

## WHAT'S ON

### AUGUST

- Thursday 14th P&C Meeting
- Cape Yr 6 Leadership Camp 11th
- Weipa High School and speciality school photos 26th
- Weipa Prep-Year 6 school photos and money due

### 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

### 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 12

### STUDENT FREE DAYS

OCT: Mon 20th

### ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

**Mon:** 3.00-4.00pm Active After School  
**Thur:** 3.00-4.00pm Active After School  
Meet in front of PE shed at High School.

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

Students already registered don't need to worry.

Thursdays will be run by instructors from the Weipa Junior Golf Club which is new and exciting!

### SEE YOU THERE!

Contact: Mrs Schneid (40906478)

### Cape York Dental Van Update



The Queensland Health travelling Cape York dental team are currently aiming to complete treatment of the Prep classes through to Grade 3 by the end of Term 3.

At the end of Term 3, the dental van will move to the Eastern Campus side of the school where treatment of Grade 4 through to Grade 10 will commence. Grades 6 and 10 will be prioritised, followed by other grades.

Any toothaches are to be addressed to the school dental van.

As there have been a growing number of students to the campus, new students are encouraged to obtain a medical history and a consent form from W.C.C or dental staff if treated is wanted this year.

-The Travelling Cape York Dental Team.



## FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

On the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of July the College hosted the Director General for Education, Training and the Arts Ms Rachel Hunter and her team. The visit was a huge success and the guests were rightfully impressed with the work that we are doing at the College. This work included the fantastic teaching and learning opportunities and structure in our classrooms, the quality and commitment of all staff to our vision and our dedication and focus on achieving quality life outcomes for all students. I am very proud to be part of the team that is united in its pursuit of world class P-12 education service delivery. To have the opportunity to showcase some of our exciting achievements really cements that at Western Cape College we are on the right path to achieving our cradle to employment philosophy and obtaining rich quality life outcomes for our students. The work does not end here

though, as we continue to refine and embed our success there is still much to be achieved for us to reach our strategic goals. I would also like to draw your attention to the Weipa Campus Quarterly Community Report published in this edition of the newsletter. The Aurukun report will be published in a future edition with the Mapoon report published previously. 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

## Aurukun News

Term 3 is an exciting time for Aurukun Campus. Activities include District and Zone Sports, AFL Selection process, School Photos, visiting Scientists, Acrobats and Youth Orchestra. Whilst welcoming this exposure to fantastic opportunities, it is also important to maintain focus on learning and positive school experiences. We have had some great improvements to the school with the renewal of the basketball / tennis court and the fencing on the school oval, this has given the students much needed quality sporting and recreation areas. We have also been given approval for a Special Needs Unit which will begin operation during term 4 this year. This is a very exciting addition to our school with the provision of resources for specific services to support students who need additional assistance to develop the skills they need to achieve their life goals. To find out more Aurukun news please visit [www.westerncapecollege.com](http://www.westerncapecollege.com) and follow the links.

### Western Cape College Welcomes DETA Director General

The Department of Education, Training and the Arts Director General, Ms Rachel Hunter was welcomed to Western Cape College Weipa Campus on 28-29 July.

As part of her visit the Director General met with College Principals from Aurkun, Mapoon and Weipa, toured the Weipa Campus and attended a dinner themed around Education, Training and the Arts in the Resource Centre.

At the dinner various speakers provided the Director General with information about various Western Cape College initiatives including; Parents as First Teachers (PAFT), Creative Generation, Ri-oTinto-WCC Forum, Arts Hub, CLTE Project and the Work Readiness Program.

Students were represented at the dinner by the Western Cape College Captains; Robert Jawai, Nazareth Naawi, Anna Kepper and Jackiarra-Braico from the So Solid Leadership Team.

The Hospitality students also contributed to the evening by helping to serve meals as well as the hostel and Creative Generation students who performed a traditional dance at the pre-dinner drinks.

