Bangs 2 Jurrukuk

By Bronny Burger

On Friday, 15 November 2013, a book launch at Allen & Unwin in Sydney saw the Senior Girls class from Tiwi College put a new set of skills under their belt... namely authors of a new book ‘Bangs 2 Jurrukuk’.

‘Bangs 2 Jurrukuk’ written by the Senior Girls, is a book about a nothing but hopeless city slicker owl who gets bullied and finds he has no wings to fly. For these reasons he sets off on a journey to the Tiwi Islands to become a warrior, finding the true Tiwi spirit, a new name Jurrukuk, and the meaning of love, courage and ‘One People’.

The book was began this year in August with author John Danalis after he came to the Tiwi Islands with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. After leaving, the idea of the owl called Bangs continued to grow and with the help of Dianne (Tictac) Moore guiding the Senior Girls, the story slowly grew into a week long camp in Sydney to complete and print a book.

At this stage the book has only had a small print run but there are plans for a bigger print run in the future. In the meantime if you would like to see a copy of ‘Bangs 2 Jurrukuk’ head to the school library in any community on Tiwi Islands.

Thanks must go out to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF), The Hayden-Reynolds Tiwi College Project, Allen and Unwin and John Danalis for their contributions and support for this special project. We hope this is the beginning of an annual writing camp for the class, to benefit students particularly on the Tiwi Islands but importantly in Indigenous communities all over Australia.

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On Friday, 11 October 2013, Tiwi College hosted the much awaited Tiwi Ashes.

People came from all over Tiwi Islands, Darwin and greater Australia to enjoy the day of activities. There was sky-diving to watch, helicopter rides for kids, face painting and of course the much anticipated cricket match.

For full details and photos from the day go to page 2 of the News section...
By Ian Smith

The 2013 Tiwi Ashes was the best ever! With the Smith Family and Macquarie Sports providing entertainment in the morning for all young Tiwi – it was a truly kids-centric day.

Water Slides, face-painting, clowns, cricket bat painting, trampolines, helicopter rides, prizes and of course the tabloid sports to find the two winning teams that would end up competing in the Ashes, all provided a buzz of activity.

The day celebrated the diverse cultures of our community. B2M playing music in the background; Tiwi College students’ work on show, and presents made by Tiwi College students which were presented to our friends by kids from both islands. Professionally prepared Buffalo Burgers cooked by our Morris chef; and traditional Tiwi buffalo, magpie geese, spanish mackerel along with ducks and vegetables from the farm – all cooked in a traditional Fijian Lovo – through to pigs – spit roasted by hand in the old Tongan tradition. All this food; prepared and served with a friendly smile by our Tiwi College staff made for a welcoming experience for our visitors.

Matthew Hayden and Glenn McGrath led their charges into battle in a hotly contested 20-20 competition, with Haydos once again taking the Ashes ... rumour has it that the Tiwi’s ensured the day was set up for his success.... hot as an Indian summer, a fast outfield and the pitch - a batsman’s paradise. A fast bowler never shirks from a challenge... I’m sure we will see Glenn return to get his bragging rights in the near future.

We were blessed to have our corporate friends back with us – experiencing the Tiwi College journey – just as the farm continues to grow and evolve. Without their generosity and kind support we could not have our farm nor its staff and we could not offer a suite of rich and wonderful experiences for the benefit of our students.

The day is a massive one. We humbly thank everyone for their involvement and look forward to the 2014 Tiwi Ashes.
Farewell to Staff

By Ian Smith

It is with much regret that I inform our Tiwi Community of the departure of some of our staff.

Phil & Judy Harmer have held two integral positions at the school as Maintenance and Office Manager. Many duties were performed without the knowledge of many — thus at times these could be thankless roles yet both worked extremely hard to ensure these areas ran smoothly for the benefit of all staff and students. Both have brought great professionalism into the roles and Phil and Judy have made the most of their time, living and exploring the Tiwi Islands.

Due to personal reasons, Cheryl and her son Zach have had to make the decision to be closer to family and schooling on the mainstream.

Under difficult circumstances, Cheryl has been responsible for the review of our curriculum and teaching methods and has brought about great change for the better. We are on a clear path towards the high standards expected from our Community, thanks to her professionalism and diligence.

