

JUNE

- Aurukun TB testing 17th & 19th
- Reports Issued 26th (Weipa except Year 12)

JULY

- Mapoon NAIDOC Celebrations 10th
- Thursday 17th P&C Meeting
- Weipa NAIDOC week 21st-25th
- Westpac Maths Comp 31st

AUGUST

- Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 14th P&C Meeting
- Cape Yr6 Leadership Camp 11th

SEPTEMBER

- QCS 2nd & 3rd
- Thursday 11th P&C Meeting
- Weipa Parent Interviews 15th—19th

OCTOBER

- Thursday 9th P&C Meeting
- SFD 20th
- College swimming carnival
- Mapoon Dare to be deadly transition trip to Cairns 27th-31st

NOVEMBER

- Weipa Senior Presentation evening 12th
- Thursday 13th P&C Meeting
- Senior Formal 14th
- Last day Yr 12 14th
- Mapoon Yr 6 Graduation
- Yr 10/11 Work experience 24th-28th
- Last day Yr 10 & 11 28th
- Reports issued 28th Yr 10 & 11's

DECEMBER

- Thursday 4th P&C Meeting
- Reports Issued 4th Prep-9

Term 1:	Jan 29	-	Apr 4
Term 2:	Apr 15	-	Jun 27
Term 3:	Jul 15	-	Sep 19
Term 4:	Oct 6	-	Dec 12

STUDENT FREE DAYS

- JULY:** Mon 14th
OCT: Mon 20th

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

- Mon:** 2.30-3.30pm Active After School
3.30-5.00pm Boxercise
Thur: 2.30-3.30pm Active After School
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Meet in front of PE shed at High School.

AURUKUN SPORTS DAY

Aurukun held their annual Sports Days on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th May.

The students enjoyed all of the events and it was great to see the interaction between students, teachers and community members.

The Age Champions for 2008 are:

Girls;

- 6yrs—Aaliyah Ornyengaia
- 7yrs—Brianna Waia
- 8 yrs—Iris Bowenda
- 9yrs—Aquella Woolla
- 10yrs—Caitlyn Walpo
- 11yrs—Melva Tybingoompa
- 12yrs—Neredine Wolmby
- 13yrs—Heidi Kepple

Boys;

- 6yrs—Sammy Bowenda
- 7 yrs—Joe Wolmby
- 8yrs—Denzel Yunkaporta
- 9yrs—Tristian Woolla
- 10 yrs—Carlo Yunkaporta
- 11 yrs—Luey Poonkamelya
- 12yrs—Austin Marpoondin
- 13 yrs—Bob Arkwookerum
- 14 yrs—Grant Marbendinar



FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

This is the last column for term 2 and I would like to address a topic that I think is core business for Western Cape College; lifelong learning. Lifelong learning is something that I have always believed in and encouraged. I think learning begins at birth and should continue well beyond schooling; that it is never too late or soon for learning. Programs at Western Cape College such as the Parents as First Teachers program at Napranum is one of the many initiatives implemented by the College promoting lifelong learning. I think you can always learn something new and are constantly humbled by others' knowledge. Being open to new behaviours, skills and ideas means lifelong learning is not bound by institutionalised forms of education provision. Learning can occur through daily interactions, e-learning, or even postgraduate studies. At Western Cape College we ensure each student is equipped with the literacy and numeracy skills to enable participation in lifelong learning. The College has programs in place that encourage open-mindedness and exploration so students are excited and motivated by learning something new. Within today's workplace these skills are imperative, skills and knowledge must constantly be updated so they are relevant to the job specifications. Not only the way we work changes but how we work, people are more transient in their work movements and do not remain in the same position or organisation for life. This movement also fosters the concept of lifelong learning, hence the importance for our students to be prepared for the realities of social and work environments. If you would like to find out more please visit our website at www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au.

Regards, Ian Mackie, Director Western Cape College



SCHOOL LEADERSHIP WEEK IN AURUKUN

Aurukun Shire Council hosted the Aurukun Campus School Captain, Kamuel Tamwoy and Vice Captain, David Watt at their monthly council meeting on Tuesday June 2. The school leaders attended the Council meeting as part of their leadership development and duties as leaders of the Student Council. As designated Observers at the Council meeting, Kempo and David observed meeting procedures and the processes involved in the carriage of Council business. The

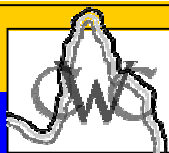
School Council, through their leaders, will also report on their activities and present ideas to improve the community at future Shire Council meetings. This capacity building strategy will develop students' confidence as leaders, increase awareness of democracy in its truest sense and enable them to demonstrate responsibility through participation in decision making at a strategic level. All Shire Councillors and the Mayor were most pleased with the Student Leaders participation at the Council meeting and Kempo and David enjoyed the learning experience. After all, these two distinguished school leaders, may well be the community leaders of the future. Following this extremely informative meeting on Thursday 5th June the 12 members of the Aurukun Student Representative Council participated in a Leadership Day. This day was designed to help the students develop their understanding of the role of a leader, skills needed to be an effective leader, how to work as a team and how to trust each other. The teachers were very impressed by the enthusiasm the students displayed while participating in the activities. The Aurukun SRC has already experienced success this term with improvements to the Lunchtime Rewards Room being implemented as a result of the students' proposal.