At a staff briefing the following morning the Director General commented on the outstanding achievements and outcomes of Western Cape College students, accrediting their success to the dedication of the Western Cape College team.



### Australian Hearing Services

When: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Where: Wednesday – Mapoon Health Clinic (9am – 3.30)

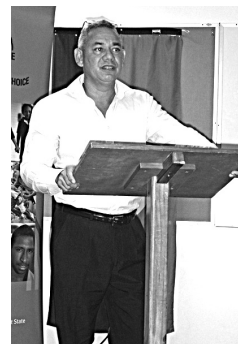
Thursday – Napranum Health Clinic (9am – 4.30)

Australian Hearing Services (AHS) will be visiting the Weipa area during the month of AUGUST 2008. Please liaise with Mapoon or Napranum Community Health for appointments. A suitable adult needs to be present for all appointments with children. It is Australian Hearing policy that they cannot see children less than 16 years of age without an adult present.

### Cultural Awareness Evening Success

Many students who attend Western Cape College have a Torres Strait heritage. The Weipa campus of the College recently hosted a Cultural Awareness Evening to promote an understanding of the history and traditions of students who originate from this beautiful part of the world.

Mr Steve Foster and Mrs Stephanie Savage, Associate Principals at Tagai State College, delivered the session which was both informative and entertaining and involved the audience learning a traditional sit-down dance as well as enjoying listening to Island songs and viewing a newly released media package which details aspects of Torres Strait culture.



Special thanks to the So Solid Leadership team, DARE and PAFT teams, the CLTE and the hostel students for their assistance with catering and the organisation of the evening.



### Weipa School Photos

26th August (High School and specialty photos)  
28th August (Prep to Year 6)

Could parents please make sure that all photo money is sent back by the 28th August.

Please ensure all children come dressed appropriately on the specified days and if they are in specialty photos could they please bring their jerseys and formal uniforms and sports shirts.

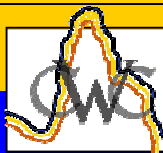
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## Weipa Campus Quarterly Community Report

### Weipa Head of Campus Message

The Weipa campus of Western Cape College continues to grow in line with the burgeoning Weipa population. As our school expands in numbers, we also expand in our capacity to lead and develop innovative programs and practices. In 2008, the school continues to lead the implementation of the Bound for Success curriculum strategy, student transition in to their chosen pathway, ICT's and staff development.

### 2008 Second Quarter Priorities

- ◆ Preparation for and administering of Year 3,5,7 & 9 tests, Yr 2 Net
- ◆ Develop and refine PSPI funded attendance strategy
- ◆ ICT's support for Computer For Teachers.
- ◆ Prepare for One School rollout
- ◆ Review ICT's Strategic plan and develop new plan
- ◆ Complete Curriculum Audit of Secondary Work Plans.
- ◆ Develop Weipa Campus Action Plans amongst school sectors
- ◆ Implement Professional Feedback with all admin staff
- ◆ Stage 3 Master Plan

### Education Outcomes

#### Junior Schooling Year P-3

##### Staff:

- ◆ Due to the increased number of enrolments in Junior School we have been allocated 2 new teachers. The existing 2/3 composite has been disbanded to create a straight year 2 and year 3 class. We will also have a full time intervention, support teacher.

- ◆ 14 classroom teachers + Oral language Teacher + Reading Recovery Teacher + Intervention Teacher + 9 teacher aides.

##### Facilities:

- ◆ New perimeter fence to be erected
- ◆ Gaming Grant application successful for a Prep playground

##### Curriculum:

- ◆ Year 3 Test completed
- ◆ Year 2 Diagnostic NET validation and moderation completed.
- ◆ Semester One Report Cards issued

##### Term 3 Coming Events:

- ◆ Year 2 Diagnostic NET- District Moderation
- ◆ Year 2 NET - Report to be sent home
- ◆ Teacher follow-up THRASS training
- ◆ ICT integration into curriculum training

#### Middle Schooling Year 4-6

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> our Year 5 students sat the National Literacy and Numeracy Tests and demonstrated their commitment to learning and giving their best efforts. Prior to testing our Year 5 Teaching staff focused on preparing students for the assessment, which consisted of core areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar) and Numeracy.

