2014 has been a year of tremendous outcomes for Bwgcolman Community School. Our students have really taken to the their work this year and the number of students achieving their goals, particularly in reading has increased.

Our Year 12 results were the best the school has had since taking over from Kirwan halfway through 2011. It’s important to note that five of the eight students who completed their year 12 studies here have already secured some employment. This shows that employers on Palm Island take Year 12 completion seriously.

For me, the highlight of the year has been the significantly increased numbers of family and community members at all of our end of year events. Year 12 Graduation, Year 6 Celebration, the Starting Block Awards and the Pre-Prep Christmas Party were all well attended with family and former students all coming along to be part of the Bwgcolman Family celebrations.

It demonstrates that the community of Palm Island is proudly supporting the achievements of their children. Those achievements are not done in isolation. It is through the effort and encouragement of family that our students succeed. Congratulations to all for the awards achieved by the members of your family. It is a credit to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the long service Todd Chatterton has given to this school. Todd’s passion for the secondary department and all of the students who have passed though there set the foundations for the success that has been achieved this year. Todd, who has been here for 12 years along with Virginia and the children are all shifting to Cairns and I would like to acknowledge the work they both have done in making Bwgcolman a great school. Virginia has shown great leadership in the primary school and her energy will be missed by staff students and of course family. This year also sees Jeremy Pullen and Rosalie Tennant move onto Townsville schools. Over the past three years both Jeremy and Rosie have played a big part in the secondary school with Men’s and Women’s Business.

Darryn Jamieson also leaves us after two years of living away from family to be part of our school. Darryn goes to the Sunshine Coast at the end of the week to continue his great work.

Mia Storey also leaves us to pursue more study options and I wish her well for the future.

The new year will begin with David O’Shea as the permanent deputy and with a new HOD, Murray Griffin to try and fill Todd’s size 13 shoes. A few new teachers are also coming in and we will introduce them next year.

Good luck and best wishes to those students moving onto boarding school. I trust you will take the lessons of courage and resilience with you as you move into unfamiliar territory.

I wish for each and every one of you a happy holy and safe Christmas. And I look forward to beginning the new year Tuesday 27th January.

Jeff

Step Up Program ends

The Step Up Program has come to an end and will not be running in 2015. We would like to thank PICC for their support and providing breakfast for the group each week. The PCYC also assisted by providing the boxing area for the group to meet and train. All participants of the program will now join in regular classes from start of school 2015. We wish them all the best with their transition.
Gold Trip 2014 by Chris Sachlikidis

On Thursday 27th October, 14 students from Bwgcolman Students were awarded with a reward excursion to Townsville. These 14 students were awarded for their consistent and high level behaviour, effort and positive attitude in the school environment throughout the entire year.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning team set the standard that students must reach 500 start cards to be eligible to go on the Gold Award Trip. Students earn start cards by following school rules, demonstrating effort and participation towards their school work, and any other behaviour that shows a positive attitude towards school activities and other students. There are 3 levels of achievement through the School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning program, Bronze (80 start cards), Silver (200 start cards) and Gold (500 start cards). All students are eligible to achieve all levels by demonstrating the mentioned behaviours throughout the entire school year.

Kymani, Shaquana, Jakita, Loretta, Riana, Phyllis, Ivy, Carcia, Martha, Etosha, Pita, Stella, Waisie and Rachel proved they deserved the trip by earning over 500 start cards throughout the year and were treated to the day out in Townsville.

The group flew over to Townsville first thing in the morning then jumped on the bus waiting on the other side and headed straight for Kingpin Bowl, where they spent the next 2 hours playing unlimited ten pin bowling, lazertag and a huge variety of arcade games. They built up their appetite in which there was only one obvious solution... all you can eat pizza and dessert bar! The kids spent the next hour filling up then off to Riverway Pools they went. The rest of the afternoon was spent enjoying and exploring the huge pools at the Riverway complex. With some swimming lessons taking place, the younger students enjoyed practicing their new skills. Although the kids could have quite happily spent the rest of the day at the pool, it was time to head back to the airport. So on the bus the group hopped, and after a quick recharge of the batteries with a little a little power nap from several of the kids it was back on the plane and back home for the group.

