Mary Fagan will be the Acting Head of Middle School for Semester 1, 2009. Congratulations Brett and Mary.

We say goodbye to a number of our great staff that are moving on to other schools. We thank them for their positive impact on our school and know they are certainly leaving a positive mark behind. Michelle Wheeler, Julia Gates, Janine Bates, Andrew Steele, Kathy and Steve Stokes, Craig Hughey, Michelle and Steve Mackey, Julia and Peter Toft, Amalia Smith, Heidi Hayes, Claire Goss, Ja'ak Ward, Marian and Bill Schneid, Judy and Andrew Brandon, and Chris Brooks.

We have 27 Yr 12 students leaving us this year with 11 of these students having completed all of their schooling here in the Western Cape either at Napranum, Mapoon or Weipa. The pathways our graduating students have chosen range from apprenticeships to dentistry, from health careers to teaching, from hospitality to flight attendants. As you can see the students have been working hard, they do have the courage to take on the world and are choosing their own future.

Our students were showcased at the presentation evening last week. Approximately 200 of our students from Yr 7-12 were presented with a range of awards in the areas of academia, sporting, citizenship and industry. Well done to all of our students as they continue to strive towards their dreams.

This is the final Weipa Campus newsletter for 2008. I would like to thank Fiona Bielby and Jess Warner for their wonderful work in producing our newsletters this year.

Jonathon Aspinall received a number of awards at the recent College Presentation Night. He received the Caltex All Rounder Award, the Sean Kruger Memorial Citizenship Award, Senior Dux 2008, the Employment Pathways Encouragement Award as well as Top Achieving Senior Student in Science and Maths. Jonathon was also the top achieving student in Grade 8,9,10 and 11. He has received credits and distinctions in Science and Maths Competitions and a credit in the English Competition. The number of awards that Jonathon has received demonstrates what a talented and committed student he has been. Western Cape College and the Weipa community are very proud of Jonathon Aspinall and his achievements so far. He is a person who is sure to do well at whatever he undertakes.



**Left to Right:** Mr Andrew Brandon (Head of Senior Schooling), Jo-Anne Scarini (General Manager, Weipa Operations, Rio Tinto Alcan Weipa), Mr Ian Mackie (Director, Western Cape College), Jonathon Aspinall (2008 Dux Student) and Mr Leon Proud (Head of Weipa Campus).

**Leon Proud—Head of Weipa Campus**

I moved to Weipa when I was four years old, attended Playgroup, Preschool and continued on to Year 12. My senior school subject load included Maths B, English, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Maths C. Maths C is done by virtual schooling which means starting school an hour earlier than most students two days a week. To my senior teachers Mrs Sabatino, Mrs Gilmore, Mr Steele, Mrs Pressley, Mrs English, Mr Teale, Miss Annie, and Mrs Thompson, thank you for all your help and support at school, out of school, by phone and email, it has been greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the businesses and community that support the College on various occasions in particular our recent Presentation Evening. To all my mates whether you were involved in the classes that I took, played golf, swam, or played soccer with me or have just been around for a chat; it's been a great year and it was my pleasure to spend it with such a great bunch of people both inside the classroom and outside. I wish you the best of luck in the future with all your aspirations, whether they be school related or not. Remember: It's not about what other people say about yourself, it's all about what you want to do for yourself! Good luck! Cheers, Jonathon Aspinall.



# HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication in 2008 for helping our students achieve great educational outcomes. A big thank you to all the parents who gave up their time taking classes on excursions, reading with students, supervising swimming lessons, helping with group work and many other aspects of your child's and other children's education.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December we will have our final 'Presentation Parade' which will be held in the Resource Centre at 11:00am. The Year 1-3 teachers will be presenting Academic Achievement Awards, Merit Awards and You Can Do It Awards to class members. If your child is receiving an award, the teacher will be inviting you along to be present. Prep Teachers will be giving every student their own special award during their class party after the presentation. There is very limited room in the Resource Centre and specific class prizes and parties will be held at 1:00pm in classrooms for parents to attend.

