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August:

18-22 Science Week 18th Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am 20th Middle School Parade 8.55 Year 4-9 21st Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm 22nd Junior School Parade-2pm 25th Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am 25th P-Yr 6 Swimming begins 26-28 School Photos Middle School Parade 27th

8.55am Year 4-9

Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm

29th Junior School Parade-2pm

28th

September: Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am 1st 2-3rd Yr 12 OCS Test 3rd Middle School Parade 8.55am Year 4-9 4th Year 4-6 Parade-2.00pm Junior School Parade-2pm 5th 8th Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am 11th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm P & C Meeting 11th **Resource Centre** 12th Junior School Parade-2pm

17th Middle School Parade 8.55am Year 4-9 18th Year 6 Books in the Park

Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am

18th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm 19th Junior School Parade-2pm 19th End of Term 3

October:

15th

6th Term 4 commences 6th Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am 9th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm 9th P & C Meeting Resource Centre 10th Junior School Parade-2pm 13th Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am 15th Middle School Parade 8.55am Year 4-9 16th Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm Junior School Parade-2pm 17th

20th STUDENT FREE DAY

21st	Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am
23rd	Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm
24th	Junior School Parade-2pm
27th	Year 7-12 Parade 8.55am
29th	Middle School Parade
	8.55am Year 4—9
30th	Year 4-6 Parade 2.00pm
31st	Junior School Parade-2pm

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As we come into the last few weeks of Term 3, it is with great satisfaction that we look at our achievements already this year. During the Director General's visit in Week 3 the College was given the opportunity to share on some of the projects that we currently involved with. The program for the visit consisted of presentations from PAFT (Parents as First Teachers), CLTE (Centre for Leadership and Teaching Excellence), the Creative Generation Dance Team, Mr Rob Atkinson regarding the Rio Tinto Aluminium (RTA) and WCC Partnerships Forum, and Mr Ian Mackie regarding Education, Training and the Arts. The Director General was also taken around the school for several classroom visits. The visit was a huge success and as a result WCC has been nominated by the Director General for two Public Service Premier Awards in the categories of Innovation and Community Partnerships.

On behalf of the Weipa Campus staff and students I would like to congratulate Rob and Simone Atkinson on Rob's new position in Darwin. During Rob's tenure as General Manager of RTA Weipa, great partnerships have been developed between RTA and WCC. This would not have been possible without Rob's dedication to the communities here in the Western Cape. For this we say a big thankyou to Rob. We also thank Simone for her many hours, volunteering at the school, whether it is in or out of the classroom. We will surely miss Simone's willing hand here at Weipa. We wish the Atkinson family all of the best in the next chapter of their life and look forward to hearing about the progress of McLeod and Josie in the years to come.



QCS testing takes place on the 2nd and 3rd September. We have six year 12 students sitting for this test. Four of these students will be eligible for an Overall Position (OP). We wish these students all the best in such an important time in their life.

Leon Proud— Head of Weipa Campus



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

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It is a crucial time of the year when I need to start forward planning and considering our needs for 2009. To do this I need your help. We are currently taking Prep enrolments so that I can estimate the number of staff, extra chairs, desks, equipment and resources we will need to cater for our rapid growth. With daycares having waiting lists and parents being able to care for their children at home, it is difficult to know exact numbers. If you know of any child who is old enough for prep next year, please encourage parents to enrol them now. This is also the same situation in year one. As Prep is not a compulsory year of schooling I'm sure there are students who will be eligible for year one next year that we don't know about. Please see the Prep Enrolment Eligibility Table. We also require sighting of your child's birth certificate and immunisation records. It is a world of hurt when a student is asked not to attend any more due to an incorrect birth date.

We have been in the process of collecting data about our current year one students who are displaying excellent standards in literacy. This could very well be a direct result of having an extra year of schooling last year in Prep. The Prep teachers are leading the way with the integration of technology into their early years' curriculum and sharing this with other staff. If you would like to come and visit our classrooms to see what the students are learning, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions and efforts to provide a prep playground, sandpit and swing set, which you will see evidence of in the near future.

