

Calendar

March:

3rd	Year 7-12 Parade-8.55am
5th	Middle School Parade 8.55am Year 4-9
6th	Year 4-6 Parade-2.00pm
7th	Junior School Parade- 2.00pm
7th	P&C Disco-Prep-Year 9
10th	Year 7-12 Parade-8.55am
13th	Year 4-6 Parade-2.00pm
13th	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
14th	Junior School Parade- 2.00pm
17th	Year 7-12 Parade-8.55am
19th	Middle School Parade 8.55am Year 4-9
20th	Year 4-6 Parade-2.00pm
20th	Junior School Parade- 2.00pm
21st	Good Friday
24th	Easter Monday
25th	Year 7-12 Parade-8.55am
25th	Parent Interviews P-12
4th April	
27th	Year 4-6 Parade-2.00pm
28th	Junior School Parade- 2.00pm
28th	Western Cape Cross Country -Prep-Yr 12
31st	Year 7-12 Parade-8.55am

April:

2nd	Middle School Parade 8.55am Year 4-9
3rd	Year 4-6 Parade-2.00pm
4th	Junior School Parade 2.00pm
4th	End of Term 1
14th	Student Free Day
15th	Term 2 commences
15th	Year 7-12 Parade-8.55am
17th	Year 4-6 Parade-2.00pm
17th	P&C Meeting-7.30pm
18th	Junior School Parade- 2.00pm
21st	Year 7-12 Parade-8.55am
23rd	Middle School Parade 8.55am Year 4-9
24th	Junior School Parade- 2.00pm
24th	Year 4-6 Parade-2.00pm
25th	ANZAC Day
28th	Year 7-12 Parade-8.55am

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1st April, 2008

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the first Weipa Campus newsletter for 2008. The aim of this newsletter is to provide parents with important information about Weipa specific activities on a monthly basis. This newsletter will feature articles from each of the sectors of the school and will also include Special Needs updates and other news.

The year has started off with a rush and enrolments are up across the school. In the junior school, we currently have 302 students from Prep to Year 3. As you will see from Mrs Street's pages, we are looking to establish a new class to meet the demands of large class sizes in Year 1. The Year 4's have successfully moved into their new building and have settled into their new routines. In the Middle school there are 468 enrolments from Years 4-9 and the Year 9 students have settled into the upgraded Z Block with their core teachers. In the senior school, we have 203 students, with our largest ever group of Year 10's enrolled.

With 973 students and around 125 staff at school every day, it is vital that we all work together to stay focussed on our core business in classrooms. All students and parents have rights within the school grounds, but with these rights come responsibilities.

All students and parents who are part of the Weipa Campus family need to act with the best behaviours to ensure that all students are safe and focussed. The school has invested in this by appointing a Responsible Behaviour Officer and Responsible Behaviour Centre to support students in making good choices regarding their behaviour at school. Your support in achieving a safe, calm environment is appreciated. One of the new policies introduced this year is an amendment to the Electronic Devices Policy. (see page 7) Thank you for working with us to ensure that our students adhere to it.

This year we have welcomed the following new staff:

Year 1 – Erin Costello and Tracey Hitchcock **Year 3**—Luke Dorsett
Year 4—Jodie Glenn and Tina O'Connor

Year 5 - Darryl Hitchcock and Jo Sibley

Year 7 - Lee Ivers **Year 8**—Julia Toft

Secondary: Luke Millard (Maths)

Jasmine McHugh (Maths), Jenny English (General), Marian Schneid (Senior HPE)

Senior School Head of Department—Brett Mason

Special Ed: Michelle Newcombe and Nicole Dearling

Responsible Behaviour Officer – Bill Schneid

Teacher/Librarian—Sally May

Should you wish to discuss any matters with your child's teachers, please contact them to make an interview time.

With the Easter break two weeks earlier than the end of the first term (for the only time this century), we appreciate that your children will be attending and equipped for each school day.

In the next edition, I will discuss ways that the school and community can be more environmentally conscious as well as the upcoming 3/5/7/9 tests.

