

WHAT'S ON

DECEMBER

- Thursday 4th, Weipa P&C Meeting
- Friday 5th, Last day of School 2008
- Friday 28th, P-3 Swimming Carnival

TERMS DATES 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

PARENT REMINDER!

If your child or children are not attending school next year please contact the school.

2009 LEVIES

Your child will be receiving their 2009 levies shortly via post. Payment is accepted at the school office. The school office closes on 12/12/08 and re-opens on 19/1/09, during holidays direct debit payments will be accepted.

DENTAL VAN UPDATE

The dental van will be at the Weipa Campus from 1st December-5th December. Parents are reminded that once children reach Year 11 they are no longer eligible for free treatment, so ensure your child is seen as soon as possible and the dental van is available for emergency toothaches as well-just knock on the door..

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)

WCC Weipa Croc Snack Shack Tuck-Shop

Another year has whizzed by us and it is time to thank the following people The children and staff for there support, the tuck-shop committee Debbie Petersen, Kim Prentice, Debbie Toomey, Fiona Brennan, Kim Potter And the P&C committee headed by Jenny Aspinall thanks for all your long voluntary hours, without your commitment we cannot exist. Thanks to Simone Atkinson for giving her time as our only volunteer To the tuck-shop staff Pung, Gillian and Sandra thanks for all your hard work. Please feel free to volunteer some of your time at tuck-shop, your kids love to see you here. New tuck-shop menus will be available soon at the web site, shopping centre notice board, school office and in the tuck-shop shortly. Merry Christmas, good luck and enjoy a joyous new year 2009 Lisa Francisco [Convener]



FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

In the last Newsletter for 2008 and reflecting on the School Year there have been some significant success stories across the College throughout 2008.

Some of these include Western Cape College being nominated for Premiers Awards for Best Practice in Public Sector Management, Elizabeth Mackie winning the Noreen Wilcox Awards, Amalia Smith winning a Regional ICT Awards for Smart Classrooms and Jonathan Aspinall winning a 2008 Peter Doherty Award for Excellence in Science-just to name a few within the last Semester.

However these awards only recognize a very small number of the College community that all have worked tirelessly throughout the school year to ensure quality teaching and learning is delivered to all of the children in the Mapoon, Aurukun and Weipa Campuses.

I congratulate all teachers, teacher aides, administration and facilities team members who have gone above and beyond in 2008 to ensure that all our Campuses deliver the best learning outcomes for our children!

I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that our wider school community has shown all our Campuses- all the businesses, volunteers and service providers who have at some stage offered their support. Particularly the Weipa P&C Committee who continues to go-above and beyond to raise funds raised that will go toward improving the facilities for our Weipa students-Thank you.

I'd also take this opportunity to congratulate the following new appointments for the 2009 School Year; Leon Proud-Head of Weipa Campus, Elizabeth Mackie-Head of Aurukun Campus, Nikki Schell-Head of Special Education Services and Andrew Brandon who will be leaving the community to become the new Principal of Millmerran State School.

I also wish all the teachers who are moving on that have been apart of the College team-all the best and thank them for their hard work.

I wish all our staff, students and families in the Weipa, Aurukun, Napranum Communities a very Merry Christmas and look forward to your support again in 2009.

Ian Mackie-Director Western Cape College



Snapped around College!

Some of the Gigit IT Weipa Girls during one of their work-

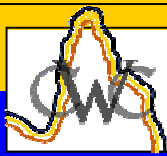


Weipa Campus Students stopped on the 11 of November to remembers the fallen soldiers during Remembrance Day

WEIPA CAMPUS P & C NEWS

This was the last meeting for Esther Rutherford as the last of the apron strings are about to be severed. Great Cake Lisa) Thankyou very much to Dave and Esther Rutherford - Volunteer Extraordinaires - P & C stalwarts for over a decade!! Beware Rutherfords we still have your contact details and yes we know caller ID is a great initiative but remember we can call from any phone!! Incognito that's us!! Guest Speaker Lyn James came along to let us know her role which is Health Promotion eg Sun Safety Education, Child Health Checks and Staff Support with Health Education to name a few. The role is 5 days for secondary school, 2 days Aurukun, 1 day Mapoon and 2 days primary school per fortnight. This is flexible depending on the College/Campus needs. Michelle Elms College Finance Manager presented the tentative resource and text hire levy for 2009. Michelle explained, we discussed and than approved the levies for P - 12 2009. There is a small increase in line with the CPI and new charges from WTA for pool usage. The levies and book lists will be posted in the near future along with an application for the P & C membership for 2009. General Business from the floor was the reintroduction of languages to the school curriculum and rationales for and against. Head of Campus Reported - the focus of the 2009 College budget were College Security and Work Place Health and Safety. Results from the Year 3, 5, 7, & 9 Testing are out and results are available on the College Website. The last meeting is on the Thursday 4th December at the resource centre 7.30pm. Agenda items will be feed back from the Management Board Meeting and Uniform Policy as per the document tabled last meeting. See you there.

The full 2008 P & C Report is now available online at www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au



Aurukun Campus Quarterly Community Report

Head of Campus Message

During term 3, students at Aurukun Campus have participated in a wide range of opportunities and experiences, each providing them with exposure varied activities designed to inform their future choices and positive life pathways.