Kathy Street—Head of Junior School

Prep Enrolment

Children born between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2004 are eligible to attend Prep in 2009

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	Last year of pre- school	Prep is introduced	Year 1 starting age in- creases by 6 months			
Birth date:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Child born 1 Jan 2001 to 31 Dec 2001	Pre- school	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Child born 1 Jan 2002 to 30 June 2002		Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
Child born 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003**			Prep	Year 1	Year 2	
Child born 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004				Prep	Year 1	
Child born 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005					Prep	

Proof of Age and Immunisation

Documentary evidence is required when enrolling your child. Please submit your child's birth certificate and immunization record for copying with your enrolment forms.

(Birth certificates can be ordered from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.)



Prep is the first year of school. It develops children's independence and prepares them for Year 1.

Children will do lots of fun things to help them learn—play, draw, paint, build with blocks and story tell.

Prep is five days a week and not compulsory. Children need to be five by 30 June in the year they enrol in Prep.

To learn more about Prep at Western Cape College Weipa Campus Contact Kathy Street 40906454

Olympics in 1A and 1B

This term in Grade 1 we are learning about The Olympics through our task 'Same But Different'. To begin with we explored what the Olympics were. Then we looked into some of China's history and culture. Our classrooms are looking sensational with chinese lanterns, chinese opera masks, and chinese kites. Now the Olympics are underway we are investigating the similarities and differences between different flags, mascots, events, medals and uniforms. We are all thoroughly enjoying Term 3 so far and look forward to our 'Mini Olympics' at the end of term.

Jahna Castle and Erin Costello



THRASS Workboog

This is now available from the Weipa Newsagency.

Parents were asking for a resource for consolidation and revision of the explicit THRASS being taught at school.

For any queries, ask your class teacher.



Term 3 Week 2



Caitlin Hilton (PD/1) Luke Nadredre (PA) Stephen Jia (PB) Brayden Mahoney (PC)



Georgie Siegmeier (1B) Jed Rogers (1A), Rusty Newman (1A), Elijah Groves (PD/1)



Carl Murray (2D), Nathaniel Sailor (2C), Kelly Anne Motton (2B), Taylah Coleman (2A), Drew Milevskiy (2A).



Jarrod Charger (3B), Benjamine Parkes (3A), Chloe Sjoberg (3D)



Kadisha Bond-Lawton (3B) Sean Andrade (3B) Katie Russ (3C)









3B Co-ordinators: Connor O'Brien, Laura Mara, Sean Andrade, Hannah Whyte, Flynn Forsyth.



Isaiah Barkley (PA), Jake Lugsdin (PC), Guyai Nona (PD).



Cherese Jia (1A), Marcellis Budby (1A), Saul Girnth (1B).



Brock Taylor (2D), Bethel Mairu (2A), Adrianna Wheeler (2B), Micah Pierce-Walker (2C).



Angus Johnson (3B), Phillip Wallis (3D), Tonia Wapau (3A), Kyle McIntosh (3C).



You Can Do It Award: Sophie Page (3A)

100% Attendance Award: Jacob Camp (2A)

Parents, please forward your email address to Kathy Street if you wish to receive a photo of your child on Parade.

Term 3 Week 3

Co-ordinators:



Max Newman (3B), Kadisha Bond-Lawton (3B) and Chloe Waskiw (3B).

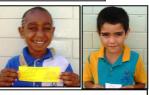
Morgan Walker (PD/1),Samantha Lengerich (PD/1), Amaya Foxover (PA), Troye Fay (PB), Tuqiri Wheeler (PC).



Shaniqua Burke (1A) Jordan Aldcroft (1B)



Maddison Lugsdin (2A), Eli Hunter (2C), Kristyn Pilkington (2D), Jacob Johnson (2B).



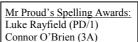
You Can Do It Award: John Bond (1A) 100% Attendance Award: Zev Fuller (2C)



Laura Mara (3B), Leilani Kris (3A), Conrad Gibson (3C), Brianna Kemmerling (3D), Michael Jones (3A).