Regards, Tony Whybird

Timetable 2008

YEARS 1-6	YEARS 7-12
BLOCK 1 8.30am—9.05am	PASTORAL CARE 8.55am-9.05
9.05am-9.40am	BLOCK 1 9.0am-9.40am
BLOCK 2 9.40am-10.15am	9.40am-10.15am
10.15am-10.50am	BLOCK 2 10.15am-10.50am
BREAK 1 10.50am—11.25am	10.50am-11.25am
BLOCK 3 11.25am-12.00pm	BREAK 1 11.25am-12.00pm
12.00pm-12.35pm	BLOCK 3 12.00pm-12.35pm
BREAK 2 12.35pm-1.10pm	12.35pm-1.10pm
BLOCK 4 1.10pm-1.45pm	BREAK 2 1.10pm-1.45pm
1.45pm-2.30pm	BLOCK 4 1.45pm-2.55pm
After School Care - 2.30pm-2.55pm	

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

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Congratulations on an excellent start to the school year. Parents, you've done a wonderful job settling your children into a daily routine and teachers, your professionalism and dedication is once again outstanding. Teachers have hit the ground running and the pace isn't going to slow down. Our new teachers Erin Costello, Tracey Hitchcock & Lucas Dorsett have been kept extremely busy with every one of their weekends either at Oral Language Bandscales training in Cairns, Literacy Framework Professional Development, First Aid, THRASS or Indigenous Education; and it's only week 5! With the Year Fours moving to their new rooms across the road, we thought we would have some spare classrooms, but this isn't the case, as we now have over 300 students enrolled in Junior School.

FEATURE:

One of the highlights of Junior School is the employment of Deb Taylor as a fulltime Oral Language Teacher. Research and work within Australia supports the connection between a successful school based Oral Language Program and a subsequent narrowing of the academic gap between fluent and non-fluent speakers. Extensive research has shown that both oral language and phonological awareness are crucial for the successful acquisition of literacy skills in children. Deb integrates the (SLP) Speech and Language Pathologists' goals, (ESL) English as a Second Language program, Oral Bandscales & (ILP) Individual Learning Plans, THRASS and FELIK to create a School Oral Language Program.

Other priorities are: Parent Training - Educate parents in Oral Language Development and Phonemic Awareness, Support-a-Talker, Cued Articulation and THRASS. Teacher Training - in programs used by SLP-Preschool Metalinguistic Awareness Program (PMAP) & Mt Isa Early Intervention Program, THRASS, FELIK and the SLP Screener & Sunscreen to evaluate students' needs. Deb's roles are to co-ordinate this training and provide support and modelling to teachers so they learn the best strategies for teaching Oral Language. Deb works in the classrooms modelling lessons and teaching small groups of students depending on their needs.

Kathy Street



New Staff:

Hi My name is Tracey Hitchcock and I have a passion for teaching. I have come to Weipa from Benaraby which is 20 minutes out of Gladstone. I am here with my husband who is also a teacher and 3 children in years 4, 9 and 10. I have been teaching for 25 years mainly in the P-3 area.



G'day. My name is Lukas Dorsett and I've just moved here from Brisbane where I've been teaching year 2&3 classes for the last 2.5 years. It's a real privilege to be here with you and to be teaching the wonderful children at the school. In my class we have a heavy emphasis on reading and using computers for educational purposes.



Hi, I'm Erin Costello and I'm teaching Year one. I moved to Weipa from the Gold Coast after completing my final Professional Experience with the College last June and was employed as a Learning Support Teacher for the last semester. I love sports, especially Netball and I'm enjoying this experience in Weipa.



