

## WHAT'S ON

### APRIL

- Anzac Day 25th

### MAY

- Labour Day Holiday 5th
- Thursday 8th P&C Meeting
- 3/5/7/9 State Wide Testing 13th-15th
- U8's week 23rd-30th
- Education Week 26th—1st June

### JUNE

- Weipa Fishing 6th—8th
- Queens BirthdayP/Hol 9th
- Thursday 12th P&C Meeting
- Aurukun TB testing 17th & 19th
- Reports Issued 26th (Weipa exceptt Year 12)

### JULY

- Mapoon NAIDOC Celebrations 10th
- Thursday 17th P&C Meeting
- Croc Fest Weipa 22nd-24th
- 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 4thPrep-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

Commence May 8th

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

**Don't forget your  
HAT & WATER BOTTLE**



# FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

Western Cape College has started back the term with a bang, thankyou to all those staff who worked through the school holidays to make sure the College was ready for the first day back. On the student free day the Campuses ran a mixture of programs that included, planning for the term ahead, reflection on term 1 and professional learning opportunities. This is an important time for the staff at Western Cape College and enables all staff to join together to achieve the strategic goals of the College. This week on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of April Western Cape College hosted the Education Queensland Human Resources Working Party meeting which was attended by Mr Terry Kearney Assistant Director-General (Indigenous Initiatives) and Mr Gary Barnes Assistant Director-General (Human Resources). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the conditions and services available to teachers in remote parts of Queensland. This is a particularly important issue for the Cape due to the recent changes in AMP conditions and current public conversations.

At the end of every term each Campus produces a community quarterly report outlining achievements and priorities for the term. I have talked a lot about Education Queensland's *Bound for Success Education Strategy* and one of the responsibilities of Western Cape College as a Bound for Success school is the publication of quarterly reports. This column is one method I have adopted to establish accountability to the communities of Aurukun, Mapoon, Napranum and Weipa and the publication of quarterly reports reinforces the importance the College places on being accountable to the parents and students at Western Cape College. These reports will be published over a number of future editions, this weeks report is from Mapoon Campus. The report is a summarized version with detailed reports available at the Campus. If you have any questions about the College's quarterly reports I invite you to contact your Head of campus. For more information please visit our website at [www.westerncapecollege.com](http://www.westerncapecollege.com).

Regards  
Ian Mackie  
Director Western Cape College

## Mapoon Campus Quarterly Community Report Mapoon Head of Campus Message

This year has seen Mapoon Campus begin with a record number of student enrolments and very positive attendance from most children. We have also welcomed a new teacher to the Year 4/5/6 class, Miss Maude Hastie. Although we might still be a small school, Mapoon Campus can do big things, and we have begun 2008 with this attitude. This Term the Campus elected their first Students Leaders and Sports Captains through a formal election process. This was exciting for all students, particularly those who were nominated or elected. Students who were too young to be nominated now can't wait to be old enough to undertake one of these positions. It is this desire for leadership responsibility we are hoping to inspire in students, as they will all be leaders in their school, workplace, community or families one day. There were also some exciting new challenges for our Pre-Prep students this year with the Campus offering a full-time program for our little ones. This is particularly exciting as we are able to offer a higher level of early intervention for children before they begin the formal years of schooling. This also helps to develop positive attitudes about attending school with children when they are very young. Most children are participating in the full program and it is wonderful to see them progress so quickly already.

### 2008 First Quarter Priorities

Implement use of new B4S Scope and Sequence Documents & Essential Learnings, Participate in the trial for the new Pre-Prep Curriculum and provide staff with professional support, Provide Pre-Prep students with the option of participating in a full-time program, Conduct a Campus 'Open Day' to provide parents and guardians with information about Campus operations, school rules and policies etc. Conduct Parent/Teacher Interviews, Elect students for Student Leadership new positions to act as positive role models and ambassadors for the Campus, Begin works on developing and setting up a Computer Lab at the Campus, Complete updates in students' Individual Learning Plans (ILP's).

### Education Outcomes

**Attendance and Enrolment:** Current Total Enrolments - **46**; Overall Attendance Percentage for Years P – 6 for 2007 - **91%**

The students, teachers and community should be very excited about achieving over 90% attendance. This has been a key strategic goal for Western Cape College Mapoon Campus since 2005 set in the Western Cape College Triennial School Review. To achieve continued excellence we need to maintain this attendance record by all of us encouraging students to achieve 5 out of 5 for attendance every week.

