

## WHAT'S ON

- 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, P-3 Swimming Carnival

### DECEMBER

- Thursday 4th, Weipa P&C Meeting
- 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

### ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

Mon: 3.00-4.00pm

Meet at the Sports Shed at the High School.

Wed 2.45-3.45pm

Meet at the Tiger Turf for Netball.

Don't forget Hats, Water Bottles and Permission Slips if you are new to the program.

Students already registered don't need to worry.

### SEE YOU THERE!

Contact: Mrs Schneid (40906478)



## FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

Last week the Western Cape College hosted an External Review Panel that audited the College across a wide range of accountabilities and I'm pleased to report that once again Western Cape College is leading the way in areas of attendance, Indigenous education and positive life pathways for our students.

It's critical that as a College we have a strong culture of ensuring that performance is measured accurately. This type of reporting allows us to determine how successful our initiatives are, whilst also identifying areas of improvements.

As a College we also report back to our Community in the form of Quarterly Reports and the Management Board Meetings and I look forward to hosting the final meeting later this week to finalise the 2008 actions as well as direct our attention toward 2009 and ensuring a strong, smart vision is encompassed across the whole strategic direction of the College.

I'm also pleased to formally congratulate two of our College staff members who have been recognised in the education field for excellence. Elizabeth Mackie, the Head of Campus at Aurukun was nominated by the College Community for the Noreen Wilcox Awards for her tireless efforts and dedication to improve the education outcomes of the students of the Aurukun Community. Elizabeth is currently in Cairns today, awaiting to see if she is the successful recipient and we wish her all the best.

I'd also like to recognise one of Information Technology Teachers from the Weipa Campus, Amalia Smith, who has recently been awarded a 2008 Smart Classrooms Regional Award (see story below) coincidentally announced on World Teachers Day. Amalia has been recognised for her use of technology as a teaching tool to help her students achieve their best. Congratulations Amalia.

I draw your attention this week to the concise Quarterly Report from the Mapoon Campus and like always will be available in full online at our website.

Regards, Ian Mackie Director Western Cape College

## 📷 Snapped around College!



This semester at Western Cape College 10 girls from years 7—10 have been involved in a girls and ICT group known as GIDGITS (Girls Into Doing Great Information Technology Society). So why do we have a ICT group for only girls you may ask...Girls and women continue to be under-represented in ICT careers and studies. The Australian Computer Society states that "Information Technology is one of the fastest growing industries in Australia today, yet only about 20% of the people who work in the ICT industries are women." GIDGITS is all about girls helping other girls to engage with ICT.

Throughout the semester the girls have been working with different software and ICT devices to complete activities designed by other high school girls around the state. These activities are then submitted to gain points and go in the running for cool prizes like a Dell Inspiron Laptop, a Nintendo Wii, an iPod Classic, a Digital Video Camera, a Portable DVD Player.

Five of the girls were lucky enough to attend an ICT Masterclass in Mareeba in October. At this session the girls used an application known as Alice which is a 3D programming environment that makes it easy to create an animation for telling a story, playing an interactive game, or a video to share on the web. They also created animated wallpapers for their mobile phones using Adobe Flash CS3. The girls performed extremely well and had fun using new software to be creative.

GIDGITS happens every Wednesday afternoon at 3.15 in ER01. All girls in years 7—12 are welcome to join and for more information please see Mrs Smith or email her at [asmit558@eq.edu.au](mailto:asmit558@eq.edu.au)

**Check out these links for more information**

**GIDGITS:** [www.gidgits.org](http://www.gidgits.org)

**Alice:** [www.alice.org](http://www.alice.org) (download your own free copy with built in tutorials)

## Music Tour Trips Around Cape!

This weeks snapped around College features students from the Aurukun Campus (left) who have recently participated in the Western Cape College Music Tour.

The Tour visited all the College Campuses and involved the students in music lessons, rock band style workshops and interactive games.

The kids got to play instruments such as the trumpet, drums and electric guitar and from looks of these kids faces-it was a thumbs up day!

The day was coordinated by the Weipa Campus, Music Teacher Mr Tom Stewart who arranged visiting artists to be involved in the workshops.