PREP - DANIELL MATASIA

Daniell is a student living with a profound hearing loss. 2008 is her first formal year of school, she attended Napranum C & K where she received intervention to learn sign language (Auslan) before enrolling at Western Cape College - Weipa Campus. Although small in stature Daniell is big in her attitude towards learning... Daniell has continued with her Auslan communication skills with support from her Specialist Teacher Aide (Mitch), Classroom Teacher and SEU staff. We are very excited here at Western Cape College to witness the progress that Daniell is making at school. Daniell communicates with staff and peers using Auslan for words such as:- pack up, painting, wait, friend, ball, come, look, colours and counting 1, 2, 3 etc... She participates in and completes the same tasks as her peers in learning experiences through visual prompts and Auslan. Daniell is progressing in leaps and bounds as her attendance this year is 94%.

Well done Daniell.



Mapoon Message

The last 3 months has flown by and we are approaching the mid year break. It has been a hectic Term with the State wide year 3 / 5 / 7 testing and the year 2 Net testing been completed. The students were energized with big cooked breakfasts over three days, before putting in a fabulous effort. Congratulations to all the students who were involved and well done for putting in a big effort. The schools new playground will be complete by the end of the week as the students have been waiting in anticipation over the coming months. The P&C were actively involved in deciding where the playground would be best suited for the school, which was behind the Prep building. Recently the schools computer system and server was upgraded and is now inline with the rest of the Cape schools. The school is now only weeks away from having its own computer lab, which will go in the classroom next to the senior's room. There will be 12 new computers, printers and software incorporated into the lab. Finally it's Report card time again. In the coming weeks students will be tested and assessed, so it is important that they are well rested and fed good nutritional meals over this time. Reports will be sent home in the last week of this Term.

Budget win for Weipa Campus

In the recent QLD budget, there were significant announcements made regarding the installation of new facilities and refurbishment of existing facilities.

We are very pleased to announce that stage 3 of the master plan has been approved and we are hoping that works will begin soon. Included in this announcement is:

- ♦ A new administration block on the Eastern Campus
- ♦ A new performing arts centre for dance, drama and multi-media
- ♦ A new custom fitted Special Ed unit on the Western campus
- ♦ Extensions to the Home Ec kitchen including a commercial catering kitchen.
- ♦ Staff and visitor parking,
- ♦ Covered walkway to a bus set down adjacent the Yr 4 building
- ♦ Other associated landscaping and services.

All this is great news for the school community as we continue to grow in size. The new facilities will add further to the curriculum, teaching and learning opportunities for the students and community of the Western Cape.



VACANCY FOR CASUAL CLEANERS

Western Cape College is always looking for relief or casual cleaners. If you are interested in joining our team. Please go onto our website www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au and complete an Application Coversheet & see the Position Description. Further information regarding this vacancy can be obtained by contacting Julie Marich on 40906430 or email jmari38@eq.edu.au

Weekend In Weipa – 31st May 2008

On Saturday 31st May 22 teachers from across Cape York schools met in Weipa for a range of Professional Development workshops. Teachers were involved in three spotlight sessions with the day's activities culminating in a conference dinner.

Spotlight Session 1 ICT spotlight session facilitator Amalia Smith led teachers through a range of software applications including Photo Story and Power Point. Teachers created community postcards for their families and friends and were able to merge these documents together to create a professional presentation using Microsoft Producer.

Spotlight Session 2 Teachers were involved in a range of low-organisation, hands-on and practical activities to assist students in developing their knowledge of the key understandings in Number as outlined in the First Steps: Number materials. Facilitator Sheryl Devers also made links to the new Number Diagnostic Map and discussed with participants a range of planning suggestions and overviews to assist teachers in using their teacher aides effectively during numeracy blocks.

Spotlight Session 3 CLTE Project Officer Mandy Whybird led participants through a number of discussions and activities to assist teachers in managing the stresses involved in living and working in remote communities. The session concluded with relaxation music that left participant relaxed and ready to face the challenges of the week ahead!

Conference Dinner The day's activities concluded with a welcoming address by Western Cape College Director, Mr Ian Mackie, and a delicious conference dinner.

PAFT UPDATE

Hello parents and friends of "Parents Of First Teachers", just a quick update to let you all know some of the exciting things we have been up to

lately. Our latest home learning kit is, as always, filled to the brim with lots of tips and ideas with a view to education and supporting our wonderful parents. We will be delivering these to your door soon. A few short weeks ago PAFT had the great pleasure of meeting, speaking with and escorting Mr Tom Calma (and his team) around Weipa and Napranum. Tom is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner. An Aboriginal elder from the Kungarakan tribal group and a member of the Iwaidja tribal group from the Northern Territory. Tom started his five year term as Commissioner in July 2004. In his role as Commissioner Tom advocates for the recognition for the rights of Indigenous Australians and tirelessly strives to promote respect as well as an understanding of this right among the broader community of Australia. Mr Calma has actively been involved in Indigenous Affairs on many levels eg. Local, community, state, nationally and internationally. He has also worked within the public sector for 30 years. What a guy!! His visit to the region was to look at education as his next social justice report has a focus on education and we look forward to it when it is made available. We hope to see all the happenings around the nation. We look forward to the next update until then take care. Please know if you need to contact us for support our number is 0447116007.

Cheers, Yvette and Letitia. Parents As First Teachers.