**2008 Attendance Strategies:** Work with Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council and Mapoon Justice Group to support families to improve their child's attendance, Focus on importance of 100% attendance from students when talking with parents at Campus Open Day, Conduct parent visits for students who miss more that 2 consecutive days without explanation, Ensure Mapoon Store is enforcing 'student ban' during school hours, 100% Attender prizes given for a full week of attendance every Friday, Conduct Parent/Teacher Interviews with a focus on attendance, End of Term attendance prizes to be give to students with more than 95% attendance, Continue to discuss the importance of 100% with students on assembly each morning, Celebrate positive attendance rates with parents and community through individual correspondence and in the Campus Newsletter, Support the Mapoon Shire Council (where possible) to continue to deliver the daily Bus Service for Secondary students, Continue to provide a daily Bus Service for Mapoon Campus Students, Provide a full-time program for Prep-Prep students to develop positive attendance attitudes early in their schooling.

### Student Outcomes:

| Year 3  | 2006 | 2007 | Year 5  | 2006 | 2007 |
|---|------|------|---|------|------|
| % of students achieving above the national benchmark for <b>Reading</b> | 75%  | 83%  | % of students achieving above the national benchmark for <b>Reading</b> | 0%   | 25%  |
| % of students achieving above the national benchmark for <b>Writing</b> | 75%  | 83%  | % of students achieving above the national benchmark for <b>Writing</b> | 100% | 50%  |
| % of students achieving above the national benchmark for <b>Number</b>  | 100% | 67%  | % of students achieving above the national benchmark for <b>Number</b>  | 67%  | 100% |

**Behaviour Management:** No exclusions, suspensions or home visits/parent meetings were necessary during the first quarter. Mapoon Campus has developed a number of strategies for managing student behaviour.

**Strategies for Managing Student Behaviour:** Continue to implement the You Can Do It! Program and provide explicit teaching of the 'Keys for Success' and the 'Habits of the Mind', Conduct meetings with parents regarding student behaviour where necessary, Inform parents of positive student behaviour through discussions and letters home to families, Celebrate positive student behaviour on daily assemblies, Establish clear class rule with each class and implement 'Celebration Charts' to promote positive behaviour choices, Conduct regular discussions about school and class rules with students, Implement Student Leadership roles to establish positive student role models, Continue to implement the Student Responsible Behaviour Plan, Support teachers in their use of the Essential Skills for Classroom Management.

### 2008 Second Quarter Priorities

- ◆ Continue to work with Mapoon Shire Council on the installation of a School Crossing and correct safety signage
- ◆ Install new playground
- ◆ Each class to complete a Moderated Task for assessment
- ◆ Complete Year 2 Net Validation and Moderation
- ◆ Continue work on establishing a Campus Computer Lab
- ◆ Continue to work with College Specialists to identify and support student with learning difficulties.

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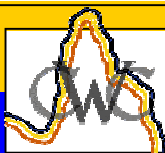
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Week 2, Term 2

Thur 24h April 2008

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### HOLIDAY SURVIVAL WORKSHOPS

Holidays can be trying times for parents as they search for activities to keep their youngsters happy without having to rely on television or computer games for entertainment. Groups of parents who attended Holiday Survival Make 'n Take Workshops at the new Resource Centre and at Napranum before the last holidays left with bags packed with activities for holiday fun. The games and activities had an educational flavour but promised to keep kids and adults busy over the break. Puzzles, number games and packs of cards to enhance literacy skills and oral language were all part of the pack parents and carers received as were a range of craft activities designed to provide useful discussion starters for parents as well as stimulate creative and imaginative responses in students. More workshops are planned for before the next holiday period so parents and carers are encouraged to look out for notices regarding the dates for these closer to the end of term.