Year three students will start a transition program visiting the Eastern Campus to orientate them for their move across the road next year and welcome them into year 4. Pre-Preps are having sessions with the Prep teachers to familiarise them with the school to ensure a smooth transition. Teachers are working tirelessly on report card comments to inform you of your child's progress. These will be posted to you in week 9 and will not be given out to students. Teachers will also go through a very gruelling process to allocate students into classes for next year. These class lists will be available the week before school starts on the Junior School Noticeboard. Thanks to our wonderful dedicated staff for a brilliant year, your efforts are outstanding, and our children thank you.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

**Kathy Street-Head of Junior School**



## PREP 2008

2008 sees the second year of Prep in Queensland coming to an end. The students have developed and grown over the 12 months they have attended school. It has been a fantastic beginning for their journey to become lifelong learners. A huge cohort of students this year meant we grew into 3 and ½ Prep classes instead of the predicted 2 and ½

classes. All the children developed their skills through a diverse range of child and teacher negotiated learning experiences. Over the last twelve months your child has increased his or her independence, social skills, physical development, language development, an early understanding of literacy and numeracy, the ability to think and solve problems, imagination and creativity and a positive approach to learning. The children were able to participate in specialist lessons – Library (thanks to Mrs Sally May and Mrs Heidi Hayes) and Physical Education (thanks to Mrs Marion Schneid, Mr Rod Whittle and Mr Rod Wawrzyniak). We would also like to thank our dedicated teacher aides: Mrs Chana Graham, Mrs Di McInnes, Mrs Danielle Jupp, Mrs Megan Bignold, Mrs Marliyn Ellis, Miss Rebecca Namok, Mrs Mich McCourt and Mrs Annette Hooker.

On a more personal note I would like to thank all the parents, students, staff and friends that I have met and made over the past four years of living in Weipa. I have enjoyed the opportunities Weipa has given both my family and I, but now look forward to our future by making the decision to move to Townsville to bring our family back together once again. The thing I will miss most about leaving WCC is watching the progress of all the lovely children I have had in my classroom – all the best to everyone. We will be back in a few years time (for a holiday) so will catch up with you all then. Cheers Miss Michelle.

We wish all students a safe and happy holiday period and good luck for next year. **Miss Michelle, Miss Di, Miss Tanya and Mrs Hitchcock**



## WEIPA CAMPUS TOOTH FAIRIES

The dental team are making frequent trips to Weipa and would like to see as many children as possible for a wide range of treatment from simple check ups to full treatment.

Do not forget we are here for emergency toothaches as well!!

Please feel free to knock on our dental van door, based next to the High School Assembly Area and arrange an appointment or if we are not in, please leave your details (your name, contact number, child's name and which class they are in) at the Office and we can contact you once we return.

Our **next visit will be from Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December.**

Once your child reaches Grade 11 they are no longer allowed free treatment, so get your child seen by us as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you.

**From Your Happy Smiley Dental Team.**



## INVITATION

### To attend 2009 Prep Parent Information Night



When: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Prep Classrooms

Who: Parents & Caregivers of students who will be attending Prep in 2009

Why: Meet the teachers and discuss all that's necessary to start school.



## Term 4 Week 4



**Prep:** Angelina Mallie (Prep B), Ethan Gerchow (Prep C), Zoe Sailsbury (Prep D/Yr 1), Samantha Lengerich (Prep D/Yr 1), Tom McCahon (Prep B), Georgia Kirk (Prep C), Ben Klengeld (Prep A), Chelsea Levi-Gobbey (Prep A)



**Year 3:** Riley Maxwell (3A), Chelsea Williams (3A), Tom Maher (3C), John Bond (3B), Ethan Dooley (3D).

**Year 2:** Jessica Anthony (2B), Samantha Peters (2A), Ruby Coultla (2C), Lewie John (2D), Renae Hardy (2C), Harry Tass (2D), Mitchell Brandon (2D).



**100% Attendance Award:** Jason Ah Shay (1A) (Absent)  
**Mr Proud's Mystery Award:** Tom McCahon (Prep B)  
**Mr Proud's Spelling Awards:** Maddy Lavis (Prep A)  
 Sean Andrade (3B)

## Term 4—Week 6



**Prep:** Tahj Rohan (PC), Jamie Clarke (PC), Caitlin Hilton (PD/Yr 1), Ambrose Clarke (PB), Ashton Ngallametta (PB), Jasper Braun (PA).