Prep—3 Curriculum Plan for 2008

Prep	Early years Curriculum			
Year 1	Me, Myself and I	Health and Fitness	Same but Different	Negotiated School-based Task
Year 2	Positive Classroom Environment	Puppets! (Year 2 Net)	Dancing Dugongs and Flying Frogs	Negotiated School-based Task
Year 3	My Story	Endangered or Introduced Plant or Animal	Social and Historical Aspects of Craft	Negotiated School-based Task



District Wide Moderated Task



School Based Task

SPECIAL AWARDS—TERM 1—WEEK 3



You Can Do It Award: Joshua Asera (2A)
Attendance Award:
 Aaron Singleton (3B) and Jomen Tamwoy (2C)
Mr Whybird's Spelling Award:
 Alanah Mackey (3C)

STAR STUDENT AWARDS—TERM 1—WEEK 3



Prep A: Jasper Braun/ Hank Kendall
Prep B: Korhey Jeffrey/ Kyle Hunter
Prep C: Samantha Lengerich/Jack Callaghan
Year 1: Tayla Cardelli/ Joseph Finn(1A),
 Cherrie-Lou Conol, Kiana Hall/Jeremy Stainkey (1B).
Year 2: Liam Kearon/ Mitchell Brandon(2/3D), Taylah Coleman (2A),
 Christopher Cross/ Sonai Mene(2B), Amy Marshall / Micah Walker(2C)
Year 3: Nicholas Wagner/ Sophie Page(3A), Laura Mara/Angus Johnson(3B),
 Louise Briggs(3C)

SPECIAL AWARD – TERM 1 – WEEK 4



You Can Do It Award: Jack Brandon (3C)
100% Attendance Award: Conor Barnes (Prep A)
 and Rachel Brooker (3A)
Mr Whybird's Spelling Award: Flynn Forsyth (3B)

STAR STUDENT AWARDS—TERM 1—WEEK 4



Prep A: Tyreece Miller /Maddi Lavis
Prep B: Molly Dixon-Toomey/Bronson Poi Poi
Prep C: Guyai Nona/ Rease Casey .
Year 1: Walter Hudson-Sambo/Paige Shaw(1A),
 Justinelle Mene (1B)
Year 2: Bethel Mairu /Sieni Kofe(2A), Relena Ara /
 Kelly-Anne Motton(2B), Elle Dixon-Toomey /Shaun
 Darvell (2C), Mitchell Brandon.(2/3D)
Year 3: Ned Brown/ Michael Jones(3A), Flynn Forsyth/Connor O'Brien(3B), Nicholas Clark(3B) ,
 Chloe Sjoberg (2/3D)

STAR STUDENT AWARDS—TERM 1—WEEK 5



Prep A: Bessie Ling/Herbie Hudson
Prep B: Lowana Charger/Benn
 Batterham
Prep C: Lucas Wrigley/Floyd Rickey
Year 1: Marcellis Budby/Shaniqua
 Burke (1A), Jared Clark/Rochelle
 York/Elijah Groves/Telitha (2B)
Year 2: Keisha Braun(2/3D),
 Jacob Camp(2A), Jacinta Mene/Sabrina Koina(2B) , Eli Hunter/Zev Fuller(2C)
Year 3: Edwina Wheeler(2/3D), Jacob Clifford/Demi Horvath(3A), Walter Sigai/
 Hannah Whyte(3B), Jack Filtness/Tynequa Kemp(3C).

THE RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTRE



The spectacular new building on the Eastern Campus is the Resource Information Centre. As teacher-librarian, I'm delighted to have such a wonderful facility to work in. I've come to Weipa from Atherton State High School where I've been for the past 15 years. I'm a primary teacher by training, so I've got a foot in both camps! The RIC is becoming a very busy place and I'm very impressed that so many students are keen readers. Lorraine, Karen and I are here to provide a great service to all our students and staff. Please feel free to drop in when you are in the school. **Sally May**

WANTED Book Covering Helpers Dedicated volunteers to help on a regular basis. Please see Lorraine in the Resource Centre.