Mr Proud's Mystery Award: Takquana Murray (PD/1)





Term 3—Week 5



Rease Casey (PD/1) Connie Mara (PA) Kashala Pierce-Walker (PC)



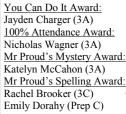
Justinelle Mene (1B) Jared Clark (PD/1) Courtney Proud (1A)



Harry Tass (2D) Donald Jia-Craige (2C) Gregory Hudson (2B) Jacob Camp (2A)



Hannah Whyte (3B) Tatyana King-Smith (3D) Jack Filtness (3C) Jayden Charger (3A)









It has been a very busy and exciting few weeks at Western Cape College. The Athletics carnivals were a huge success and credit goes to the Physical Education Staff led by Marian Schneid. Our representative teams will travel to Cairns shortly to proudly fly the Western Cape flag and we wish all the Athletes the best and congratulate them on their selection.

Campus and it proved to be a fantastic morning of entertainment and education, as Terri, Bindi and Robert covered a variety of topics including Snake Bite Treatment, Crocodile Safety and Wildlife preservation. The team gave their presentation to three different sections of the school and did a magnificent job!! The students were brilliant as an audience and the Irwins could not speak more highly of the kids here at Weipa.

Monday the 11th of August saw the Irwin family visit the Weipa

As a gesture of good will, Terri, Bindi and Robert donated Australia Zoo Show Bags to every student in the College and the College reciprocated with an original painting of a Weipa Crocodile by Craig Hoy and a copy of Traditional Elder Thanakupi's book.

As head of Middle School I would like to take this opportunity to thank Parents and Students for their support of the Uniform Policy. The students look great and it is greatly appreciated. Bill Schneid—

Head of Middle School







9 Home

Year 9 Home Ec. Students toiled away in term 2 to complete their textile unit. Students were required to design their own bag and embellish with one or more techniques learnt during the term. The end results were stunning and all students have been proud of their efforts.

Well done year 9's!!!

Leanne Anthony (Home Ec. Co-ordinator)







Cionco

Late last term, the grade 8s discovered first hand what it means to "Change the State of Matter" in science..... when they made ice cream! Shaking liquid cream, sugar and vanilla together in a bag which was cooled by salty ice led to the discovery that freezing is definitely a COOL thing to do! Students obviously enjoyed themselves, as later that week Woolies ran out of vanilla essence and cream! Now who says students don't enjoy doing homework?

Julia Toft





HEAD OF DEPARTMENT YEARS 4 - 6



Last week our campus had a visit from the Irwin family, where we learnt a lot about local and native animals and the best ways to care for them and keep ourselves safe. We were fortunate to have them visit our own Year 4-6 area, and students demonstrated lovely manners and listening skills. Terri Irwin asked many questions about our wildlife, and our students demonstrated confidence and good knowledge in answering the majority of them correctly.

Next week, the 25th Aug (Week 7) we are starting our swimming blocks for Physical Education lessons. All schools across Queensland have been instructed by our Premier that students must wear a rash top/ water shirt, or at the least a tee-shirt when going to swimming classes. This ensures we are looking after our students' health and wellbeing, especially in the beautiful sunshine we have here at the Cape. Can you please ensure your child has a top when they come to school on their PE day, as we can not let them in the water without this sunsafe requirement.

We also require some **parent helpers** to come with our students to the pool for these lessons, and we can transport you down and back from the facility. If you can provide 70 minutes a week to come with your child's class that would be appreciated, as the safety of our students is our priority at Western Cape College. You do not need any swimming or first aid credentials, just a set of eyes to assist with ensuring all students are where they should be.

Thank you also to our parents who are supporting us with our uniform policy at Western Cape College. We have a big push for closed in shoes at school at present, to prevent the many injured toes students get that don't wear them. Also we are very firm with our "No Hat, No Play" policy, to ensure our students are sunsafe.

In closing well done to students and staff for a great Term 3 so far, and with only 4 weeks to go until end of term, we will continue to have high expectations for your child's education and efforts.

Cheers Dave Foxover-Head of Department Year 4-6

Science Week

'National Science Week is being celebrated over the next fortnight at Western Cape College with a variety of activity sessions in our science laboratories. A group of brilliant year 9 students have had the fun, and responsibility, of learning some great science experiments to perform for our younger students. They are performing 'magic' for the Junior and Middle school classes with some amazing colour changing solutions; making rainbows in test tubes; drawing pictures using electric current; experimenting with density; and sending their guests away with bags of silly putty and sherbet. What a great cohort of bright, young scientists we are nurturing here at the College.