**Year 2:** Kaitlyn Bevan (2A), Maleah Fagan (2B), Mackenzie Elms (2C), Matthew Moon (2C), Alex McInnes (2D), Samuel Namai (2C)



**You Can Do It Award:** Zoe Jupp (2C)  
**100% Attendance Award:** Morgan Walker (Prep D/Yr 1)

Parents, please forward your email address to Kathy Street if you wish to receive a photo of your child on Parade.

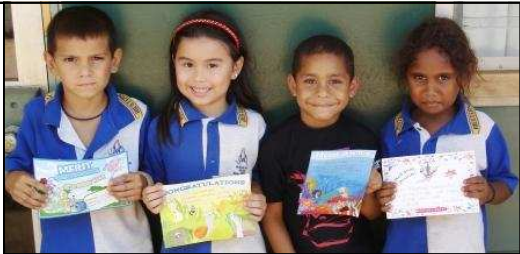
## Term 4 Week 5



**Prep:** Herbert Hudson (Prep A), Kyle Hunter (Prep D/Yr 1), Troye Fay (Prep B), Qurran Fagan (Prep B), Emily Dorahy (Prep C).



**Year 2:** Tully Sigai (2B), Evelyn Tamwoy (2C), Sam Simpson (2C), Kyjaun Clarke (2D).



**Year 1:** Tyrrell Lui (1B), Tiffany McDougall (1A), Tyrell Callope (1A), Rayshana Ngallametta (Prep D/Yr 1)



**Year 3:** Katelyn McCahon (3A), Ned Brown (3A), Shauntay Madua (3C), Sian Andrade (3B), Edwin Clarke (3D).



**100% Attendance Award:** Kate Russ (3C)  
**You Can Do It Award:** Nicholas Wagner (3A)  
**Mr Proud's Mystery Award:** Katelyn McCahon (3A)  
**Mr Proud's Spelling Awards:** Jared Clarke (PD/1)  
 Molly Dixon-Toomey (Prep B)

# Swimming Carnival Year 1 - Year 3

**DATE:** 28th November **WHERE:** Weipa Swimming Pool

**WHAT TO BRING:** Water Bottle, Hat, Towel, Sunscreen, Sports Shirt

**TIME:** 8.30am Roll Call in Classroom as normal.  
 8.45am Classes walk to the Weipa Swimming Pool  
 9.15am-12 Noon Rotation events.  
 12 Noon-2.30pm Classes as normal

**MENU:** Please provide snack food for your child. Cold water will be available to refill their water bottles. The School will provide a **free fruit platter**.

The emphasis on the day is “Participation & Fun” so “having a go” is the order of the day.

**EVENTS:** (All events are across the pool unless otherwise specified.)  
 A. Tennis Ball Relay (Years 1—3)  
 B. Kickboard/PFD Relay (Years 1—3)  
 C. Dive Stick Retrievals (Years 1—3)  
 D. Compact Jump/Dive Through Hoop (Years 1—3)  
 E. Optional Activity—Lap/Width of Pool (Years 2—3)

Any assistance in supervising the events would be greatly appreciated. This will help make the Carnival an enjoyable event for you and your child. You will need to work with other adults and have a sense of humour and fun. If you can help, please see your child’s class teacher. You will be notified as to what role you have. Thank you.

Western Cape College would like to acknowledge the generosity of Weipa Town Authority in providing **FREE** pool entry for our students in preparation for our Swimming Carnival this year.





# HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT



This edition will be my last as Middle School Leader and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my wife Marian and myself to thank all the staff, parents, students and especially the Administration staff for their support and friendship over the last 12 months.

We have loved our time in Weipa and we will always remember with pride our contribution to the College. I would like to make a special vote of thanks to the following people for reigniting my enthusiasm for my career, Ian Mackie, Tony Whybird, Leon Proud and Andrew Brandon. I have learnt a great deal from all these men and I am proud to have worked along side them for my time here.

I would also like to thank Mary Fagan and David Foxover for the fantastic job they do, without them I simply could not do my job. My family and I will be returning to Brisbane for medical reasons and I wish you all a long, happy and prosperous life. **Bill Schneid.**

## Our Year 7 and 8 Students remembers Remembrance Day

### What Remembrance Day Means to Me:

To me it means to never forget about the soldiers and what they went through. They were heroic, and brave and had a lot of courage, honour, respect and a lot of mateship. All of Australia should respect and acknowledge the soldiers that never returned to their homes.