## Weipa Teacher Recognised on World Teachers Day

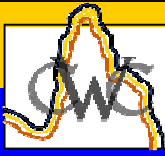
Western Cape College, Information Technology Teachers, Amalia Smith has been awarded a 2008 Smart Classrooms Regional Award.

Amalia was one of twenty-six teachers from across Queensland who were recognised for improving student learning opportunities through the use of information and communications technologies (ICT).

Education and Training Minister Rod Welford announced the Smart Classrooms Regional Teacher Award winners as part of World Teachers' Day celebrations on October 31.

The Smart Classrooms Regional Teacher Awards recognises teachers who have made significant progress in making ICT integral to learning and who are committed to ongoing professional development.





## Mapoon Campus Quarterly Community Report

### Head of Campus Message

As the end of the year draws closer the workload for staff and students is accelerating. However the positive attitude, stamina and great work ethics have still been applied. This term saw a couple of staff changes. Regrettably we lost Maude Hastie, our Year 4/ 5/ 6 Teacher. Maude is now working at the Weipa Campus and standing in her place I am teaching Mapoon's Year 4/ 5/ 6 this term. We also said farewell to Rod Sutherland the bus driver/grounds man. Rod returned home to Victoria to be with his family. However we welcomed John Mallie, a local Mapoon resident to take on the position of bus driver/grounds man. We will also be saying a sad farewell to our two existing teachers Alex Stuart and Tammy Hazel at the end of the year. Both have been dedicated to Mapoon for nearly 3 years and will be greatly missed.

Recently the school was involved in the International Coastal cleanup and "Extinction Sucks", a documentary at Cullen Point in Mapoon. We had a fantastic turnout of students who contributed there enthusiasm and helping hands to the cause. The students worked alongside the Carpentaria Ghost Nets Programme, Conservational Volunteers, Mapoon Council Land and Sea Unit, Rio Tinto Alcan, Mapoon Rangers and other community volunteers. The event coincided with the Grade 2/3 Moderated Task of Endangered Species, which greatly impacted upon students having a real life learning experience.

Science has also taken a great leap forward at Mapoon Campus with a recent week long workshop for all grades, conducted by the "Cycling Scientists" and staff. The Cycling Scientist Danene Jones and Chris Lauf cycled all the way from Townsville to teach the students about Science and energy. The pair hoped to cycle 5000 kilometres upon completion of their journey It was a huge success and hopefully will inspire some Mapoon students to take up a career in the Sciences.

### 2008 Fourth Quarter Priorities

- Final PD installment of OneSchool training to staff;
- Conduct and complete Protective Behaviour Program for all staff;
- Incorporate and run an Intensive Numeracy and Literacy program for targeted students;
- Formalise applicants for the introduction of the Even Start National Tuition Program;
- Negotiate Budget priorities for 2009 with the College;
- Prioritise and focus on transitional students and their families assisting where needed;
- Organise parent workshops through Mark Davidson;
- Build upon and actively engage with the Mapoon Justice Group and Council to develop strategies for school attendance and student welfare issues;
- Complete the Computer laboratory.

For the full copy of the Mapoon Campus Quarterly Report please visit [www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au](http://www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au) and click on the Data and Reports Tab.

### Dive In Movie Makes a Splash at Weipa Pool!

Western Cape College, Weipa Campus students recently hosted a Dive in Movie at the Weipa Pool to help raise funds for their Ancient History Tour overseas next year.

Two movies were shown at the Pool, The Waterhorse and Vantage Point as movie goers got their feet wet and took their seats in pool noodles instead of the traditional arm chairs.

The students also sold snacks and hosted a sausage sizzle so parents could have the night off from cooking.

The night was a huge fundraising success and over \$1500 will go toward their trip.

Another dive-in movie will be hosted early next year. Details will be in the College Newsletter and in the Western Cape Bulletin.

### SUPER!market Surprise

The students of Weipa Campus class 5D had a very interesting day at the local Woolworths. We have been learning about a balanced diet, the five food groups and how to choose food wisely.

Andrew (Floor Manager) treated the kids to a surprisingly interesting, informative and fun morning, and left us wishing we had more time to spare to discover more supermarket surprises!



Rebecca found a healthy chocolate treat.