- ◆ To continue Western Cape College's commitment to integration of ICT's into the classroom, a technology bootcamp was run in the 6W classroom. This was conducted over the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. From this trial further technology sessions will be conducted in Term 3 and 4.
- ◆ As part of Education Week activities, Middle School students presented Moderated Task work in the Western Cape College Resource Centre on the 29<sup>th</sup> May. The selected work displayed was viewed by Parents, Students and staff and reinforced our open line of communication with the community
- ◆ Teachers are reporting through One School Academic Reporting system and have prepared comment banks specific to each year level. This will ensure continuity of reporting across Year Levels
- ◆ Year 4 Teachers are finishing District Moderated Task "Push and Shove My Way Through Texts"
- ◆ Year 5 Teachers are preparing culminating activity for "Mad Scientist" task
- ◆ Year 6 Teachers are implementing "Away With Words" District Moderated task
- ◆ Weekly Meetings are being run by Mary Ann Thompson with our Student Council Representatives. Such initiatives as "Tidiest Year Level" and "Year 4 Garden" have been implemented through this forum

#### Middle Schooling Year 7-9

##### District Moderated Tasks – Bound for Success Curriculum

- ◆ Year 7 Teachers are finishing District Moderated Task - You, the Citizen
- ◆ Year 8 Teachers are completing the Go Away moderated task
- ◆ Year 9 Computer Teachers are teaching students how to use the computer program Audacity to record their narration for the Australian National Identity documentary which is a part of their moderated task.

##### National Testing

- ◆ On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> our Year 7 and 9 students sat the National Literacy and Numeracy Tests. Prior to testing our Year 7 and 9 Teaching staff focused on preparing students for the assessment, which consisted of core areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar) and Numeracy. Reporting
- ◆ Teachers are reporting through One School Academic Reporting system and have prepared comment banks specific to each year level. This will ensure continuity of reporting across Year Levels.
- ◆ Continued testing of reading levels, Maths and Comprehension for Year 8 students. We will extend this to Year 7 and 9 next term.
- ◆ Inception of the alternative program for our Special needs students with their Special Needs teachers going to help at the Napranum Farm, gardening in the school and Car washing in the school and at Woolworth's car park. This will help students with their Maths and English skills.
- ◆ The Middle schools SRC are looking at the beautification of our Middle school area. They would like to add gardens to different sections of our school. The Year 8 students in their Maths lessons have been calculating the area and volume of the garden beds.

- ◆ They will also be calculating how much top soil these garden beds will require. The Year 7 – 9 Special needs students have also been weeding the garden beds to prepare it for plants.

##### Senior Schooling Year 10-12

Students continue to take advantage of the pathways focus in the Senior School. While there is a small group of students eligible for an OP in Year 12, there is more than double the College has ever had in year 11. The increase in numbers and subject choices has allowed for this to happen.

##### SAT's

2008 has seen excellent support from Industry in regards to School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships. At Rio Tinto we had 5 students apply for 2 positions but Rio were that impressed with the students that all five were offered a position.

##### Work Experience

A recent visit from the Queensland Studies Authority has confirmed that with this new structure we are heading in the right direction.

They are prepared to allow the work experience program to be accredited which has the potential for credit points to be accumulated towards achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education. Depending on the Career Pathway the students have chosen they may earn up to 8 credits from work experience alone. We thank Rio Tinto for their support in this Structured Workplace learning and hope that a model will be created for others to follow.