Kane Isenbert



## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT YEARS 4 - 6



It is with great pride that I reflect on the achievements of our students and staff over 2008. It has been a very busy year implementing our Bound For Success Curriculum, NAPLAN and QCAT testing and our students have risen to the expectations of our college.

During Term 4 our Year 6 students had their Teamwork and Transition Camp at Scherger, and it was a massive success. Feedback was outstanding from our students, and I don't think they could have eaten better thanks to our chef Chris English. It was a great effort by our staff to run the camp and thank you to Honey Melcanis for giving up her time to come to the camp also, it was greatly appreciated. Thank you Scherger for your facility, it is second to none in it's quality and facilities!

Thank you again to our parent pool helpers, who have been able to provide their time at our swimming PE lessons. It is greatly appreciated, and ensures the safety of our students.

A big congratulations to our students at the Western Cape College Swimming carnival, I have never seen so many students having a go- it was fantastic and a reflection of the great efforts of our P.E teachers in giving you confidence to try your best.

In closing, it is with much excitement that I look towards 2009, and I wish our Year 6 students all the best as they move up to Year 7 and continue on their educational journey.

Yours in Education,

**Dave Foxover**  
**Head of Department Year 4-6**  
**Western Cape College Weipa**

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT YEARS 7 - 9



The school year is coming closer and I would like to acknowledge the middle school 7-9 staff members that are leaving Weipa at the end of the year. Ms Ja'ak Ward has transferred to a school in Cairns and also having her first baby. I would like to thank her for her leadership in the Year 7 particularly with the curriculum and Year level Co-ordination.

Mrs Julia Toft will be returning to Mossman SHS and would like to thank her for her expertise with the Year 8 Maths and Science.

Mr Craig Hughey who will be returning to his previous school, I would like to thank him for his work in the HPE and ICT for year 8 for the past two years. Mrs Marian Schneid will be returning to Pine Rivers SHS. I would like to thank her for her leadership in the co-ordination of HPE this year as well as the Cross Country and Athletics Carnival.

Mrs Crystal Maybury will also be on leave from the start of the year with the birth of her first child. I would like to thank her for her involvement in drama and the creative generation.

Mrs Amalia Smith will be transferring to a school in Brisbane and I would like to thank her for the teaching of computers and ICT at the school over the past two years.

Mr Steve Mackey and Mr Steve Stokes will both be returning to their schools in the South East and would like to thank them for their work in Manual Arts area. Mr Andrew Steele is also transferring and I would like to thank him for his work with Maths and Marine.

To all the above mentioned staff thank you and best wishes for the future. A special mention to Mr Bill Schneid as he moves back to Pine Rivers SHS. Thank you for your work in the behaviour management area and also as Head of Stage Schooling – Middle School. All the best and thank you.

To the students as we get closer to the end of school is to stay focussed right up to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. To the year 9 students, these are the last weeks of Middle school as you move into Senior school next year. All the best with your future school life here at Weipa. **Mary Fagan, Head of Department 7-9**

**Hard work, sacrifice and focus will never show up in tests.**  
**Lance Armstrong**



# Presentation Night - Years 7 - 12

***‘Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined’.***

Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> November our school took the time to pause and recognise the efforts and achievements of our year 7-12 students at the annual Presentation Evening. It was tremendous to celebrate the success of our students across a number of disciplines from the academic to the sporting arenas.

We were fortunate to have Dr Chris Sarra address the evening to highlight our success when compared to schools across the country. It definitely reinforces our high expectations for our students and how they rise to the occasion.

A special thanks must go to the students who took the time out during this busy time with assessment pressing. They are presented well and were obviously proud of their hard work and achievements.

Yr 2009 we look forward to the new performing arts complex where we can sit in air conditioned comfort to again recognise the successes of all our students.



Congratulations to Tia-Clair Dixon-Toomey who won the *Sportswoman of the Year Award (Esther & Dave Rutherford Trophy)* and Aquila Gela who won the *Sportsman of the Year Award (Keith Withers Trophy)* presented by Mrs Marian Schneid. (Health & Physical Education Department).



