

WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Week 2, Term 4

15 October 2008



OCTOBER

Monday 20th, Student Free DayFriday 31st, Red Day for Daniel

NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 5th, Yr 4-12 Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 6th, P&C Meeting
- Thursday 13th, Yr 7-12 Presentation
 evening
- Wednesday 19th, November Senior Formal
- Friday 21st, Last day Yr 12
- Yr 10/11 Work experience 24th-28th
- Friday 28th, Last day Yr 10 & 11
- Friday 28th, Reports issued for Yr 10 & 11's
- Friday 28th, P-3 Swimming Carnival

DECEMBER

- Thursday 4th, Weipa P&C Meeting
- Thursday, 4th Reports Issued P-9
- Friday 5th, Last day of School 2008

TERMS DATES:

Term 1: Jan 29 - Apr 4
Term 2: Apr 15 - Jun 27
Term 3: Jul 15 - Sep 19

Term 4: Oct 6 - Dec 5

STUDENT FREE DAYS

OCT: Mon 20th

College E-Newsletter!

Would you like to keep up with the latest news and events from Western Cape College?

You should subscribe the E-Newsletter version of the College Newsletter.

Just follow the links on the Western Cape College Home Page and get the newsletter sent to your email address every fortnight.

Also, if you've missed a previous edition just log on to the website and download the relevant week.

You can also view Weipa Campus and Aurukun Campus Newsletters online too and check out any upcoming events.

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School Based Immunisation Program

The last immunisation session will take place on Monday 3 November will include the following injections:

Grade 8-Hep B and HPV (girls only) Grade 9-HPV (girls only) Grade 10-Boostrix and HPV (girls only)

All enquiries to Mary Hindmarsh 4090 6236



FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

As we welcome back staff and students in the first few weeks of Term Four we continue to focus on the long-term strategic direction of the College.

In the coming weeks you will see development starting to occur on the new facilities for the Weipa Campus. The Aurukun Campus also has a new Special Education Unit close to completion. These facilities are part of the Stage Three Master Plan and will provide our students and staff with the facilities to help them perform and achieve their best.

We will continue to report the progress and development of the new facilities in the College Newsletter as well as publishing concise versions of our Campus Quarterly Reports so stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

It's also my pleasure to announce to the College and the wider community that Western Cape College has progressed to the next stage of the Premiers Awards for Public Sector Management in the category of Partnerships and Reconciliation.

The Premiers Awards recognise and reward the outstanding achievements of work units and teams within the Queensland public sector who continue to strive for excellence, best practice management, and improvements in services and public sector management.

Operating in a small community, maintaining and developing these partnerships is vital to ensure that our students are offered relevant employment and training pathways and we continue to develop as a College and a community.

To get to this level of the judging process is an amazing achievement and all our staff and stakeholders who help us build meaningful partnerships should be congratulated!

Regards,

Ian Mackie

Director Western Cape College

WCC Students to go on Historical Holiday!

Western Cape College Students are busy fundraising and filling in passport applications for the first ever Ancient History Tour that will take place next year during the September school holidays.

The two week tour will see approximately 12 students and 4 adults visit the ancient sites of Rome, Naples, Pompeii, Tivoli, Athens, Argolis, Delphi, London, Winchester, Stonehenge and Bath.

Students are busy fundraising to help off-set the cost of the tour and have been already busy working hosting Barbeques and working at the Junior Cricket Tuckshop.

The tour is being organised by English and Ancient History Teacher, Jenny English who says the tour will not only be heaps of fun but also address curriculum covered in Ancient History.

"Not only will the tour be a lot of fun it will also allow the students to be offered a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn and experience some of the most amazing ancient sites in the world.

"The students are also learning about accountability and community involvement with their fundraising activities," said Jenny.

Some of the fundraising activities that the students are currently involved include hosting a chocolate drive, a cricket barbeque and holding dive-in movies at the pool and a rock quiz auction in 2009.

For more information about the fundraising, or if you'd like to make a donation to the rock quiz auction please contact Jenny English at Western Cape College on 4090 6410; jengl23@eq.edu.au.



Jack Carter, Kirsten Third and Jack Pressley raising money at the junior cricket tuckshop for the ancient history tour

Loud Shirt Day gives Bright Hope!

The Western Cape College, Weipa Campus was home to a world of weird, wonderful and brightly coloured loud shirts on the last day of Term 3, as students participated in Loud Shirt day in aid of national deaf and hearing impairment awareness.

Over \$320 was raised from everyone getting behind the initiative and it was a great way to celebrate the last day of Term.

The money raised will go toward programs to help hearing impaired and deaf children develop language and speech potential so that they can integrate into their local school and the community.

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Weipa Girls Tackle Rugby League Carnival

Do girls play rugby league? They sure do!

Ten Weipa Campus girls from Years 8 to 12 competed in the Rugby League 8-a-side girls U15s and U18s carnival in Cairns on 18th September. The girls were proudly sponsored by Sam Nolan of Weipa Autos, who supplied the striking black and pink team polos.

The U15 contingent comprised Alexander Ahmat, Marion Callope, Kerry Callope, Janita Christian, Eileen Kris, Pelina Schuh, Lydia Sigai and Rothana Wasiu. Three Woree SHS girls added to numbers to make up the team, and they competed against teams from Mossman, Malanda, Gordonvale and Djarragun College. Having been well coached by teacher Flori King-Smith, herself an FNQ rugby league rep player, the girls excelled, winning all of their games.

The two senior girls, Marda Pitt-Nicholls and Rachael Ara, added depth to the U18s Djarragun team, and competed against Smithfield, Mossman and Atherton. Again, these girls shone, with Marda being a try-scoring machine!

Perhaps our girls had a slight advantage. On Wednesday morning, they were very fortunate to have a coaching session with Andrew Dunemann, coach of the Northern Pride team. He was most impressed with their rugby league skills. The same evening, the girls joined grand finalist women's team Ivanhoes for a training session and barbeque. Both were exciting and valuable experiences.

Western Cape College can be extremely proud of these ten girls. From the carnival to the airport and in the streets of Cairns, their deportment and behaviour were exemplary, and they showed themselves not only to be excellent sportswomen, but great ambassadors for the Weipa Campus and community.

Thanks to the Priority Country Area Program for contributing airfares, Weipa Autos for their sponsorship, and to the parents who supported their children in this sporting opportunity.



The Weipa Campus Rugby Girls at the Carnival in Cairns



Alexander Amhmat breaks the line!

WCC will Wear Red for Daniel

Western Cape College teachers, school staff and students will be wearing red on Friday 31 October to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's Day for Daniel.

The annual event commemorates the disappearance of 13-year-old Daniel Morcombe who went missing from a Sunshine Coast bus stop in December 2003.

Gold coin donations will be collected during the day and will be donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

To find out more information about the Daniel Morcombe foundation please visit: www.danielmorcombe.com.au

Snapped around College!

Junior
School
Weipa Campus Students
get dramatic
with the Year
10 Drama
students
who made a
special visit
to their class
in Term 3.



25 Years of Service Recognised

Last Tuesday, 8 October Letitia Murgha and Rod Whittle were recognised for 25 Years of Service in the Teaching profession at a full Weipa Campus Staff Meeting.

Letitia is currently working on the Parents as First Teachers Project engagement project with the Napranum community and Rod Whittle is a Physical Education teacher and is actively involved in organising the annual sporting carnivals. Mr Ian Mackie, Western Cape College Director, commended their years of dedication.