LOST HOME READERS

Currently the school does not have enough home readers as hundreds have not been returned to school from last year. PLEASE SEARCH and return any school library books that you find.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERS

Stevie Barham, Shani Wallin,
 Reece Sainsbury and Mikey Carter

COLLEGE HOUSE CAPTAINS

House	House Captains	Vice Captains
Evans	Chelsea Gill Angie Nadredre	Marli Jia-Craige Ayesha Idai-Jawai
Duyfken	Ryan Rutherford Shiona Budby	Tianna Chevathen Tahlia Savage
Flinders	Callum Quinn Eileen Ludwick	Querida Zaro Andrew Sampson

Middle School Leaders



Duyfken



Evans



Flinders



College Captains

I feel great being College Captain. Thanks for your help and effort in getting me this far ... Mrs Thompson, Ms Murgah, Mrs Fagan and my friends. Robert Jawai. College Captain



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a difference at the College. I feel privileged being a representative and having everyone look up to me. I'm sure I'll make a positive role model. Jonathon Aspinall. College Captain



Being a strong leader and setting a good example for the younger students is my main goal. I would like to thank everyone for giving me this great opportunity to prove myself in this role. Thank you. Nazareth Naawi. College Vice Captain



WOW! Vice Captain yeah! I didn't think I'd get the role I know I have some good values and attributes that'll help me to be a good leader within the WCC Community. Hopefully I will live up to the expectations of those who elected me. Thanks. Anna Kepper.



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT



Hello for 2008

Welcome back to another exciting school year. Enrolments were counted on February the 8th and the middle school enrolment currently stands at 468 students. The middle school makes up 47% of the Weipa Campus.

Staffing

A big welcome to the new staff that have joined the Middle School this year and welcome back to those who continue on with us in 2008. New staff to the middle school this year include;

(Yr 4-6) Tina O'Conner, Jodie Glenn, Daryl Hitchcock, Cathrina Sabatino, Rebecca Briggs.

(Yr 7-9) Lee Ivers, Debbie Dixon-Toomey, Julia Toft, Marion Schneid, Bill Schneid, Jasmine McHugh, Luke Millard, Brett Mason.

Middle School Parades

Every fortnight we conduct a Yr 4-9 Middle School parade. This is held on Wednesdays at 8.55am in the Eastern covered area. All parents are welcome to attend. Other weekly parades that take place include; Yr 7-12 at 8.55am Mondays, and Yr 4-6 at 2.00pm Thursdays. Please refer to the front page calendar.

Middle School Parent Information Night

On Tuesday 19th February our Parent Information night for 2008 was held. This night was an open night for all parents of middle school students. It was an informal night with a greet and meet atmosphere.

Children were invited to show their parents/guardians their classroom and work completed so far this year. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who attended the night.

Student Attendance

Student attendance is a major focus at the Weipa Campus. In 2007, the middle school attendance percentage for the year was 80.1%. Our College target is 90%. We will look to improve our 2008 attendance data, whereby teachers and school staff will work towards getting all students to school every-day.

All students absent from school must present a note to their form teacher on the first day back at school.

Parents and guardians are asked to contact the school if their child is expected to be away for more than a day.

Leon Proud

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 4-6

Middle School Captains

Marley Ahmat and Takiesha Street

Middle School Captains



House Captains



Class	Student Council Rep	Proxy
4G	Zack Isenbert	Brittany Tarlinton
40°C	Connor Elsley	Grace-Ann Prentice
4B	Cory McGrath	Talia Wallin
5S	Izaiah Schell	Casey Tass
5D	Ben James	Josie Atkinson
5W	Tomas Godsell	Meka Filtness
6V	Nina Pressley	Harly Van Mierlo
6M	Liam Sainsbury	Cheyenne McIntosh
6W	Alyssa Sjoberg	Ashleigh Ball

Student Council Representative and Proxy



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Evans	Leonard Kris, Dujon Nadredre, Anita Bloss, Mahinda Anderson
Duyfken	PJ Ahmat, Sam Patrono, Taylor Francisco, Frances Carter
Flinders	Samuel Hollands, Ethan Kruckow, Shylicia McKiernan, Bradey Harris