Mrs Marian Schneid presenting Tia-Clair Dixon-Toomey with a Sporting Achievement Medallion.



Mrs Marian Schneid presenting Aquila Gela with a Sporting Achievement Medallion.

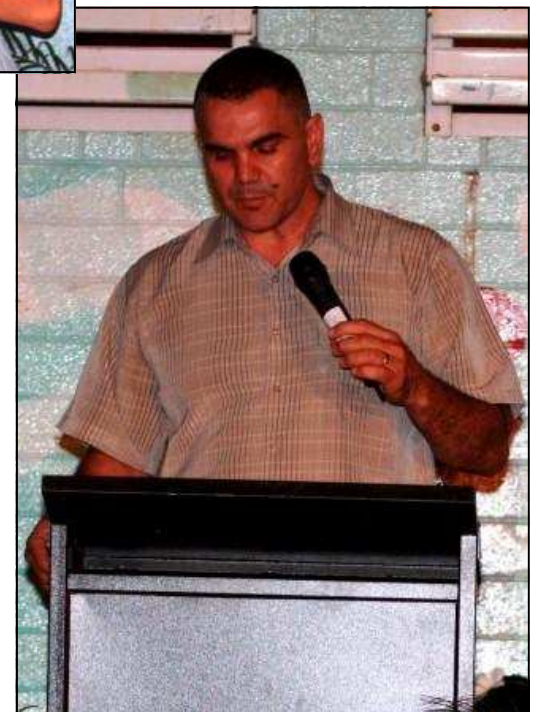
## **TOP STUDENTS BY YEAR CLASS:**

### **Back Row:**

**Joel Robinson** (Year 9),  
**Jonathon Aspinall** (2008 Dux Award),  
**Amy Wallin** (Year 11)

### **Front Row:**

**Vivienne Kruckow** (Year 8),  
**Jarrold Scott** (Year 10),  
**McLeod Atkinson** (Year 7) Absent from photo.



Dr Chris Sarra—Guest Speaker

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **Back Row:**

**Katie Day:** Vocational Education & Training Award (Year 11/12)

**Melissa Buchholz:** Sean Kruger Memorial Citizenship Award—Middle School

**Joel Robinson:** The Western Cape College Middle School All Rounder Encouragement Award and Rio Tinto Alcan—Top Student- Middle School-English and Maths

**Jonathon Aspinall:** 2008 Dux Award (Sponsored by Rio Tinto Alcan), Caltex Best All-Rounder Award—(Yr 10,11,12), Sean Kruger Memorial Citizenship Award-Senior School, Albatross Bay Resort Vocational Pathways Scholarship, Rio Tinto Alcan—Top Student-Senior School-Science, Rio Tinto Alcan—Top Student-Senior School-Maths

**Amy Wallin:** The Western Cape College Excellence in the Arts Award

### **Front Row:**

**Nazareth Naawi:** Thanakupi Encouragement Award (Year 10,11,12), Student Leader of the Year Award (Student Leadership Program)

**Stevie Barham:** The Western Cape College Middle School All Rounder Encouragement Award

**Jarrold Scott:** Dominic Dean Memorial Art Prize, Weipa Hardware Mitre 10 Manual Arts Awards For Attitude, Effort & Achievement-Senior School, Rio Tinto Alcan-Top Student-Senior School-English

**Tyler Kowalski:** Weipa Hardware Mitre 10 Manual Arts Awards for Attitude, Effort & Achievement-Middle School

**Agnes Nona:** Thanakupi Encouragement Award (Year 7,8,9)

**Megan McLaughlan:** Rio Tinto Alcan-Top Student-Middle School-Science

### **Absent from Photo:**

**Thomas Reuben:** Weipa Hardware Mitre 10 Graphics Award

**Chelsea Gill:** The Western Cape College Hospitality/Home Economics Award





# HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT



It is that time of the year again that we farewell the year 12 students and wish them all the best on their journey towards further study or employment. As has been said many times, the College will not dust our hands of these students and are committed to providing each and every student with a successful pathway. The year 12's need to be very proud of their commitment to completing school as I know it will serve them well in the future.

At this year's Presentation Evening, it was great to see so many proud students, parents and staff attending and receiving awards. To know that the school community is so strongly behind the efforts and achievements of the College and its students, I am confident that we can maintain the quality outcomes that we have been achieving into the future.

