

## WHAT'S ON

### 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 21st
- Last day Yr 12 21st
- 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  
3.30-5.00pm Boxercise
- Meet in front of PE shed at High School.

### Middle School News

My name is Bill Schneid and I am the Acting Head of Middle School, while Leon Proud takes up the Head of Weipa Campus duties. Many from the Weipa Campus would know me as the Behaviour Management Officer and I will still be heavily involved in this area and I am excited about the curriculum and teaching challenges we face in the vital Middle School Sector of the College. I am also looking forward to working with the Heads of Aurukun and Mapoon Campuses to continue to embed the Middle School philosophy at Western Cape College. I would like to extend an invitation to all parents to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your child's life here at Western Cape College. I am available for appointments and can be contacted through the Weipa Campus. I look forward to a rewarding term in the Middle School of Western Cape College.

Regards, Bill Schneid.



## FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

Welcome back to school for Term 3, 2008, the year is flying by and as always at Western Cape College we are all working hard to deliver on our accountabilities to each of our communities. I would firstly like to thank everyone for their hard work over the first half of the year and particularly those staff who gave up some of their holidays to ensure the College office remained open. We have had a few administration changes this term with Mr Tony Whybird being awarded the position of Principal at Atherton State High School. I congratulate Tony on his achievements and wish the Whybird family all the best. Mr Leon Proud is acting in the Head of Weipa Campus position and Mr Bill Schneid will be acting as Head of Middle School. I also welcome all the new staff who have started this term. The number of new faces is testament to the significant growth of the College. This growth is predicted to continue at a rapid rate and with it our success. The Director General for Education, Training and the Arts, Rachel Hunter will be visiting the College on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, looking closely at our achievements. This is a great opportunity for the College to showcase its innovative programs and policies to deliver a world class P-12 education that is relevant and necessary for all our students to achieve quality pathways. Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the Mapoon Campus Quarterly Community Report published in this edition of the newsletter. The Aurukun and Weipa reports will be published in future editions. These reports will be presented to communities and are available from your local campus. If you have any questions regarding the quarterly reports please contact your Head of Campus. If you would like to find out more on the Western Cape College please visit our website at [www.westerncapecollege.com](http://www.westerncapecollege.com). Regards, Ian Mackie Director Western Cape College

### WEIPA CAMPUS NEWS

A warm welcome is extended to new staff, new students and new parents to the school. I know you will all find the Western Cape College a very professional and enjoyable school to be involved with. Over the two student free days the common theme behind all discussions and decisions was around our responsibility to each student's achievement and that we treat each child like they are our own. The staff are all excited about Term 3 and have the highest expectations for the outcomes of our students across the entire Weipa Campus. A team of 11 staff worked late into the afternoon on the last day of Term 2 to complete all student report cards. The process of completing report cards for the semester was new and both teachers and this team must be complemented on a great job in completing the reports and having them all mailed out to parents during the first week of the holidays. For any parents who have not received their child's report card, please contact the school office. For parents wanting to request an interview with teachers, please contact the school office to book a time. It is an exciting term ahead with visits scheduled for Ms Rachel Hunter the Director General of Education Training and the Arts, Principals from the Cape and Torres Strait, Mr Clive Dixon the Regional Executive Director, and the Australian Girls Choir, just to name a few. We eagerly anticipate the results of the Yr 3/5/7/9 Tests this term and results from Term 2 progress will be displayed in the Term 2 Quarterly Report that will be published in the college newsletter in The Bulletin in the upcoming weeks. Planning has also commenced for Stage 3 of the school Master Plan. This entails the work involved with the state budget commitment of an additional \$5 million worth of facilities, including a Special Ed Unit, and administration block, a performing arts centre and upgrade to the Home Ec catering facility. Thankyou once again for your support and we look forward to working with and strengthening our partnerships with parents and the community this semester, to continue to provide our students with the best education and outcomes to match.

Leon Proud, A Head Weipa Campus

## Welcome to Aurukun

Aurukun would like to welcome two new staff to our Campus. In term two Luke Patterson arrived in Aurukun from the Gold Coast and became a valued teacher of the Year 9/10 class. He developed many great programs to run with the class and as a result of this the attendance of this class increased. At the end of Term 2 Tony Pearse also joined our staff. He has been an asset to Aurukun as is helping in the development of programs for youth learning and work readiness. Congratulations to Aurukun students for coming back to school with enthusiasm and a great attitude. The first week of school has been highly engaging for students and as a result we have had a number of ABC students. Aurukun students will again hope to be awarded an Attendance, Behaviour, Creating great work certificate which will enable them to join in the Aurukun Fun Day at the end of term.