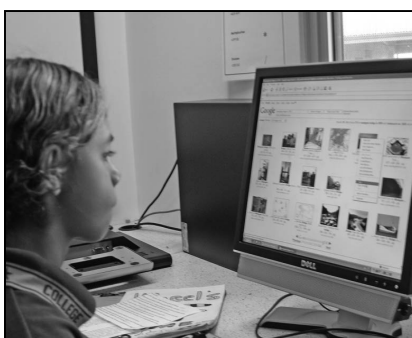
## MIDDLE SCHOOL YEAR 4-6 UPDATE

My congratulations to all my Year 4,5,6 staff for what was an excellent start to 2008. Our students demonstrated a great commitment to their education with focused efforts shown by them across our curriculum. Our Middle School leader positions were also filled, with our students having the opportunity to prepare and deliver a speech on why they believe they would be a great Middle School Leader. I was extremely impressed with the Public Speaking skills shown by our students, and these lifelong skills will allow them to become a confident speaker and leader in their future years. Of course, all of our students are leaders in the school, and we encourage development of these skills. In Term 2 there is a strong focus on our Moderated Tasks, and to continue to develop our key literacy and numeracy skills. We will continue to utilise our Team Teachers, Assist Teachers and Teacher aides to deliver focused learning opportunities in class, small group and one on one activities, to cater to all our student individual needs. A key focus this term will be on our Year 5 students having the opportunity to shine in our National Literacy and Numeracy Testing.

This occurs on the 13th, 14th and 15th of May so it is just around the corner! At the end of Term 1 we conducted Parent Teacher interviews to ensure our parents were updated on their child's progress throughout the term. At the end of this

Term we will forward out Semester One Report Cards, to share in the achievements of our students. I look forward to a busy and productive 11 week Term 2!

Dave Foxover,  
Head of Department Yrs 4-6



### Internet Safety (Part 3 of 5)

Growing Up with the internet - Tips for Different Age Groups  
Your involvement with your children's internet activity will depend on their age and experience.

Young Ones (2-7 years): Preschoolers can begin to explore the internet and to learn about the computer. Sit with them and teach them Net navigation and computer skills via educational games on appropriate web sites. Children from about 5 years may start to visit children's web sites with you, and to enjoy email correspondence with family and friends (a great way to start learning keyboard skills).

- Check out good sites for young ones - you should be responsible for selecting the sites that children in this age group can visit.
- Very close supervision is strongly recommended.
- Select sites and set up bookmarks for very young users.
- Consider using safe zones for this age group, particularly when they start school and can do more on their own.
- Limit email correspondence to a list of friends and family you have approved.

Use filters to limit accidental access to unsuitable material  
For further information please check out [www.cybersmartkids.com.au](http://www.cybersmartkids.com.au) or please contact Natasha Sankey - Laidlaw (Guidance Officer) at school on 4090 6444

### Mapoon Campus News

Mapoon Campus will be focusing on Behaviour Management within the classrooms this term utilising Choice Theory concepts. Choice Theory was developed by a famous behavioural psychologist, William Glasser to manage student behaviour. Glasser believed that if you empower a student by giving them the option of choice, the student, when given time to reflect on their behaviour will hopefully make the correct choice. A classroom example of this strategy, with Thomas an imaginary student would be as follows: Teacher - "Thomas if you choose to keep talking, the consequence will be that you will be doing this activity in your lunch time". By offering Thomas choices and attaching a consequence to it, Thomas is making a decision on his behaviour instead of the teacher. This strategy empowers Thomas and encourages him to take ownership in the decisions he makes. Therefore, the only person Thomas can blame or get angry at for making the wrong choice is himself. The choice and consequence strategy is a powerful tool that can be easily transferred into a family setting as well. If you would like more information on Choice Theory, I would be happy to assist. Adrian Barayni, Mapoon Campus.

