

Bwgc Colman Community School Newsletter

From the Principal

Dear parents, friends and students

As the year continues to unfold we have had yet another two reviews. One was to see how our Junior Secondary implementation is proceeding and the other was to check our school against our 4 Year National Partnership Strategic Plan.

I am very happy to report that on both accounts the school was commended for the work being done. In particular our Junior Secondary work has been recognized as a leading example of the implementation of this new Flying Start initiative of the Queensland Government.

All secondary schools will move to having Year 7 as part of their program from the beginning of 2015 but we have advantaged our

students by doing this already.

It's our aim to have our Junior Secondary department become a viable option for families who don't want to send their children to boarding school at the end of Year 6, but who would prefer to keep them on Palm until the beginning of Year 10. This would allow the children to mature to a greater extent before going to boarding school and it's cheaper to go to the mainland for 3 years instead of 6.

Four of our students have just returned from Melbourne after attending an incredibly busy week on the Cathy Freeman Foundation Horizon Tour. For those of you who are on our Facebook page you would have been able to follow their exciting journey.

Teachers are beginning to write report cards now and you can expect these in the last week of school.

I hope that everyone can join us for the Starting Block Awards with Cathy Freeman on Wednesday 19th June at 10 am.

Have a great week
Jeff



School Shirts for Sale

Junior School—\$20

Senior School—\$20

Senior shirts arrive for start of Term 3

Cross Country Heroes!

Cross country is the sport of true heroes, people who push their bodies to the limit when all others give up. None come tougher than the students from Bwgc Colman Community School! Recently four of the eight students who competed in the district finals in Townsville made it to the Regional finals which

is a great result for Palm Island.

On May 7 the four students traveled to Townsville to compete in the regional finals, joining the top runners from across North Queensland to compete for a spot in the State Trials. All four runners came in the top 10 for their age groups

which is a fantastic result. Well done to all of them on a great effort. Go Bwgc Colman!

10 and Under

Waisie Miller ... 10th

Jean Sibley ... 6th

11 and Under

Jackson Williamsz ... 10th

Elijah Miller ... 9th



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Date Claimer:

- CFF Awards ... 19 June
- Holidays ... 21 June
- PI NAIDOC Week ... 7-13 July
- Term 3 ... 8 July
- Red Track ... 27 August



Waisie in full flight

Horizon Tour—Melbourne

Miriam Palmer, Edward Robertson, Chris Evers and Rikisha Cummins departed Palm Island on Wednesday afternoon the 22nd of May for an 8 day adventure of southern Victoria. These students were selected for this reward trip for their outstanding attendance and commitment to improved behaviour and literacy.

The Horizon Tour of Melbourne is offered to 4 year 5-7 students each year by the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF). These deserving students spent their time in Melbourne visiting sponsors and friends of the CFF, which included Credit Suisse, Kinfolk Café, Victorian Institute of Sport, SEEK and Channel 9. We were invited into their workplaces and got a first hand experience of the daily lives of highly successful business men and women.

As well as visiting the corporate world of Melbourne, the students experienced the social/sporting side of Melbourne. We were in awe of the size, passion and noise generated by the Dreamtime at the G AFL game in front of 85000 people. They enjoyed the coastal sea-change when they were guests of the Cottage By The Sea; swimming and surfing were definite highlights.

After 8 jam-packed days the students were ready to return home, but take with them lifelong memories and experiences that make them more 2-Way Strong.

For a full account of their trip, become a member of the Bwgcolman Community School Facebook group.



Rikisha, Edward, Miriam and Chris are all smiles in Melbourne

Sweet Rewards

The Year 9/10A class have been getting into the action of the Duke of Edinburgh course. So far this year, students have tried their hand at many skills, including fishing, bracelet making, stop motion videos, art and craft and collecting food from the reef. The class have decided that learning new skills in cooking tops the list and over the coming months, they should be bringing plenty of delicious food home. On week one we created a 'pancake cake'

designed by Shirley Barry-Curley. It was a delicious (although very rich) creation that was enjoyed by all. The class is looking forward to showing their dedication and perseverance through their work in this subject.



Deadly Dishes

Support for young parents



Dr Lynore Geia, PhD, is now working at Joyce Palmer Health Service as the Indigenous Young Parents Support Program Midwife for two days a week at present. Lynore's job is to develop a family support program to support young Palm Island parents before, during and after pregnancy.

She will be working closely with Alex Gosden and Barbara Baira at the antenatal clinic and with other services on Palm Island to develop and provide a support service to Palm Island families. Lynore is happy to work with groups and individuals who feel that they would like some family support; she also believes it is important that Palm Island people have active involvement in developing a service for the people and welcomes community participation in service development. Please feel

free to stop and yarn with Lynore when you see her around the community or drop into the Joyce Palmer Health Service to have a chat. You can also leave a message with Alex or Barbara or the Aboriginal Health Workers if you want to make contact with Lynore. Lynore can also be contacted by email on lynore_geia@health.qld.gov.au

SF4NQ EXPO 2013

This year our Year 11 and 12 students have been focusing on goal setting and planning for their future on the island. On Thursday 9 May, thirteen students attended the Smart Futures for North Queensland (SF4NQ) Careers Expo in Townsville. The students were excited to explore their options for the future and speak to people who could help guide them in their career choices. During the day, the students participated in 'Try a Trade' activities and tried their hand at activities like facials and hairdressing, cooking, mechanical skills and bricklaying.

The students had a very exciting day

and impressed many with their maturity and enthusiasm at the Expo. They will now return to school with a renewed passion for planning for their future and completing their QCE, ready to work hard and do what is needed to finish all of their studies.

Bwgc Colman Community School would like to offer their sincere thanks to West-Wing for their very generous support. To ensure that students did not miss out on the fabulous opportunity to attend the Expo, West-Wing supplied the return flights for all of the students.



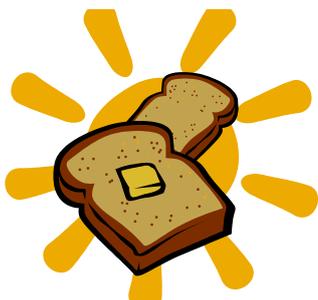
Bwgc Colman students with the West Wing Pilots

Where's my lunch ???

Breakfast Program

Red Cross Breakfast Program has started again at Bwgc Colman Community School. The meal will be served between 7.30am to 9.00am. We will be providing cereal, toast and juice.

Remember your child may not learn properly if they have no food before they come to school and their behaviour may be impacted for the rest of the day (or until they have had something to eat). We have found this on a number of occasions, when speaking to student who misbehave. "I'm hungry"



LUNCHES

At the moment, the Tuckshop is not operating. We apologise for any inconveniences to Parents/Caregivers.

The school has been supplying some students with a sandwich (emergency lunch). For some of these students it is almost every day. We will not be able to provide a service until the P&C gets up and running again. In the meantime, please continue to provide lunches for your child.

Lunch times:

Morning Tea 10.50—11.30am (40mins)

Big Lunch 1.15—1.45pm (30mins)

Marina Coutts (ADMIN)

Photos



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