However, it is with some excitement and yet sadness that I will be saying farewell at the end of the year. I have been promoted to Principal of Millmerran State School on the Darling Downs.

During the four years I have been in Weipa, I have seen the College almost double in size in both the students enrolment and new facilities. While it has been a lot of hard work, I would like to thank the students, staff and community for their passion and dedication to making this process a success.

To the P&C Association for keeping me on my toes and for that I thank them as their dedication to providing students with quality education has allowed me to grow professionally. Both myself and Judy and the three kids, Jack, Mitchell and Chelsie, have had a wonderful four years in Weipa and we will dearly miss the friends we have made while living here.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and I'm sure we'll be back to visit for holidays.

*Andrew Brandon—Head of Senior School*

## PARENTS AS FIRST TEACHERS'

'Parents As First Teachers' say thank you to the many staff members of the Western Cape College and service providers throughout Napranum and Weipa for the support given to the 'PAFT' team over the last two years.

A huge and very special thank you to the families and parents we have worked with in this time.

We have truly enjoyed our time both personally and professionally and wish each and everyone of you a wonderful Christmas, a great New Year and the best ever year in 2009.

Yours truly, **Letitia and Yvette.**

## DIVE-IN DISCO

**SATURDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER  
AT THE WEIPA POOL**

<b><u>Prep—Year 3:</u></b>	5.30pm to 7.00pm (No entry without Adult)
<b><u>Year 4-Year 9:</u></b>	7.00pm to 8.30pm (No entry without an adult at drop off and pick up.)
<b><u>Cost:</u></b>	\$3.00 per person
<b><u>Menu:</u></b>	Sausage, snacks and drink on sale
<b><u>Prizes:</u></b>	Theme: “ <b>Under Water</b> ”—Best Dressed



Congratulations to 89 students from seven P-6 classes who took part in the Premiers Reading Challenge. These students received a certificate signed by Premier Anna Bligh and a Rugby League's One Community “Readers are Leaders” poster. The Challenge reached its goal and more than 59000 Queensland students read over 1.1 million books. Thanks to the teachers who encouraged their students and to the students who have improved their literacy skills by practicing reading and taking the Challenge.

## END OF YEAR IN THE LIBRARY

At the end of the year, the library does a stock take. This is a very big job entailing checking all of our resources, readers and textbooks. **Parents and students can help by ensuring all books are returned immediately.** The library will be **closed for the last three weeks** while we get everything back in order to start next year.

Throughout 2008, almost 4000 items have been added to the library (including readers and textbooks), and 27886 items have been borrowed. This shows that WCC Weipa Campus has a very busy library.

On the last day of school, we will farewell **Lorraine Lewis**, who has been an aide in the library for a long time. She is retiring and will spend the next five years touring around Australia with her husband in their lovely new caravan! Thanks Lorraine, for your commitment and dedication. Your cheerful smile and vast knowledge will be sorely missed. We wish you all the very best.

**Sally May (Teacher librarian)**



# Year 12 Formal



The Grade 12 Senior Formal Dinner was held at the Carpentaria Golf Club on Wednesday 19th November. It was a wonderful evening with all students and partners looking fantastic.

The twenty seven students will officially finish the end of their thirteen years of schooling at lunchtime on Friday. This occasion will be marked by a farewell morning tea for the teachers, parents, outgoing Year 12 students from 2008 and incoming Year 12 students for 2009.

The students will be presented with 'hot off the press' copies of the 2008 College Magazine as a memento of their Senior year and will be farewelled from school grounds with a Guard of Honour consisting of all the students from Grades 4-10.

The College would like to thank their departing Seniors for all the contributions they have made and wish them all the best for their future.



Rachael Ara lives in Napranum, where she did all her early schooling until Grade 6. She then came to Weipa Campus in 2004 to start Grade 7.

Rachael's Senior subjects are Communication English, Pre Vocational Maths, Hospitality, Home Economics and Sport and Recreation Studies. She has also been doing a Certificate II Traineeship in Administration through Rio Tinto Alcan for the last two years.

Rachael has enjoyed all the opportunities that have been offered to her through her attendance at Western Cape College. Next year she is hoping for a career in the Armed Forces.