These activities included district sports, transition to boarding school, technology boot camp, Queensland Youth Orchestra, Cycling Scientists, Dreamtime at the Gabba, Cape Crusaders, AFL Auskick and development camp, David Peachey's NRL and Hip Hop, school photos, Hearing checks, 5 Cent Sale, local excursions, Under 8's Day, NAIDOC Day, Rewards Fun Day, Weekly Celebration Parades, Christian Acrobats and bar benders and Crime Stoppers.

Year 2 Net Moderation, District Wide Assessment tasks and Year 4 QCAR Assessment task have afforded students the opportunity to show improvement in application to class work, skills and knowledge. Rewards Fun Day was again a huge success with all ABC students reveling in fun learning activities with water, food and games.

Families have been adjusting to the introduction of Welfare Reforms in Aurukun. The school has a legislative imperative to report those students who have not attended school after their third day of absence.

Positive strategies and Rewards Programs along with teachers' energetic and consistent focus as leaders of learning has continued engaging students through ABC - attendance, positive behaviours and great work. Every class can boast success with noticeable improvements in classroom behaviours and environments and visible improvement in application to learning. Programmes which have supported students' emotional needs can also be championed for improvements across the school. This includes Social Skilling, You Can Do It and the CYMH development of The Tree of Life which will be presented in four sessions for groups of 8 students.

Attendance for term 3, 2008 has increased by 7% compared with 37% in term 3, 2007.

2008 Fourth Quarter Priorities

Leadership Priorities

Student Leadership – skills development ongoing

Student Council requests have been finalized with the installation of water fountains in the Junior Playground in addition to the bubblers under B Block for Middle School.

Committees meeting regularly and working according to their charters of responsibility and accountability.

School / community relations campaign has seen the publication of two school newsletters – Wik Yaarkathan.

These can be viewed on the WCC website.

Principal continued focus on the development of student focused strategic direction, staffing issues/processes, buildings and facilities and reporting accountabilities and assist with behaviour management and begin process of Developing a Performance Framework.

Deputy Principal assisted Principal, focusing on curriculum, resource procurement and assisting with behaviour management.

Behaviour Management HOD has enacted the Behaviour Management Policy, ensuring consistency across the school.

P&C did not meet.

(More priorities in the full report on the website)

For the full copy of the Aurukun Campus Quarterly Report please visit www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au and click on the Data and Reports Tab.

PAFT UPDATE

The 'Parents As First Teachers' project would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge those who have worked closely with Yvette and Letitia for the past 2 years. We have had a remarkable 2 years and that is largely based on the fact that the parents and service providers of Napranum have welcomed us warmly from the very beginning. Your support and friendship has played a major part in the projects success. Thankyou also to the staff of the Western Cape College, your constant help and support is wonderful and much appreciated by both of us. Lastly, we would like to recognise Ian and Liz Mackie for the trust, patience and flexibility they have allowed the P.A.F.T team to exercise. This has been an instrumental factor in the projects success-thankyou to both of you, you're great boss's. So now it is time to 'sign-off' from the PAFT team-what a wonderful 2 years, thanks again one and all, Yvette and Letitia.

SPONSORSHIP CONTINUES

In 2007, College Captain , Denica Russ, raised enough money to help two students in a small village in Tanzania to attend secondary school, a dream which is not a given there as it is here in Australia. This program is sponsored by the Australian Youth Development Association.

In 2008, two students, Amy Wallin and Shiona Budby, have continued this fundraising and have managed to raise enough money to continue to sponsor the same two students this year. They hope to continue the quest in 2009.

Western Cape College is proud that these students have provided the opportunity for this school to be associated with such a worthy cause. Well done, girls!

What's new on the WCC website?

Log on now to read the full 2008 Sports Report and view photographs from Weipa Campus Presentation Night-just click on the News and Events Tab-under 2008 Events!

Swimming Carnival 2008

The Swimming Carnival for 2008 took place on Wednesday November 5th as a daytime event instead of a night time carnival.

There were many wonderful achievements on the day including four broken records. These were 10 yrs girls freestyle broken by Kyla Barham, 15yrs girls Freestyle and Butterfly broken by Tia Toomey, and Open boys breaststroke broken by Jonathon Aspinall.

The Age Champions were as follows:

	Boys	Girls
<u>9 yrs</u>	Jefferson Pablo	Tara Crossley
<u>10 yrs</u>	Ryley Schneid	{Kyla Barham {Josie Atkinson
<u>11 yrs</u>	Eden Savage	Taylor Francisco
<u>12 yrs</u>	McLeod Atkinson	Emmaia Masso
<u>13yrs</u>	Nick Reuben	Jasmine Birch
<u>14yrs</u>	Reece Sainsbury	Adrienne Petrie
<u>15yrs</u>	Ronald Masso	Tia Toomey
<u>16yrs</u>	Jack Clifford	Yosinta Motton
<u>Open</u>	Jonathan Aspinall	Marda Pitt

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding efforts!

The House Spirit for the day was awarded to Flinders House and the Overall Points Trophy went to Duyfken with 1539 points narrowly beating Flinders by 33 points. Evans was a great competitor scoring 858 points. Well done to all competitors for a great day with minimal fuss and lots of fun!!

Thanks to Garry Hutchinson for co-ordinating the day; to all other teachers who, as always, put in a huge effort to ensure these days go well for the students; to the parents who attended on the day and added to the great atmosphere; and finally thanks to the House leaders and the students themselves for attending and having a go!