As well as hosting activity sessions, the Weipa Campus Science Department will be holding an astronomy evening on the night of **Tuesday 26th of August**. We will meet on the Eastern Campus oval at approximately 6:30pm, with viewing beginning at about 7pm. With the School's telescope we are hoping to be able to focus our sights on Jupiter, the Moon, and some of the star constellations. Weather permitting (we do need clear skies), it should be a fantastic evening. Make a night of it and enjoy the fundraiser sausage sizzle as well.' Kate Gilmore

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT YEARS 7 - 9



Term 3 has been very busy and will continue until the end of term. There has been different events occurring

- District Athletics Carnival congratulations to Mrs Schneid, Mr Wawrzyniak and Mr Whittle and other staff who helped to organise and set up the fields for the 3 days.
- the Maths and English competitions that students were involved in.
- Sport and Recreation visitors.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication of the Middle School team in improving the outcomes of our students here at Weipa.

The Year 7 Core teachers Mrs Maskill, Mr Ivers, Ms Ward, Mrs King – Smith and the Year 7 teacher aide - Mrs Nason.

The **Year 8** Core teachers of Mrs Toft, Ms Heffernan and Mr Hughey. The **Year 9** English and SOSE teachers- Ms Hancock and Mrs Goss . The Science and Maths teachers - Mrs Gilmore, Mr Smith.and Ms McHugh. The **elective teachers** -

Home Economics - Mrs Anthony; **HPE** – Mrs Schneid, Mr Wawrzyniak and Mr Mason; **Manual Arts/ Construction/ Graphics/**

Engineering - Mr Stokes, Mr Bennett and Mr Mackey; **ICT** / **Computer** -Mr Millard, Mrs Smith, Mrs Goss; **Art** - Mr Hoy;

Drama/Creative Arts - Mrs Maybury, Music - Ms Hancock; Ma-

rine Studies - Mr Steele, Mrs Sailor; Business Studies - Mrs Goss. I would like to acknowledge the work and support of our Special Needs teachers Mrs Newcombe and Ms Dearling who help our team to adjust their curriculum to be accessible for our Special Needs students. Keep up the great work and team work as we improve the outcomes for our students

SPORT - Broad Brimmed Hats

A REMINDER for all students to bring their broad brimmed hat for Thursday sport. Also it will be required if you have chosen the following subjects - HPE (Health and Physical Education) and Marine Studies.



Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved.

William Jennings Bryan

Mary Fagan-Head of Department Years 7-9



Help is needed. I am getting things together to make a sensory room for our special needs students. If you have any of the following, that you don't need, could you please bring them to the SEU.

Fishing Line, plastic straws, wooden
or metal beads,
plastic plates and cups, old spoons,
forks and other kitchen utensils, coffee
or milo tins, bottle lids, tin lids,
orange or black mesh bags, bells, marbles, old cake tins, saucepans and lids,
yoghurt containers of varying sizes
wall tiles - varying textures, different
textured materials

windchimes, twirling mobiles.

Thanks Helen Wozniak, SEU



HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT



This term is possibly the most important academic term of some our senior students school career. Six of our year 12 students will sit the state wide run Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST) on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September and will be a key component in the calculation of their Overall Position. These students have been working very hard preparing for this test period and we wish them all the best and have full confidence in their ability and success.

On Wednesday the 20th two of our very hard working and high achieving students were nominated for the **School Based Trainee of the Year** at the CRGT awards night held at the Weipa Cultural Centre. It was an excellent night recognising trainees and apprentices in a different fields at a number of levels. Congratulations to:

Anna Kepper – Winner 2008 School Based Trainee of the Year. Larissa May – Encouragement Award for School Based Trainee of the Year

They are both well deserved recipients of these awards and show all our students of the benefits accessing this learning pathway.

In the coming weeks it is important that all students keep their focus as key assessment pieces are due for all subjects across the Senior School. Students will need to ensure they are working as hard as possible both in and out of class time to ensure they give themselves every chance of success.

As usual if there are any questions about any of the above mentioned or any other details of the Senior School please contact me or Brett Mason at the school.