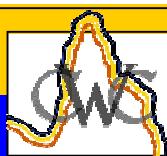
### Peace Awards

Queensland state school students are invited to enter the Queensland Teachers' Union Peace Awards. The theme for the awards is *Sorry: from simple words big things grow*. The competition is open to students from Prep to Year 12 and Special Education. Entries must take the form of a postcard design based on the theme. Digital entries should be stored as a JPG file. The winner of each category wins a prize to the value of \$50. Special awards (to the value of \$25) may also be presented in each category. Entries close on 3 September. For more information, visit the Union website [www.qtu.asn.au](http://www.qtu.asn.au) or contact Ms Fiona McNamara on 07 3512 9000 or email [qtu@qtu.asn.au](mailto:qtu@qtu.asn.au).

### Bullying – No Way!

It doesn't matter whether it's physical, psychological or even cyber. Bullying is a concern that Western Cape College takes very seriously and is working to address. If you suspect your child is being bullied, you should make an appointment with the your child's teacher or Head of Campus to discuss your concerns. Some signs of bullying include:

- Loss of confidence
  - Changes in eating or sleeping habits, possibly bedwetting
  - Health problems such as headaches or stomach aches
  - Unhappiness or mood swings with sudden temper tantrums
  - Reluctance to go to school and changes in academic performance.
- What you can do:
- Talk with your child about school and keep the lines of communication open so children are more likely to confide in you.
  - Encourage your child to feel okay to ask others for help and to keep their own safety in mind.
  - Ensure your child knows how to report bullying and to ask you for help when needed.
  - Report the incident to a teacher. Don't try to sort out the situation yourself.
  - Make sure you are modelling healthy behaviours to your child, especially in relation to conflict resolution and anger management. Help protect your child from harassment and cyber-bullying by closely monitoring internet use and installing free internet filters.
- For more information and ideas to understand and deal with bullying, visit the *Bullying. No way!* website [www.bullyingnoway.com.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au) or visit the College website at [www.westerncapecollege.com](http://www.westerncapecollege.com).



## Mapoon Campus Third Quarter Community Report

### Head of Mapoon Campus Message

We are almost half way through the school year after completing a long and challenging Term. With the State Testing of grades 3, 5, 7 and the Year 2 Net tests and moderation, it has been a very hectic time for both students and teachers. All students have showed great confidence and effort this Term and experienced great success across many social and academic areas.

It can be a daunting prospect for some of our students leaving the small community of Mapoon to go to school in Weipa. However this Term saw students in grade 6 attend the first technology Boot camp in town. The three day program included robotics, computer animation and live video chats and was heralded as a great success and all students could not talk highly enough of the experience and their excitement of attending the Weipa Campus next year. Their new learnt skills will be put into practice shortly with the arrival of a new school computer lab.

The continuing trail of the Pre-Prep program is going from strength to strength. Our two dedicated and hard working teachers are playing an integral part in assisting with the development and drafting of the Pre-Prep Curriculum. The school has been acknowledged as leading the way in the Trail program and will continue to contribute to the final draft in the upcoming conference in Cairns.

It has been a challenging time this Term with student attendance, which is 88%, slightly down from 91% achievement in Term 1. At Mapoon Campus we are looking at a number of initiatives to maintain our attendance many of which involve the active participation of the community and parents. We have also had numerous successes in re-engaging long term absentee students back into school recently; this is a great achievement for these students and their families.

The P&C and community expressed an ongoing concern about Student behaviour, particularly bullying at Mapoon. In response Mapoon Campus has incorporated the WCC Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students based on The Code of School Behaviour and presented the plan and actions to the P & C for approval. In addition, the school runs 'The You Can Do It' program, which is a pro-active behaviour strategy program. Choice Theory is the main classroom action, in which all staff use along with Essential Classroom Skills. An increase in suspensions has occurred this Term after incorporating a zero tolerance on fighting. These actions have been highly supported by the community and will continue into Term 3.