Middle School Contacts

Head of Middle School	Leon Proud	Ph: 40 906 464
Head of Department (4-6)	David Foxover	Ph: 40 906 455
Head of Department (7-9)	Mary Fagan	Ph: 40 906 436
Guidance Officer (4-6)	Sandy Lowi	Ph: 40 906 402
Guidance Officer (7-12)	Natasha Sankey-Laidlaw	Ph: 40 906 448
Head of Special Ed Services	Nikki Schell	Ph: 40 906 452
School Based Nurse (7-12)	Sandy Robertson	Ph: 40 906 441
Community Education Counsellor	Sarina Adams	Ph: 40 906 437
Community Liaison Officer/TA	Patty Mark	Ph: 40 906 452

Moderated Tasks for Semester 1

The Moderated Tasks being undertaken this Semester are:

Year 4: Push and Shove My Way Through Texts (Particular focus on bullying)

Year 5: Stone Chips to Microchips (Inventions)

Year 6: Wheels of Time (History)

Year 7: You, The Citizen (Australian Political History and Citizenship)

Year 8: Go Away (Travel Itineraries)

Year 9: Australian National Identity (Documentary)

EASTER MARKETS

Where: 4-6 Area
When: Sunday 16th March
Time: 3pm—6pm

NEW STAFF:



Tina O'Connor, Jodie Glenn,
Daryl Hitchcock, and
Cathrina Sabatino



Lee Ivers, Julia Toft, Marion
Schneid, Jasmine McHugh and Luke



Marion
Schneid
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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT YEARS 4-6



WELCOME TO YR 4-6

Welcome to what has been an exciting and excellent start to 2008.

The Year 4 students moved into their brand new classrooms on Day One and have transitioned into Middle School delightfully. Our Year 5 and 6 students have demonstrated leadership and confidence in assisting our Year 4 students in feeling safe and respected in their new environment.

Last month saw our Middle School Captains, House Captains and Student Council Members selected for 2008. These students will represent our Middle School and lead their peers in what will be a busy and exciting year.

In 2008, our Year 4-6 teaching team is focused on assisting our students in achieving the best possible outcomes in their education. Each year level has a team teacher, who can focus on core student needs such as reading and number, through identifying and running specific learning sessions to assist student development. Our Year 5 and Year 6 teachers also have assistant teachers to support them in meeting our diverse student needs.

Each Year Level is undertaking Literacy (TORCH -Tests of Reading Comprehension) and Numeracy (PAT Progressive Achievement Tests in Mathematics) testing to enable our teaching staff to identify and modify areas of our curriculum to assist with our students outcomes. These tests will be conducted 3 times a year to enable our teaching staff to gauge student achievement in their specific year level.

This year has been targeted as the Year of Physical Activity in Qld schools. At Weipa we are addressing this through individual classroom exercise and year level sport rotations.

Other exciting news for this year includes; a new playground due for construction, Fun Fridays and our Bound for Success Moderated Tasks. Who ever thought school could be such fun and worthwhile? Cheers.

Dave Foxover—HOD YR 4-6

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT YEARS 7-9



WELCOME TO YR 7-9

Welcome to our 2008 school year. The Years 7-9 students have begun to settle into their routines.

The Year 7 team this year – 7.1 Mrs Robyn Maskill, 7.2 Mr Lee Ivers, 7.3 Ms Ja'ak Ward, 7.4 Mrs Florrie King – Smith. The teacher aide is Mrs Debbie Dixon –Toomey. Mrs Michelle Newcombe is the Special Needs teacher.

The Year 8 teachers are 8.1 Mrs Julia Toft, 8.2 Ms Chantelle Heffernan and 8.3 Mr Craig Hughey. The Special Needs teacher for year 8 and 9 is Ms Nicole Dearling.

The Year 9 structure has also changed. We now have two teachers timetabled for the four core subjects.

9.1 – English and SOSE – is Ms Belinda Hancock and Science and Maths is Mrs Kate Gilmore.

9.2 - English and SOSE – Mrs Mary Fagan and Science and Maths is Mr Steve Smith.

9.3 - English and SOSE – Mrs Claire Goss and Science and Maths is Ms Jasmine McHugh.

Parent and Guardians we would like to encourage you to meet your child's teacher and to contact them if there are any problems throughout the year.

2008 MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERS

The four selected leaders are Year Nine students -

Reece Sainsbury
Stevie Barham
Mike Carter
Shani Wallin.