##### SET Plan's

The Senior Education and Training Plan's have been the focus for year ten students during Term 2. The students have been registered and have opened learning accounts in which to bank credits towards achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education. Parents and students were again involved in the Set plan interview process. This involved the year 10 students and their parents making an appointment with staff during a school day to discuss the students career plans. It was extremely successful and allowed the staff the opportunity to meet parents in a very non-threatening non-judgmental environment.

### 1. Attendance and Enrolment

The current enrolment at the Weipa Campus is 967 students.

Attendance data by Year level is:

- Prep – 82%
- Year 1 – 78%
- Year 2 – 82%
- Year 3 – 77% (Junior School – 80%)
- Year 4 – 82%
- Year 5 – 81%
- Year 6 – 81% (Middle School 4-6 - 81%)
- Year 7 – 80%
- Year 8 – 75%
- Year 9 – 76% (Middle School 7-9 – 77%)
- Year 10 – 74%
- Year 11 – 67%
- Year 12 – 70% (Senior School - 70%)

### 2. Student Outcomes

See individual sector reports.

### 3. Behaviour Management

There were 59 school disciplinary absences in Term 2. This involved 0 suspensions for the junior school, 46 suspensions for the middle school and 13 suspensions for the senior school. Professional development continued throughout the term through classroom profiling and Microskills training and support from the Responsible Behaviour Officer. A new process has been developed around the Case Management of students At-Risk. Expectations of student behavior continues to be at the highest level. The Values Education Team continues to develop the school Values Education Framework.

### 2008 Third Quarter Priorities

- ◆ Deliver quality PD at SFD's
- ◆ Celebrate NAIDOC week with community
- ◆ Host B4S Principal's forum
- ◆ Convene District Athletics
- ◆ Facilitate QCS
- ◆ G&T programs – Optiminds, Westpac Maths comp, Science Week
- ◆ Extra curricular - Preparation for Yr 6/7 camps, Turtle Camp, Qld Theatre Company workshops
- ◆ Continue One School rollout
- ◆ Review ICT's Strategic plan and develop new plan
- ◆ Complete all Secondary subject Study Plans.
- ◆ Develop Weipa Campus Action Plans amongst school sectors
- ◆ Continue implementation of Professional Feedback with all admin staff
- ◆ Work to commence on Stage 3 Master Plan
- ◆ Continue the school's Values Education Framework

## P & C News

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

At the next meeting in August general business includes ratifying the new P & C Constitution and use of College Facilities and Hire Equipment. A subcommittee is in the process of reading over the model constitution sent down from the State Govt for all P & C to approve. Guest Speaker this P & C Meet Sheryl Devers re -Indigenous Educators Conference to be hosted in Weipa. The next P & C meeting is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008 @ 7.30pm in the Resource Centre. Many Hands Make Light Work See You There.

### Peace Awards

A reminder to all who hope to enter the Queensland Teachers' Union Peace Awards to get your entries in before 3 September. The theme for the awards is *Sorry: from simple words big things grow*. Entries must be designed as a postcard and students from Prep to Year 12 are invited to enter. For more information please visit [www.qtu.asn.au](http://www.qtu.asn.au)



## Mapoon Update

The first few weeks of Term 3 have flown by with some amazing Mapoon student results and achievements!

We continue to strive for higher attendance levels across all Year Levels and Attendance Awards were received this Term by three students achieving 100% attendance. Congratulations to Roydon Cooktown-Grade 4, Lilah Jai-Grade 3 and Winston Ngalamatta-Prep.

Mapoon Students have also flown their House colours by participating in the Primary Sports Carnival on Wednesday 30 July and the Year 4 students are busy preparing for their QCAR Test. Also, another student success was recorded by a Prep Student Joseph Bee who recorded a PM Benchmark score of phase 10. An outstanding achievement considering phase 10 is normally achieved at the end of Year 1.

A friendly reminder to parents that **Mapoon School Photos** are being held on the **27<sup>th</sup> of August** so please ensure you fill in the form and send the relevant money in with your child on this date or beforehand.