### WESTERN CAPE, WEIPA CAMPUS CROSS COUNTRY PREP—YEAR 12

#### Evans Wins 2008 Weipa Cross Country

Up to a thousand sweating and puffing competitors and 26 exciting races heralded the annual Weipa Campus Cross Country, held on Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> at the College's Western Oval. The Preppies ran a testing 500m and the distances grew up to a gruelling 6km for the 16-17 yr old boys. Many new records were set in perfect conditions, on the same testing course as last year, which runs along River Drive, the beachfront and challenging hills near the Lodge. Running on the same course enabled times to be compared with last year's. An amazing 8 new records were set on the day with some records being demolished by up to 4 minutes! Record breakers were; Kieran Toft - Duyfken (9 years boys), Ryley Schneid - Flinders (10 years boys) and Lance Backo - Evans (12 years boys), Ryan Aspinall - Duyfken (15 years boys), Shy-Anne Budby - Duyfken (13 years girls), Tia-Claire Dixon-Toomey - Flinders (15 years girls), Brooke Gwynne-Hinschen - Flinders (16 girls), and Amanda Noack - Flinders (17+ girls). Evans House again won both the Aggregate and the Percentage trophies by the barest of margins from a rejuvenated Flinders House. In the Aggregate, a mere 6 points separated the two Houses at the end of the marathon event, and in the Percentage Trophy a minuscule 0.02 of a point was the difference. Duyfken tried valiantly but were outshone on the day by the other 2 houses. A team of 32 runners have been selected to represent Weipa Campus at the Central Cape District Cross Country Carnival in Kowanyama on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. From there, a team will be selected to compete at the Peninsula Regional Championship in Cairns. Thanks go to Weipa Police, Weipa Town Authority, Tuckshop Ladies, Parents, WCC Staff, Students and the residents of Weipa for supporting this annual event.



#### Results: (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

5yrs: (Boys) Lucas Wrigley, Luke Nadredre, Xandor Ellis, (Girls) Jaymie Raleigh, Molly Dixon-Toomey, Tatyana De Kroon. 6yrs: (Boys) Lui Turrell, Jarrod Laifoo, Seamus King-Smith, (Girls) Lilo York, Salome Nawakie, Kate Nutley. 7yrs: (Boys) Mitchell Brandon, Donald Jia-Craige, Connor Poi Poi. (Girls) Clarissa Laifoo, Evelyn Tamwoy, Leah Gunning. 8yrs: (Boys) Liam Parr, Jack Brandon, Aaron Singleton, (Girls) Tatyanna King-Smith, Sian Newman, Alanah Mackey. 9yrs: (Boys) Kieran Toft, Kristopher Ellis, Leeroy Ahmat, (Girls) Isabella Raleigh, Tegan Manini, Tara Crossley. 10yrs: (Boys) Ryley Schneid, Rhys Parr, Nicholas Gunning, (Girls) Marika Gunning, Shikita Budby, Zoe Fuller. 11yrs: (Boys) Casey Toft, Marley Ahmat, Sam Patrono, (Girls) Kalie Sebasio, Valerie Tamwoy, Cheyanne Page. 12yrs: (Boys) Lance Backo, Steven Wust, Trey Kemp, (Girls) Savannah Jia-Craige, Michaela Smith, Jessica Whybird. 13yrs: (Boys) Nick Reuben, Toa Christian, Karo Cardelli, (Girls) Shy-Anne Budby, Joanna Bielby, Amanda O'Brien. 14yrs: (Boys) Aquila Gela, Jay Hudson, Reece Sainsbury, (Girls) Stevie Barham, Kodie Jia-Craige, Ashley Jenkins. 15yrs: (Boys) Ryan Aspinall, Mikey Carter, William Bond, (Girls) Tia Dixon-Toomey, Olive Tamwoy, Danielle Hudson. 16yrs: (Boys) Monty Naawi, Corey Williams, Dio Pitt, (Girls) Brook Gwynne Hunschen, Marli Jia-Craige, Emily Jenkins. 17+yrs: (Boys) Jonathan Aspinall, Thomas Reuben, Wade Spry, (Girls) Amanda Noack, Angie Nadredre, Querida Zaro.

## Cape York Fishing Classic 6-8th June 2008 Volunteers Needed for this major P&C fundraiser

Would you please return your form to the  
Office to let us know how you can help.  
Many hands make light work!

### WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE WEIPA CAMPUS P & C NOTES

Thankyou to all parents and carers who have returned their commitment to help out at the Fishing Classic P & C fundraiser on the weekend 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June. Shortly you will receive a phone call re what time slot you are available. If you can help and haven't yet returned your form please do so as soon as possible or give Jenny a ring on 4099473. Unfortunately the newsletter deadline for this edition has happened a day before our P & C meeting for this month info re this will be posted in the next edition. **The next P & C Meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.**

### Weipa Tuckshop Helpers Required

**For a paid position**  
**Please send your resume to**  
**Lisa at the tuckshop**