Ryan Rutherford grew up in Weipa and has completed all his schooling here, from Kindergarten to Grade 12. In Grade 12 he studied Physics, Chemistry, Maths B, IPT and Board English.

The highlights of his school life include being an Opti-MINDS participant for Years 9, 10 and 11. In 2006, he was a member of the team which won the Regional Final in Cairns and went on to Brisbane to the State Finals where they won Honours. This was an *'unashamedly excellent'* experience.

Ryan was also a passionate member of Duyfken Sport's House and was a proud House Captain in 2007 and 2008. The Duyfken victory at the Swimming Carnival this year was a great way to end his school life.

Ryan is planning to go to Townsville next year to become an Electrical Apprentice with Electro Group Training.



Marda Pitt comes from Mapoon where she did all her early schooling up until Grade 6. She came to Weipa Campus in 2004 to start Grade 7, living at the Hostel for 2004 and 2005. Since then she has been boarding with a local family.

Marda's Senior subjects are English, Pre-Vocational Maths, Sport and Recreation Studies, Hospitality and Engineering. She has been doing work experience in a Grade 3 classroom.

Marda believes that attending Western Cape College has provided her with opportunities, education and friendships. She is proud to have been chosen to speak at a State Youth Conference in June/ July next year. Marda hopes to get an Apprenticeship with Rio Tinto Alcan next year to become a Diesel Fitter.



Katie Day also grew up in Weipa and has done all her schooling here. Her Senior subjects are Communication English, Maths A, Engineering, Automotive and Art. She received the Vocational Education Award for 2008 for her hard work in the Certificate I courses of Engineering and Automotive. She works part time and has been doing work experience in a Grade 2 classroom this year.

Katie loves the lifestyle on the Cape, spending a lot of her spare time on local properties enjoying horse riding, hunting and bull catching. She appreciates the opportunities that Western Cape College has provided for her.

She will be moving to Mareeba with her parents at the end of the year but hopes to return to Weipa to work for Rio Tinto Alcan in 2009.



### P & C 2008 Report

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to let you know about the Western Cape College Weipa Campus Parents and Citizens Association including the association's achievements and the great team of people who juggle their own busy lifestyles and on top of this commit to the Strategic and Operational planning of the College - a very rewarding task!!

A recap on the year 2008 - Beginning with:

- The official opening of the Multipurpose Shade Court fondly known as the Tiger Turf
- The adoption and adaption of the Student Protection Risk Management Policy, P & C Constitution, and Facility Usage and Hire Agreement Policies.
- Direction of the College for 2009
- Text Book Hire and Stationary Levy Approval
- Approval of numerous variations to College Policy activities considering always literacy and numeracy of all students.
- Continued financial support for academic and sporting excursions
- Successful P & C Disco enjoyed by many students
- Playgroup Stall Fundraiser
- Picture Plate Fundraiser
- Three day Fishing Classic event – we were one of the major stall holders
- Hats & Heels Melbourne Cup Luncheon – the day that nearly stops a nation
- Culminating with the Christmas Raffle

With the help of stalwart coordinators and many volunteers this year we, you and the P & C have raised in the vicinity of \$40 000 which has been budgeted to help improve student environment. We were also successful in scooping a \$29 900 grant to build - in partnership with the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, the College & P & C - a new playground climbing apparatus for Prep students, expected completion date early in Feb 2009.

I personally want to take this opportunity to thank the P & C Executive Committee, their subcommittees, event coordinators and employees for their wonderful support and help beyond the call of volunteer duty this year in 2008. Thank yous are extended to Vice Presidents Troy Batterham and Kim Potter, Treasurers Michelle Buchholz and Debbie Peterson, Secretaries Fiona Bielby and Mary Hindmarsh, Tuckshop Chair Kym Prentice, Tuckshop Secretaries Debbie Toomey and Fiona Brennan. Special mention must also go to Esther and Dave Rutherford, Michelle Elms, Lisa Francisco and her staff Pung Tierney, Gillian Taylor, Simone Atkinson and Sandra Henderson and my husband Phil Aspinall. The money raised is because of you all - for yours, ours and theirs. Please join me in thanking these wonderful people and also each and everyone who gave a hand in this year's P & C ventures.