Andrew Brandon - Head of Senior School



Garry Hutchinson HOD 7-12



Larissa May and Anna Kepper



Hi I'm Jill White, Guidance Officer replacing Natasha Stankey – Laidlow while she is on maternity leave. I have relocated here from Babinda where I

I have relocated here from Babinda where I serviced 7 schools, including Yarrabah. Prior to that I spent 2 years in Mount Isa where I spent most of my time servicing remote schools in the Gulf.

I am trained as a P-12 Guidance Officer, and have worked in a variety of settings, including large urban schools, and remote one – teacher schools.

I am looking forward to working closely with the secondary students, and their teachers. While I expect a majority of my time will be taken up with counselling, I am keen to support students with advice on careers, and helping them to choose a suitable pathway.

I know I will enjoy my time here, and hope that I am able to make a difference in a young person's life.

Chemistry Titration Competition



Clayton Ginn, Jarrod Scott, Jonathon Aspinall, Tahlia Savage, Tia Toomey. Absent Ryan Rutherford.

The Chemistry Titration Competition was held in Cairns on the 15th July at the James Cook University. Six students attended from our Campus and performed extremely well. Clayton Ginn achieved an overall fourth and Tia Toomey an overall fifth. Both these students were within 0.5% of the correct value. Jonathon Aspinall achieved 9th place and he was within 1% of the correct value. The students enjoyed the experience. Not only did they have the opportunity to interact with other chemistry students, they were also treated to a couple of presentations by University Staff.

Melissa Pressley.

Hospitality Students

Hospitality students gave up their time to assist Mrs Anthony and show case their skills at the Director General's Dinner held in the new

Resource Centre on Monday the 28th of July. The following students (John Tabuai. Andrew Sampson, Nazareth Naawi, Marda Pitt, Chelsie Gill and Querida Zaro) worked diligently in helping guest chef Mr Chris English to present his fine selection of buffet items and present a restaurant layout as good as any seen on the East Coast. Congratulations to the students who participated and thankyou for your professionalism and splendid effort!!

Leanne Anthony-Hospitality Teacher



Cape District Athletics Carniva

Prep—Year 3 Fun Carnival







Boys Age Champion			
9 yrs	Kieran Toft		
10yrs	Aiden Bloss		
11yrs	PJ Ahmat		
12yrs	Austin Marpoondin		
13yrs	Dennis Ahmat		
14yrs	Lewis Gela		
15yrs	Mikey Carter		
16yrs	Leon Sigai		
-	Monte Naawi		
17+yrs	Kwadwo Parker		

Girls Age Champion				
9yrs	Tara Crossley			
10yrs	Shakita Budby			
11yrs	Lascheka Wasiu			
12yrs	Michaela Smith			
13yrs	Shy-ann Budby			
14yrs	Stevie Barham			
15yrs	Tia Dixson-Toomey			
16yrs	Eileen Ludwick			
17+yrs	Angie Nadredre			
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Kath Newman Interteam Trophy:

1st—Flinders 2nd-Mapoon 3rd—Duyfken

4th—Aurukun 5th—Evans

The Tony Fuller Overall Points Trophy:

2nd—Duvfken 3rd— Evans

1st—Flinders



Flinders House Captains, Callum Quinn and Querida Zaro holding the Kath Newman Interteam Trophy and the Tony Fuller Overall Points Trophy.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

Indigenous students Grade 3-6 who live in Weipa Monday and Wednesday 2.45pm -3.30pm at the Resource Centre.

Indigenous students Grade 7-12 who live in Weipa Monday and Wednesday 3.00pm-5.00pm at the Resource Centre.

Indigenous students Grade 3-6 who live in Napranum (travel home as per usual) Wednesday and Thursday 4.00pm-6.00pm at the Napranum PCYC.

Indigenous students Grade 7-12 who live in Napranum Monday and Wednesday 3.00pm-5.00pm at the Resource Centre in Weipa. The bus will take you home from

Any inquires please contact the Homework Centre coordinator Penny at the school on (07) 40906401.



rtle <u>camp</u>

On the 21st of July the Year 9 marine class of Western Cape College left Weipa on a two hour car ride to Camp Chivaree Turtle camp, Janey creek. The students engaged in evening turtle activities and were lucky enough to see flatback turtles laying their eggs. Other activities the class participated in were ghost netting. Ghost netting involved the student collecting rubbish and washed up nets that cause a hazard to marine life and disposing of them. The student and teachers all took part in recreational fishing. The students all learnt a lot about sea turtles and how rubbish and ghost nets cause a massive threat to the population of sea turtles.