Well done to all involved, in what was a well-deserved reward trip and all of the students showed exactly why they were the Gold Award winners, with perfect behaviour all day long they did Bwgcolman Community School and the Palm Island Community proud!

Thanks to PICC for their support by allowing us use of their plane for the return trip to the mainland.

Grade 6 Celebration by Jen Healey

The year 6 graduation ceremony was held at school on Tuesday night. It was great to see so many families, friends and staff turn up to support the year 6’s as they celebrated their transition from primary into highschool.

All of the students looked fantastic and were obviously very proud and excited to be completing grade 6. The evening began with a lovely dinner, followed by a welcoming address by the students. We watched a photo story highlighting all of the great things that have happened throughout the year. The students received their graduation certificates and the night was concluded with a very large and delicious cake. The night was a wonderful celebration of the student’s efforts and achievements and a lovely showcase of the strong partnership between families and our school.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the night so special and most importantly we wish the year 6’s all the best as they embark on their journey into junior secondary.
Swimming carnival by Chris Sachlikidis

Droves of students marched down to St Michael’s Beach, doing their very best to fill out their brightly coloured stinger suits. The sun shining and the water crystal clear, the stage was set for what was to be a brilliant day enjoying the natural surrounds of Palm Island at this year’s Bwgcolman and St Michael’s Schools swimming carnival.

Students turned up in good numbers to participate in a variety of events, from sandcastle building to run, swim and board events. The level of effort and enthusiasm shown from all students was outstanding, as well as students participating in the right spirit with huge smiles all day long.

Trevally showed just how important it was for everyone to participate in all events as they knocked out the reigning champions, Fantome, by one point to take out 1st place in the Primary School Division. In the High School, plenty of strong performances from Fantome saw them take out a convincing win over Cura-coa. Congratulations to everyone who participated in what was a very successful and enjoyable day for all involved.

Age Champions
9 years: Cleveland Smith & Sierra Sibley
10 years: Craig Evers & Juanita Fraser
11 years: Brodie Kerr & Jariesha Castors
12 years: Rakeem Lind & Shauntae Ryan
13 years: Zareese Baira
15 years: Derek Creed-Haines & S- vane Castors
16/17 years: Cassian Tanner & Brenda Aden

Sportsmanship Awards: Brayden Nallajar & Carla Nallajar

Last words from those leaving us

Mr Jeremy: I would like to thank the students, their families and the entire community for welcoming and accepting me as part of the community. I will always remember my years on Palm Island fondly. I came here as a teacher, but I leave having learnt much more than I ever expected. The friendships I have made will continue into the future and I look forward to remaining involved with the Bwgcolman community for years to come.

Ms Rosie: I would like to thank the entire Palm Island community for their hospitality and support during our three years here. I am sad to leave such a beautiful place and the great people, but excited to move into our new home at Magnetic Island. I will be teaching at Townsville State High School next year. Thanks for the memories, the lessons and the good times. Go Skipjacks!

Ms Mia: I would like to extend a massive thank you to the Palm Island community for inviting me to your simply STUNNING home. I have found it to be one of the most beautiful and engaging places I have ever seen. The horses, the dogs, the beautiful beaches and camps. Breathtaking! Thank you to Bwgcolman Community School for giving me such an amazing opportunity—it has been a very special year for me and I can’t thank you enough. And lastly, I would like to say to the kids of Palm Island, the Bwgcolman Warriors, be brave and work hard and you can achieve everything you want from life! You deserve the very best!! Thank you Palm Island.