They will be running the Middle school parades and being a part of other leadership roles in the school.

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT 7-9

Mary Fagan

Welcome back to our 2008 school year. My name is Mary Fagan and I am the Head of Department for Year 7-9. My role in the school is the student welfare of our students who are in Years 7, 8 and 9. I work closely with the Years 7-9 staff in relation to curriculum and to support them in the improvement of outcomes of our students here at Weipa. I help co-ordinate and work with staff in readiness for the Year 7 and 9 National Literacy and Numeracy testing that will occur in May. The Bound for Success curriculum is continuing and the year levels will be completing moderated tasks throughout 2008. The Year 7 students will begin with You, the Citizen. The Year 8 moderated task is Go Away and Australian National Identity is the Year 9 Moderated task. I look forward to getting to know all students in years 7, 8 and 9 and to see the improvement in the students outcomes for 2008.

Any questions please contact the office and leave a message and I will contact you.

Mary Fagan—HOD YR 7-9

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT



What an exciting way to start the new year by acknowledging the fantastic achievement of Denica Russ with an OP 1 in 2007. By completing her entire 12 years of schooling in Weipa, Denica proved to all of Queensland that we can match it with the best in education. Congratulations goes to Denica for all the hard work she put in over the years and to the staff for their dedication to the quality of the education delivered.

How to back up such a successful year as 2007 will be a challenge but the expectations will remain the same. A new year brings with it new opportunities as the college continues to grow. Subject selections have expanded

and to the delight of staff, the students have taken advantage of this. We've welcomed some new and experienced staff to the team and their input has already been invaluable.

The focus of this first news letter will be the part that everybody plays in a student's education with a particular emphasis on the roll of the family. While school is a major part of a student's life it doesn't come close to completing the whole picture. The experiences and pressures from outside school have a big influence on how productive the student's school day is. There are many ways for parents to take an active interest in their child's education. Here are a few examples:

- Taking an interest in the subjects a student is studying.

- Ask them to teach you some of the work they have learnt
- Take an active involvement in time management, balancing work with play.
- Contact their teachers on a regular basis to check on progress
- Discuss their future and pathway to achieve their goals.

There are many more opportunities to be part of your child's education. A good starting point would be to contact the school and make an appointment.

We look forward to working with you in 2008.

Andrew Brandon

SENIOR SCHOOL EXCELLENCE GRADE 12 LEADERSHIP CAMP 2008

Western Cape College is committed to instilling a sense of leadership and ownership in all Grade 12 students, not just those students who choose to be part of the leadership process. The Grade 12 Leadership Camp 2008 was held for three days at Scherger Air Force Base from the 11th-14th February. The objectives of the Camp were to develop these leadership capabilities and a sense of ownership of Grade 12, to encourage the ability to be able to work together as a team and to develop a positive relationship of trust and understanding with teachers.

RAAF and Scherger Air Force Base staff gave Western Cape College enviable access to fantastic facilities. The hospitality of the staff was fantastic.

Students were inspired by the Guest Speakers—Lisa O'Malley and Dennis Blanco—who shared their life experiences. Both the speakers were former students of Western Cape College.

Another contributing factor to the success of the Camp was the fantastic food provided by Mr Chris English, the caterer. The meals were great and there was no effort spared in keeping everyone happy.

Key learning experiences of the Grade 12 Leadership Camp 2008 were:

- Students were encouraged to move out of their comfort zone which enabled them to grow as individuals.
- The students realized they all had to cooperate to make the Camp work and they utilized the strengths that different people displayed.

- Relationships had to develop because of the close proximity in which students and teachers were living and working.
- Whenever things went right or wrong, the students would debrief and use projective techniques to work out how to benefit from these experiences in the future.

Most of all, the students had fun. Even though there were late nights and early mornings and a very demanding schedule, there was very little complaining. Students foresaw what needed to be done and often did it without being asked. They always responded positively if they were asked to do something.

Western Cape College Senior School is extremely proud of the success of the Camp and the way the Grade 12 students conducted themselves. The accompanying teachers had nothing but praise for the students' behaviour over the three days.