### 2008 Third Quarter Priorities

- Completion of school computer lab and purchase of computer hardware
- Continue to engage Year 6 students in Transition activities in Weipa
- Build upon and actively engage with the Mapoon Justice Group and Council to develop strategies for school attendance and student welfare issues
- PD staff on Child Protection and Code of Conduct through the online course
- Encourage staff to participate and complete ICT Certificates / Pedagogical Licences
- Completion of stage 1,2 Staff Performance Framework Criteria
- Organise NAIDOC Celebrations and Mapoon Day
- Implement One School and upload student data through ILP's
- Introduce whole school Bullying program
- Increase active involvement in local area conservation programs (Crocodile tracking, Turtle conservation, rehabilitation of local habitats)

### 2008 Forth Quarter Priorities

- Completion of Moderated Tasks for assessment
- Follow up support of students who have been verified as having learning difficulties in preparation for ascertainment
- Completion of stages 3, 4 of Staff Performance Framework
- Assist families and students in Transition process
- Develop informational school packs for parents, students and community members
- Complete applications for community grants
- Continue ITAS and ILSS records for future funding.

## WEIPA CAMPUS PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

### Thanks, Thanks and more thanks to all volunteers!!!!

Many Hands make Light Work and proof of this was the 300 hands that made themselves available over the Queens Birthday weekend for the Cape York Fishing Classic Event. These teams of volunteers set up, manned the various P & C stalls including novelties, food, bar and ticket sales and pulled down and tidied up after this massive event. Special mention is made to the coordinators of these areas who have spent a number of volunteer hours at the lead up to these stalls. Lisa Francisco Food Legend, Esther Rutherford and Co ( Deb Dixon & Deb Peterson), Michelle Buchholz Fairy Floss Queen and her helpers including Jenny's Mum Rosealea, Bielby's Signage – Fiona, Troy Batterham Bar Extraordinaire, Michelle Elms and Troy's mate Mark Dixon. Thankyou also to Kim Potter, Barb Holmes, Margaret Berry stayers to the end.

A number of committee members secured their RSA certificates to enable qualified help with in the Bar area, thankyou to Mary Hindmarsh, Kim Potter, Deb Dixon, Troy Batterham and Michelle Buchholz. Thanks go to Dave Rutherford and his colleagues, Phil Aspinall, Luke Hilton, Jay Murray, Ziggy, Blocko, Shane Craige, SES and Goodline for hours spent setting up and taking down too. Thankyou to Perkins shipping, Spotless, Scherger, Carpentaria Contacting, Woolworths and QCCU for their support above and beyond the call of duty. A huge thankyou is extended to the Cape York Fishing Classic Committee ably headed by Peter Siegmeier, their helpers and their sponsors with out whom this would be a non event. Thankyou to our community who supported this event and be assured that funds raised by the P & C will go directly back into the College for your children. Next P & C Meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Resource Centre See you there.

Jenny Aspinall P & C President.

## Education Outcomes

### Attendance and Enrolment

Year Level	Term 1	Term 2
Prep	96.26 %	87.53 %
Year 1	89.73 %	84.49 %
Year 2	87.73 %	97.52 %
Year 3	87.11 %	84.93 %
Year 4	92.90 %	87.77 %
Year 5	86.33 %	86.88 %
Year 6	90.28 %	81.60 %
Year 7		88.10 %
Total %	91 %	87 %

### Attendance Priorities

- ◆ Active involvement with Mapoon Council and Justice Group through scheduled meetings
- ◆ Continuation of home visits
- ◆ Weekly attendance prizes
- ◆ Continue to provide daily door to door bus service
- ◆ Reinforce attendance importance at Parent / Teacher interview times, School open days and weekly parades
- ◆ Initiate a student tracking system to monitor students movements around and outside community
- ◆ Encourage Role models within the Indigenous community to become mentors to Indigenous students, especially to those who have attendance difficulties.

### Behaviour Management

Number of Suspensions	3
Number of Expulsions	0
Number of Home Visits	6
Reported Incidences	4

### Behaviour Priorities

- ◆ Celebrate positive student behaviours through 'You Can Do It' awards on weekly Parades
- ◆ Develop a partnership between staff, students and their families in order to establish expectations and consequences related to student behaviour and learning
- ◆ Staff to complete an online Protective Behaviours Program
- ◆ Reinforce Essential Skills for classroom management in staff meetings
- ◆ Conduct meetings with the community, Justice Group and parents regarding student behaviour where necessary.

## The Croc Snack Shack Weipa

### New Menu!

Well this half has flown by again at the tuck-shop and we have been busy. At the start of term 3 we **have a new menu**, so please throw out the old ones at the end of term 2. You can find a new one at the front office or the tuck-shop or the web site and some will be at the shops on the school notice board. A big **thank you** to Simone Atkinson for her volunteering every week we appreciate you greatly. Big thank you to the P&C committee for the hard work you carry out in the tuckshop and for the school. And to the girls in the tuck-shop Pung Sandra, Gillian thanks for a great half year you make my job easy, cheers Lisa Fran-