On behalf of the P & C I would like to wish our senior students of 2008 a prosperous journey to fulfilment in their chosen career pathways. Good luck to you all. There have been a number of students who have helped with various P & C fundraising and working bee activities this year and have recently received certificates of appreciation - thank you to Rachel Brooker, Amy Marshall, Ben Slade, Joshua Potter, Dylan Pressley, Lance Backo, Joanna Bielby, Amanda Edwards, Kris Ellis, Takiesha Street, Shylucia Mckiernan, Reece Sainsbury, Joel Robinson, Mikey Carter, Robbie Jawai, Madeline Hoy, Stevie Barham, Shani Wallin, Brittany Edward, Amy Wallin, Shiona Budby, Jonathon Aspinall, Akala Street, Matt Slade, Tia Toomey, Melissa Buchholz, Tahlia Savage, Ryan Aspinall, Sophie Peterson and Ryan Rutherford.

In closing I leave you with these thoughts please think about joining the P & C in 2009 to have a say in where your College is going and your child's education. Remember - Many Hands Make Light Work.

Talking about many hands make light work - On behalf of the WCC WC P & C we have presented a small token of our appreciation to four hands belonging to two stalwart individuals - I'm sure you will agree - Volunteer Extraordinaires - who have given generously of their time, help and support to the Students, College and Community. Dave and Esther Rutherford have been part of the P & C for well over a decade and have seen and been part of many Fundays, Croc Festivals, Fishing Classics, Fundraising Committees, College Magazines, Constitution and Policy Changes. Thanks for being there Dave and Esther Rutherford, we will all miss you.

The P & C'S **Annual General Meeting** will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009. An application form can be found in your book list package or at the Western Office simply fill out the form pop it into the office before the AGM and you will be a member immediately. I am looking forward to seeing you at the AGM. **Jenny Aspinall P & C President.**

This term has flown by so fast and now we are at the end. I would like to thank the students and staff for their support throughout the year. The Tuckshop Team wishes all who are leaving school luck with their new endeavours, especially the year 12's.

The Tuckshop does not run without top staff so to Pung, Gillian and Sandra thank you for all your hard work. The Tuckshop also has a great committee who volunteer their time as well, therefore, thank you Kim Prentice, Debbie Toomey, Debbie Petersen, Fiona Brennan, and Kim Potter. Also to our P&C committee headed by Jenny Aspinall, a big thank you to you all.

To our volunteer Simone Atkinson who has left for Darwin, we already miss her, and we encourage more Mums or Dads to give some of your time and volunteer. Your kids love to see you here.

And last but not least; a very special person whom along with her husband has been a member of the P & C for many years. We can not say enough about your community commitment and hope you still hang around a bit longer. Esther and David Rutherford **A HUGE THANK YOU** *you are simply the best.*

Everyone please have an exciting and relaxing Christmas break. The new menu will be available on the Weipa Campus Notice board at the shopping centre for 2009 in the near future.

See you back in 2009.

**Lisa Francisco [Convener]**

**MENU—THURSDAY,  
4TH DECEMBER  
PIES  
PARTY PIES  
SAUSAGE ROLLS  
(NO NOODLES AVAILABLE)**

**TUCKSHOP  
CLOSED FOR  
CLEANING  
5TH DECEMBER**



Dave and Esther Rutherford

## **Western Cape College Magazine Cover Competition 2008**



This year students were asked to design a front cover for the College Magazine based on the theme *"Smart Moves in the Year of Physical Activity"*.

Congratulations to **Jarrod Scott (10.2)** who won this year's competition. Jarrod also won the Special Acknowledgement Award. He received a \$100 Gift Card of his choice.

**2nd Prize**—Mickeely Moon (5S) \$50 Voucher

**3rd Prize**—Marika Gunning (5W) \$25 Voucher

### **Encouragement Award (\$5.00 Tuckshop Voucher)**

Prep: Emily Dorahy (Prep C) and Rease Casey (Prep D)  
Year 1: Brandon Heather (1A) and Salome Nawakie (Prep D/Yr 1)  
Year 2: Ashlee Moon (2D)  
Year 3: Connor O'Brien (3B) and Chloe Waskiw (3B)  
Year 4: Thomas Whyte (4G) and Erin Taylor (4OC)