The College wishes the Grade 12 students all the best for 2008 and looks forward to many more positive outcomes.

Mary-Ann Thompson



Brett Mason.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the community of Weipa as Head of Department (Senior Schooling) for the Western Cape College.

I have been very fortunate to have taught in a number of schools in remote, rural and city schools throughout Queensland as well as a short stint in the United Kingdom. As a result I have witnessed and learnt from a number of exceptional teachers and bring to your school a wide range of knowledge and experiences.

I believe very deeply in providing value to education by promoting lifelong learning the need to focus students on *where* they want to be beyond school in order to help them understand *why* they are doing what they are doing today. I am very excited to be part of the Western Cape College staff who shares this understanding.

Over the years I have spent a great deal of time in Far North Queensland and am very happy to return to live and work in such a beautiful place. I thank the community for its warm welcome and look forward to experiencing all that Weipa has to offer.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT REPORT

The Special Education Unit welcomes two new teachers:



Michelle Newcombe supports students in Grade 7 with a disability, including Hearing Impairment, Speech Language Impairment, Autism, Physical Impairment and Hearing Impairment.



Nicole Dearling works across Grades 8, 9 and 12, supporting students with Intellectual Impairment, Autism and Hearing Impairment.

Both teachers have brought new ideas and enthusiasm to Weipa and 2008 is sure to be filled with many exciting new activities! The Special Education Unit (SEU) is located on the Western side (Prep-3) in F block. You are welcome to come and see students participating in various activities throughout the day. Regards, Nikki Schell

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT



Hello everyone, my name is Bill Schneid, I am the New **Responsible Behaviour Officer** here at Western Cape College. My wife who is the new Physical Education Teacher, my three sons and myself are all very excited to be in Weipa. I have come from Pine Rivers State High School where I have been a Physical Education Senior Teacher for 24 years. I would enjoy meeting as many parents as possible and I am available to talk to you about your children whenever possible. I look forward to meeting you. Best regards, Bill Schneid.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY (amended 2008)

Student use of Personal Electronic Devices

There have been significant changes in the availability and use of personal technologies in recent years. The use in the general community of mobile phones and portable music players has led to increased use of these devices by students.

The management of these devices is necessary, especially the impact that these devices have on lesson instruction and good order and management of the school site.

The foundation of Western Cape College's *Personal Electronic Devices Policy* is to ensure they do not compromise the security, personal rights, good order and teaching and learning processes at school.

For this reason, all electronic devices are banned from the Western Cape College Weipa Campus site.

Students who are required to have these devices outside of school hours should do the following:

1. Deliver the device to the relevant office for safe keeping upon arrival to school.
2. The device will be returned to the student that afternoon at the completion of the school day.

Staff Use of Personal Electronic Devices

Staff will model responsible use of electronic devices. Devices will be turned off during class and meeting times.

Consequences of Misuse

It is a reasonable expectation that staff will enforce the *Personal Electronic Devices Policy*.

Students will comply with all reasonable requests from staff.

In the event that a student does not follow this policy, the following consequences will apply:

- Immediate confiscation by the teacher;
- Phone/electronic device will be taken to the office as soon as possible where the teacher will label the device for future collection;
- Collection can be made by parent/care-giver ONLY during school office hours OR
- The student may re-claim the device the following Friday at the completion of the school day.
- If a returned device is confiscated again, the device will only be able to be collected the following Friday at the completion of the school day.

P & C DISCO

Prep—Year 3 5.30pm—7.00pm
Year 4—Year 6: 7.00pm—8.30pm
Year 7—Year 9: 8.30pm—10.00pm
DATE : Friday, 7th March.
WHERE: Assembly Hall
ON SALE: Food, Drinks and Glowsticks

ENTRANT COST: \$2.00

PRIZES FOR BEST DANCER/COSTUME

- Prep—Year 3— Best Costume
- Year 4—9 - Best Costume (60's-80's)

2008 Ski Trip Perisher

Ski Trip deposits of \$200 are due ASAP. Invoices were handed to students that showed interest last week. Please note the following dates for payments.