There are simple things you can do to help the conservation of turtles such as:

- Don't throw old fishing lines, nets or plastics into the ocean
- Slow down, in the boat, over turtle feeding areas
- Reduce the amount of plastic bags you use

Western Cape College adopted a flatback turtle and the marine class named her Shelly **Ilene** she laid 65 eggs and her front left flipper had been bitten by a shark which contributed to the name Ilene. Over all the students of Western Cape College had an amazing experience on the turtle camp learning about the important survival and preservation of sea turtles for future generations. Tayla West and Annalee Le Roux



WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE WEIPA CAMPUS P & C NEWS





Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the P & C Shed for the Athletic Carnival.

Thank you to all members for your participation at the last meeting your time is acknowledged and appreciated. Guest Speaker Sheryl Devers offered her apologies and in her place a very informative information sheet was presented to the meeting by Fiona Bielby and committee members Letisha Murgha and Michelle Elms were on hand to answer any questions. A **National Indigenous Educators Conference** is to be hosted by the Western Cape College Centre for Leadership and Teaching Excellence in October on the 23rd – 26th 2008. This is a tremendous opportunity to showcase the Western Cape College and several high profile identities have committed to present at this conference. P & C Volunteers are sought to help out at this prestigious event if possible. If you feel you can help you can contact Jenny 40699473 for further details.

P & C Constitution, Facility Policy and Hire agreement alternatives were discussed and acted on appropriately. Head of Campus Leon Proud discussed the staffing issues the College is having, a number of staff vacancies have occurred and have gone to ad. The School Based Youth Nurse position has been filled. The 2009 Ancient History trip first evening was successful. If you are interested in this trip please see Jenny English who can be contacted at the College. Western Cape College to have their own song – want to be songwriters please see Mr Proud. The 2008 Parent Survey has been the best response for many years, 77 parent surveys were returned which is better than the 10 last year. Results for these surveys will be collated and presented as soon as they come to hand.

The Tuckshop is looking to employ a pool of helpers, this is a paid position. A job description is available at the Tuckshop. Contact Kym Prentice on 40697109 for further information.

The next meeting is on the **Thursday 11th September 7.30pm** in the Resource Centre All Welcome. *Jenny Aspinall—President*

Aquatics Program Prep to Year 6

WHEN: WHAT TO BRING:

25th August -21st November

 Towel, Swimming togs, sunscreen, swim shirt or tight t-shirt (compulsory), goggles (optional), swimming bag.

Parent Help required. Please contact the PE Department on 40 906478 if you can help.

Year 7 –12 students who are in the HPE/Recreational programs will have the opportunity to swim in Term 4.

Important Message FAMILY DETAILS

If you have changed your address, phone number, name personal details or contacts please inform the School Office. If students are sick, we cannot let them go home with somebody who is not registered with us. Thank you.

Ngwer Mosaic Project Update

Over NAIDOC Week, The Ngwer Mosaic Project hit top gear with Mr Hoy guiding classes

of students from Prep to Seniors through the project who then also had a go at placing tiles and doing their little bit to help make the school even more beautiful.



So far, there has been an estimated 800 hours spent on the project over 2007 and 2008, with approximately 50 staff having tried their hand including Heads of Campus and Mr Clive Dixon, District Director who got his hands dirty helping Grade 1's join in.

"There was great excitement amongst the students during Naidoc week, it was a lot of fun and they all got a real sense of participation and understanding from having a go." Mr Hoy said. Over 300 students have now been involved from the design

stage with Thanakupi to the production and installation stages. "It really is turning into a community building project. But there are some people who volunteer their energies time and time again. It's these people I can't thank enough, they really embody what the Thanakwith Ngwer Story is all about."



During her recent visit, Ms

Rachel Hunter, Director General, expressed her enthusiasm for the project and was impressed with what was being achieved. Work is still going on, the mosaic has really progressed of late and with a few more bursts could be almost complete this term and be topping 1000 hours!

Volunteers are always welcome, especially Thursdays from around 1.45pm until around 4pm.

