As Principal I am the leader of a team.
Visitors are continually praising and complimenting our school.
Comments have included:
“Gee, what a great school”
“the most functional school I have visited”
“what a great team you have here”
“the kids all seem so happy”
“it’s so neat and tidy with no graffiti”

We have seen many significant events and made much progress this year. I look forward to our first Year Book that will be published and distributed early next year. I was very pleased to present certificates at the Year 6 party and graduation this week. This group of students are well prepared for High School next year. Our school concert last week was the best I have seen with a great turnout from families. Items were well rehearsed and entertaining. The level of student confidence and participation was outstanding.

I am proud of our teaching and learning, behavior standards and commitment of all students and staff. We conducted a survey this term. 100% of parents said that they were all satisfied with the school and their child’s education.

We say farewell to Annette, Alan, Danielle (Ben) and Rex, all on one semester of study leave. Marissa leaves to be Teaching Principal at Kiana School. Paul is returning interstate and Bec is taking Term 1 on long service leave.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff, particularly my Assistant Principal Mr Ken. He works tirelessly to make sure that our school runs smoothly.

I wish you all a safe and restful break.
See you in 2014.

Graeme Matthews—Principal

All parents who have Centrelink payments coming out for school lunches will need to go to Centrelink and suspend the payments for the holidays. Please restart the payments with the first one going in the pay before school starts so there is money in there for Lunches.
MRM SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICES SIGN UP FOR 2014

This week Glencore Xstrata MRM General Manager Greg Ashe met with students Bryce Rory and Joel Bradford to present to them their employment contracts for next year. This will be the commencement of their Heavy Diesel Mechanic, School Based Apprenticeships. MRM’s Brian Hearne was also at the presentation and discussed with the boys their pathways for the future and the opportunities that can be found within the Industry.

The presentation was witnessed with pride by family members and school and mine staff who were instrumental in the process of formalizing the apprenticeships. A special thank you goes to Denise Ryan and Theo Zweers who have spent a great deal of time developing the students work skills and networking with School staff, parents, MRM, Apprenticeships Australia, VET NT and NTOEC to ensure their Year 12 study load is adequate and the career pathway is secure.

In week 2 of 2014 the boys will commence the first of 10 blocks of on site training. This is complemented by Trade School for the theory component of the apprenticeship as well as their classroom commitments at the Borroloola Secondary School. Both boys have finished this year with consistently high grades and good attendance and Bryce has also received an Australia Day Young Achiever Award for Borroloola School.
LOCAL BUSINESSES SIGN UP
SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICES FOR 2014

While the Boys have been the focus for MRM apprenticeships, the Senior girls have quietly progressed with their work placement and have also initiated apprenticeships with Mabunji and Malandari Store.

Zoe Fitzpatrick is by now a familiar sight behind the counter at the local Post Office and although a year younger than the other seniors, she has commenced her school based apprenticeship with the store to further her training in Business and Retail Services Cert 2.

Shawnee Anderson has also commenced training at Wunala Creche towards her Cert 3 in Children Services and has begun her school based apprenticeship contract with Mabunji. Both girls have arranged to work extra hours once their study workload had been completed and Shawnee is working during the holidays.

Tiarnie Dixon will commence her studies in Education Support with BIITE next year and her work placement options are being confirmed before the beginning of 2014 studies.

Congratulations to all of the Senior students for taking their futures in hand and being proactive in choosing pathways well suited to their interests and varied personalities.
Western Desert Iron Ore Project Opening

Borroloola Elders, Billy Miller, Norma Timothy, Graham Friday and Dinah Norman joined Daniel Mulholland in welcoming everyone to the land and thanking them for their attendance.

Borroloola School was represented at the WDR Iron Ore project Opening Ceremony by ten of our promising young students. The students were driven to Bing Bong for the Opening Ceremony and thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings during which they observed ore trucks hauling, Mara and Yanyula Traditional Dancers and Chief Minister Adam Giles officially opening the new load facility at the Bing Bong Port.

**Borroloola Schools Best Students**

**Australia Day Awards**

Bryce Rory  
Lesteicia Timothy

**Chief Ministers Literacy Award**

Petrina Te Hatsu Lal  
Xenobia Martin  
Abraham Raggett

Domonic Huddleston  
Electra Raggett  
Ailiyah Herbert

Harriet Johnston  
Lester Timothy  
Sarah Johnston

Jacky Green

*The following students are those who have been given prizes for attendance percentages 90% or more.*

Tyler Rory  
Blake Coolwell  
Angas Baty

Naiesha Johnston  
Tristan Rory  
Allan Johnston Jnr

Kimberly Anderson  
Mikayla Rory  
Aleira Johnston

Nikira Koorabubba  
Trisharnee Miller  
Terrance Miller
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

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

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