2nd Payment - 15th March
Final Payment - 10th April
Please contact either Steve Smith or Amalia Smith on 4090 6444 if there are any queries regarding the trip, payments or you may be interested in attending.

WESTERN CAPE CROSS COUNTRY

PREP - YEAR 12



Where: Western Oval
When: Friday, 28th March
Time: 8.30am– 12.00 Noon

Bring your shoes, hat and water bottle

Tuckshop Menu

Party Pies	\$1.00
Pies	\$3.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50
Muffins Large	\$2.50
Chips small packet	\$0.50c
Water/Softdrinks	\$2.00
Poweraide	\$3.50
Juice 250mls/Poppers	\$2.00
Milk Breakers	\$2.50

* Assorted sandwiches, rolls and lavash

Wraps will be available.

Please still complete Tuckshop bags as usual.

Tuckshop will be opened from 8.30am.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVE PROGRAM

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	WHERE	CONTACT
MONDAY	2.30pm-3.30pm	Active After School		Marian Schneid
	3.30pm-5.00pm	Boxercise		Steve Smith
	4.30pm-5.45pm	Cross Country Training—Yr 4-12	PE Shed	Rod Whittle
THURSDAY	2.30pm-3.30pm	Active After School	High School	Marian Schneid
	3.30pm	Boxercise		Steve Smith
	4.30pm-5.45pm	Cross Country Training—Yr 4-12		Rod Whittle

REMEMBER TO BRING A HAT AND WATER BOTTLE

Useful Information

Homework Policy

It is an expectation of the Western Cape College that all students are encouraged to complete homework on a regular basis. The following are guidelines for homework implementation.

1. Homework should be set on a nightly or weekly basis.
2. Homework must have direct relevance to the skills learnt in the classroom at the time.
3. Schools do not have the power to enforce compulsory homework, but encourage and support its practice.
4. Completion of homework should be monitored and marked when appropriate.
5. If a student fails to complete set homework then an offer to assist its completion is appropriate.
6. Parents are encouraged to support and monitor student homework.

Out of Bounds Areas

All rooms, unless a teacher is present

- all offices and areas nearby and teacher staff and common rooms, unless on school business
- any area where equipment is stored
- all areas around parked cars
- the Court House area
- building sites
- The Weipa Service Centre.

Permission to Leave the School Grounds

No student will be permitted to leave the school grounds at lunch or at any other times before 2.55pm, except in an emergency or for special reasons explained to the school in a note or phone call from a parent or guardian.

Any student leaving the school grounds must sign the "Sign Out" book. Upon returning on the same day, he/she must sign the "Sign In" book. This book is located in the front admin office.

Homework appropriate to Classes P– 3

Homework tasks may include:

- daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or other family members
- linking concepts with familiar activities such as shopping, preparation of food, local environment and family outings
- conversations about what is happening at school
- preparation for oral presentations
- opportunities to write for meaningful purposes.

In the Prep Year, generally students will not be set homework.

In Years 1, 2 and 3, set homework could be up to but generally not more than 1 hour per week.

P & C REPORT



**Welcome to all Parents,
Guardians and the
College Community**

Hi and welcome to another year of Parents and Citizens (P & C) involvement in the Western Cape College Weipa Campus P & C. This group of dedicated people work closely with the College, building a stronger school community which will benefit all children. Your P & C is involved in College Policy development and decisions, financial planning & budgeting, tuckshop management & nutrition, college and classroom functions, uniforms, financial support for extra's and grant writing. You know, a lot can really be achieved through your P & C, the more people involved the better the results for the Children and the College. You can really help make a difference! Just a reminder P & C News is found in the College Newsletters in the local paper, on the College Message board at the Heritage Shopping Centre, and on the notice-board outside the western side staff room.

Minutes of the meetings can also be found on the Web site under P & C information Weipa Campus. The next meeting is to be held on the **Thursday 13th March 2008 at 7.30pm** sharp please.

Jenny Aspinall, President, 40699473.