Message from the Principal

Today marks the end of a busy Term 2 and Semester 1. Highlights this term include: NAPLAN, Cross Country, U8 athletics day, U12 boys and girls Soccer teams and boys AFL teams to Darwin, landscaping works completed, Agrifoods 1 VET course completed and the Dancefest Media Workshops.

I wish to thank all our enthusiastic and hardworking staff who all contribute to the momentum and excellent reputation that Borroloola and Gulf Group Schools enjoy.

I was particularly impressed when I visited Robinson River this term. Principal James Bryant and staff are very professional and maintain high expectations and standards.

Farewell to Dawn who goes on 12 months study leave. Dawn has been a very effective and well regarded classroom teacher and staff member. Thanks also to Paul who has been invaluable as a tutor and bus driver. Dawn and Paul have both maintained a warm and very friendly approach and will be missed. We hope to see them both back in 2014.

Goodbye and thanks to David Parish who has served as Assistant Principal, Secondary, this semester. All the best to teaching Principal Marita McKenzie, who will be moving from Kiana to Neutral Junction. Marita has been at Kiana School for 3 years and has worked steadily to improve student outcomes and keep the school in good shape.

I will conclude by reminding all parents, carers and community members to keep encouraging our young people to come to school every day. We continue to welcome families to visit the school and chat with us at any time and be a part of our dynamic learning community.

The recent public meeting in response to the school break in, was very well attended. The positive and united approach was heartening.

Students and staff now have a 4 week break.
Teachers return on Monday 22nd July (student free day).
Students return on Tuesday 23rd July.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Graeme Matthews—Principal

Special points of interest:
• Secondary poetry
• Staffing changes
• Culture and History Excursions
• Preschool happenings

Why I Love School!!!
I love coming to school to get a better education.
I like coming to school to go on the girl’s camp to Darwin and to do my tomorrow girl story and I am so happy to see Robinson River and the other communities. And I love playing fitness in the morning. I love watching music in Mr. Phillip’s classroom.
So you can see, I love coming to school.

By Reisha Cole, Class 8/9
PEN PALS

Miss Dawn’s class has produced a school video in December 2012 which can be viewed all over the world on http://web.ntschools.net/w/Borroloola/

A year 7 class in Austria has watched the video and the students have written letters to Borroloola students. It was exciting to receive these letters and even more to write back. Some of our fantastic kids have replied with letters, Power Point Presentations and Movies. The Borroloola letters and IT productions are now on their way to Austria, Miss Maria’s home country.

Thank you kids for creating a worldwide net of friends and keeping it up. We all hope that we can get the exchange going.
Miss Maria S. and year 5/6 students, May 2013.

CULTURE excursions in TERM 2:

The years 5/6 A and B had great opportunities this term to learn about their home town and country.

In excursions all across the term their teachers took them out into the country where brilliant learning was happening.

Miss Daphne was teaching about bush tucker and bush medicine at various places to make sure to cover different vegetation. The students collected samples of plants and bark, and took photos and videos for their work in the classroom. The main focus for Miss Bec’s class was to learn about health and how bush plants are used for food and as a medicine. Back in the classroom the kids continued their work with the help of computer research to write information sheets and to remember the local names.

The focus for Miss Rachael’s class was to draw and paint plants which are used for food and as a medicine. In excursions to the Waralungu Art Centre local artists taught the kids how to paint the plants.

During the excursions students also learned a lot about local history and significant places at Borroloola. On Wednesday, 29th the students made a trip to the Tamarind Park where they met Bob Whettenhall who came to Borroloola in the late 1960’s. Bob talked about the olden days and answered many questions asked by interested students. We all say thank you to Bob for talking to us and helping us to understand how Borroloola changed over the years.
In Preschool we are learning ......

- To paint beautiful pictures.
- How to hold a pencil and to colour-in between the lines.
- To count with counters.
- To work with our friends to build things.
- How to look after books and to read them quietly.
- How to play nicely and share with our friends.
- To climb over the obstacle course equipment.
- How to have a turn on the bike and then hop off for someone else to have a turn.
- To recognize and copy over our own name every morning.
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*

**STUDENTS ORDERING LUNCHES MUST HAVE PAYMENT ARRANGED.**

**CENTRELINK WILL DO LUNCH PAYMENTS OR MONEY CAN BE HANDED TO MISS LEANNE AT THE FRONT OFFICE.**

**THERE WILL BE NO CREDIT/BOOKUP OF LUNCHES**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JUNE**
21  Last day at school Term 2  
28  Borroloola Show Holiday

**JULY**
19  Katherine Show Holiday
22  Staff Only –
23  Tuesday - Students return to School
24  Week 2 Athletics
26  Darwin Show Holiday

**AUGUST**
05  Picnic Day Holiday
15-18 Borroloola Rodeo Weekend

**SEPTEMBER**
9  Stamp Music
6-20 CSIRO Science Activities
27  Last day at school Term 3

**OCTOBER**
07  Students return to school for Term 4