Mr Darryn: I would like to thank all the staff, students, families and community members for the wonderful memories. I will look back very fondly of all the new experiences and people if have met throughout my stay on Palm. I head off to be with my family and start the 2015 year teaching at Sunshine Beach State High School. Kia Kaha

Mr Todd & Ms Virginia: I’d like to extend a massive thankyou to all the parents and caregivers that have whole-heartedly entrusted me with their children’s education over the past 12 years. Thank-you also to the long-term staff members who have supported me and provided so much guidance over this time. To the children of Bwgcolman Community School who have brought me so much joy, I wish you the very best for the future. Strong decisions and support from your teachers and loved ones can lead to a brighter future for yourselves, your family and your community.

Nurse John: I’d like to extend a massive thank you to the Palm Island community, I have been very privileged to have been the school based youth health nurse for the last 4 years . I have enjoyed working with an exceptional group of staff and students of the Bwgcolman Community School. Palm Island has been my second home over many years and I have made many friendships over this time who I will miss. I will move back to Townsville with family and look for a new job.
CFF SHIELDS RETURNED TO PALM by Amy Sachlikidis

During the week commencing 27 October, 28 students from Bwgcolman Junior Secondary Sports Club travelled to Yarrabah to play the third round of the Cathy Freeman Foundation Netball and Football Challenges.

The trip was funded by the Cathy Freeman Foundation as part of the CFF Activities Program, which promotes school achievement and attendance, healthy living and sociable behaviour by encouraging children to participate in sport and recreational activities.

Students were invited to attend this trip if their attendance was over 80 per cent and behaviour at school was at a satisfactory standard. It was great to see so many students coming to school each day in order to get this opportunity.

The students enjoyed some rewarding experiences such as a trip to Tjapukai, visiting Kuranda on the Skyrail, swimming at the esplanade and visiting the Cairns TAFE and visiting Daniel Geia and looking at some art work at the TAFE. They then headed for Yarrabah on Wednesday, commencing competition on Thursday.

The girls went into the game with a 2-0 record against Yarrabah and were determined to make it 3-0 for the year! After a slow start where Yarrabah girls scored 3 quick goals, the Bwgcolman team fired up and ended up dominating the game 30-4. It was a physical game and the Yarrabah girls didn’t give up, however the Bwgcolman girls were pleased to take the series 3-0.

The boys then had their turn and it was 1-1 in the series leading into the game at Yarrabah, and Bwgcolman had fielded their strongest team yet. From the kick off, Bwgcolman looked to challenge Yarrabah and within minutes Bwgcolman had their first try. It was a tough game and Yarrabah responded, levelling the score at 12-10 to Bwgcolman at half time. The second half however saw the Bwgcolman team step it up and lift the intensity and the tries were coming in fast. The final score was Bwgcolman 34 – Yarrabah 14.

The players of the match for netball were Dianne Fulford and Jakaleen Ketchup, and football acknowledgements were made to Ricky Johnson and Jaysen Johnson. The presentations were then made at the Yarrabah pool by George Rose, and both the CFF shields have safely returned to Palm Island.

Programs Manager from the Cathy Freeman Foundation, Lachlan Preston, said it was brilliant to see the family support for the competition on Twitter and the enthusiasm and gratitude for the event from the Palm competitors was outstanding.

We would like to thank the Cathy Freeman Foundation for making this trip possible as well as Darryn for his organisation and Yarrabah PCYC and School for their hospitality. We are looking forward to hosting Yarrabah on Palm for the first round next year.

Congratulations to our Two Way Strong Award Winners

The Two Way Strong Award is given to the students that have shown exemplary leadership skills and have represented the school with the highest of standards. This year’s awards recognised Garcia Nallajar, Thomas & Kenny Baira whose names will go up on our Honour Board that sits in the Office Foyer area. Congratulations to our new inductees.
## Attendance

### Pre-Prep 1
- Selena Archibald
- Tahlia Bulsey
- Ashanti-Rae Castors
- Valentine Fulford
- Kayla Parker-Tanner
- Joel Pearson-Walsh

