Message from the Principal

This term has been a busy one. Enrolment is now at 320 and attendance is 80%.. This is a steep rise from 254 and 55% last year.

Unfortunately there have been a large number of suspensions, particularly in the secondary section. This has resulted from inappropriate and violent behavior. We continue to maintain a zero tolerance approach to such student conduct. We have appointed 2 new teachers for term 2 to help out in this part of the school.

It is great to see so many of our students in school uniform. A big thanks to Noela for her hard work distributing these uniforms via the School Voucher system.

Our new cool room for the canteen has arrived and we are busy installing it. We will now be able to store more fresh fruit and groceries. This will enable us to enhance our healthy eating and Breakfast programs.

The burglar alarm is installed and operational. We have not had a break in this term and hope that this continues.

Our Annual Report and Annual Operation Plan have been presented to School Council and are available for viewing in the Administration Building.

We say farewell to Theo our VET Trainer next week, and thank him for his great work over 3 years. Theo has been a key contributor to our productive partnership with MRM.

I hope everyone has a restful break and returns energized for term 2.

Graeme Matthews
Principal

All parents who have Centrelink payments coming out for school lunches will need to go to Centrelink and restart the payments. Lunches will no longer be provided for students without funds.
ART IN PROGRESS

This Term Miss Maria S. has been taking the students from Year 2/3 B, 4/5 A and 4/5 B to Waralungku Art Centre for Visual Art lessons. Their aim is to produce dancing boards for each student which can be used in Term 2 for learning Traditional Dances with Aboriginal Elders.

At the Art Centre local artists told traditional stories and talked about the meaning of the patterns on the boards. They also helped students to learn:

- How to sandpaper the boards
- How to apply ground paint
- How to create own designs

Please read the next newsletter, where we will show you the finished artefacts with the patterns applied on the boards in acrylic colours.
Health team came to town,
Dr. Pascale, Megan and Jess (4th year JCU speech pathology undergraduates) visited the Senior class to discuss Allied Health and the roles, jobs and training within the Health portfolio. Dr. Pascale then worked side by side with Kiana on her stage 1 Health Assessment, whilst Megan and Jess worked with Shawnee and Tiarne on their respective Healthy Food preparation Assignment. The senior girls were most appreciative for the professional Health workers tutoring and the initial talk about Health in the NT and Borroloola.
We thank Dr. Pascale, Megan and Jess very much.
**What's Happening in Pre-school**

The hats we made

Hammering, takes great Concentration.

Dress Up

Having fun with bubbles
Whole School Concert
Wednesday April 2nd

Food Provided

**Where:** The Undercover Area

**Time:** 5pm to 7pm
5 to 5:45 - Food
5:45 to 7pm - Concert

Everyone Welcome
Come and see the kids perform
Please **do not** send more than $5 per child for canteen purchases. Fridays only!

**HEALTHY FOOD IN SCHOOLS**
NO SOFTDRINKS  
NO LOLLIES  
NO JUNK FOOD  
**EAT WELL, BE ACTIVE AND BECOME STRONG**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2014**

**APRIL**  
7-13 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
14 FIRST DAY TERM TWO  
18 GOOD FRIDAY  
21 EASTER MONDAY  
25 ANZAC DAY

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Every Morning from 7:30 to 8:30