### Pre-Prep 2
- Tahlia Burns
- Ebony James
- Scott Maloney
- Oscar Oui

### Year P/1A
- Karmine Friday
- Muriel Oui
- Shakarleah Hunter
- Cadel Parker-Tanner
- Zirona Prior

### Year P/1B
- Vivien Pryor
- Coralie McLean
- Eldridge Murray
- Zapquan Bulsey

### Year 1/2
- Shayron Baira
- Arri Blackley
- Phyllis Clarke
- Samuel Fox
- Jakita James
- Neo Lowatta
- Riana Mabo-Mairu
- Coben Parker

### Year 3/4A
- Kynan Bulsey
- Vinneveia Bulsey
- Neriah Chatterton
- Kuludu Creed
- Craig Evers
- Shona Friday
- Bailey Geesu
- Tooya Gorringe
- Linfred Haines
- Whitney Haines
- Joanne Kidner
- Josiah Murphy
- Garcia Nallajar
- Milda-Laurel Oui
- Natalia Palmer
- Rayzarlin Pearson
- Ezakiah Johnson
- Nancy Pryor

### Year 3/4B
- Jason Bulsey
- Maurice Bourne
- Stella Charles
- Chylesiah James
- Rannietta Lind
- Waisie Miller
- Etosha Pearson
- Rachel Pryor
- Preston Robertson
- Amaziah Prior-Geia
- Rolland Geesu
- Jerusha Wales
- Zec Roma
- Brodie Kerr
- Connor Haines
- Harlan Clay
- Desmond Cannon
- Thomas Sarabo

### Year 5/6A
- Wasam Baira
- Towyn Creed-Haines
- Lavinia Geia
- Jerry James
- Talisha Kennedy
- Raymond Palmer
- Kobe Spencer
- Pita Rabuka
- Nilbi Yasserie
- Brandyn Castors
- Vasenai Dabea
- Chris Evers
- Tkai Haines
- Rakeem Lind
- Elijah Cannon
- Zanthia Coutts-Landers
- Dianne Fulford
- Tristan Robertson
- Allison Huddy
- Talita Kennedy

### Year 5/6B
- Valentine Fulford
- Arremi Pearson
- Cadel Parker-Tanner
- Eldridge Murray
- Sheona Robertson
- Tooya Gorringe
- Ivy-Rose Lind
- Soren Burley-Prior
- Nilbi Yasserie
- Kevin Kidner
- Edward Robertson
- Jada Kerr
- Brenda Aden
- Thomas Baira
- Kathleen Haines

### Year 7/8A
- ebony James
- Tahlia Burns
- Whitney Haines
- Joanne Kidner
- Josiah Murphy
- Garcia Nallajar
- Milda-Laurel Oui
- Natalia Palmer
- Rayzarlin Pearson
- Ezakiah Johnson
- Nancy Pryor

### Year 7/8B
- Thelma Hughes
- Lashae Kidner
- Darryl Pearson
- Vivien Pryor
- Neo Lowatta
- Ashrani Sibley
- Nancy Pryor
- Maria Johnson
- Gary Pearson
- Thomas Sarabo
- Tristan Robertson
- Zareese Baira
- Ricky Johnson
- Renzi Watson
- Tarika Cummins

## Literacy

### Year 7/8A
- Brandyn Castors
- Vasenai Dabea
- Chris Evers
- Tkai Haines
- Rakeem Lind
- Elijah Cannon
- Zanthia Coutts-Landers
- Dianne Fulford
- Tristan Robertson
- Allison Huddy
- Talita Kennedy

### Year 7/8B
- Thomas Baira
- Derek Creed-Haines
- Leelan Snyder

### Year 9/10A
- Joseph Murgha
- Brenda Aden

### Year 9/10B
- Thomas Baira
- Derek Creed-Haines

### Step-Up
- Zec Roma
- Brodie Kerr
- Connor Haines
- Harlan Clay
- Desmond Cannon
- Thomas Sarabo

### Year 11/12
- Koipe Castors
- Heath Lacey
- Kathleen Haines
- Kenny Baira
- Neil Baira
- Cassian Tanner
- Alvina Walton

## Behaviour

### Year 7/8B
- Zareese Baira

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**Step Up Hunter of the Year**

Zechariah Roma

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