We wish Cheryl, Zach, Phil and Judy all the best for the future and we thank them sincerely for their contribution to the continued development of Tiwi College. Their energy will be missed around Picka.

Senior Girls share their

By Bronny Burger

On Wednesday, 30 October 2013, the Senior Young Women’s class headed to Milikapiti Primary School to run different activities centred around climate change and the Tiwi Islands.

Throughout 2013, CSIRO from Darwin worked with the Senior Young Women’s class for Science teaching about climate change and its possible effects on Tiwi Islands. The girls were involved in building a 3D model of the Tiwi Islands which will now be handed over to the Tiwi Land Council and produced a song on Climate Change with the VampTV crew. They also spent the year conducting experiments in class, interpreting data, writing scientific reports, and learning the differences between climate and weather.

To mark the end of the year, the Senior Young Women took their new found skills and knowledge to the primary school at Tiwi College and Milikapiti to share what they had learnt with other students. The girls did a fantastic job and the primary school students all learnt a lot of new facts and completed some amazing pictures, maps, climate wheels and paper snakes as they moved around four different activities.

Thanks must go to CSIRO, VampTV, and Carla Hicks for their contributions and hard work throughout the year.
Awana,

Upon reflecting on the year, I feel great satisfaction and pride when thinking of the achievements of our staff and students during 2013. The year 2012 was one of establishing a respectful learning culture at Tiwi College. In 2013 we have built upon these foundations.

Our curriculum review is almost complete and we now have a clear testing regime, high expectations of teaching methods and care for the young Tiwi, and clear curriculum programs and pathways from Primary School to Senior Secondary.

This will continue next year and will ensure we have a well resourced and contemporary approach to teaching Literacy & Numeracy, whilst the whole school focuses on developing the skills needed for our students to succeed in a ‘Western’ workforce. A full time VET & Pathways Coordinator will be employed next year to ensure we work with our students to develop the appropriate skills required to enter into the businesses created via our Tiwi Economy.

Our Tiwi Strengths Based approach has resulted in some truly amazing results this year. There was a sell-out art exhibition in Melbourne, young artists were commissioned for work at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the girls remained undefeated in any football competition and we had female Australian AFL representation and gold fever at the State Athletics Carnival!

Our Academic and Family Group Home staff have been tireless in their efforts to educate, care, support and love the young Tiwi in their care. I’d like to sincerely thank them all for their efforts this year. I can say with great confidence that parents should feel comfortable and happy that we do everything possible to help their children to be better people. We are striving to play our part in ensuring students grow and become role models for the next generation.

Our extra-curricular programs run by Ian Brown and Natasha Bennett have provided some outstanding opportunities for our students to compete and succeed in the wider sporting arena. This has been a fantastic way to help our students bond with staff and establish a sense of identity within the school.

Our quality Tiwi staff continue to shine. Their leadership this year has been outstanding – both in an advisory role for staff and myself – and as role models for the students. Whenever clear direction was required they were prepared to be ‘front and centre’ for the young Tiwi. We are blessed to have these people.

In summarising, I would like to thank Sila Pati, Solo Radaniva, Cheryl West, Brian Clancy, Anthony Parker, Jennifer Clancy and our Tiwi Staff for their support with leadership throughout the year.

Many thanks to Karen and Carolyn in Darwin for their hard work, our mechanic Jeff Winston for his diligence in ensuring vehicles were available for student pick-ups each week. Thank you to Phil Harmer, who took on the challenge of building a new mechanics’ shed this year on top of his workload, along with thanks to Judy Harmer who maintained her conscientious work in the office.

I’d also like to thank Sheree Vetekina, Anne McMaster and Josh MacKenzie for taking on extra responsibilities this year – your willingness to do so has helped our staff and students in many ways. Special thanks to Jason Ryan from the Hayden-Reynolds Garden Project for his tireless efforts and support throughout the year. Finally thank you to Filipe and Aliti for ensuring our school and rooms were kept clean and free of rubbish. They do an amazing job.

It is my wish that all families of our Tiwi College community have a happy and safe Christmas. Next year truly promises to be one of our best at Tiwi College – we look forward to seeing all of our students back along with some new faces, in January!

Mana.

Ian Smith
It feels like it was only yesterday when I wrote the newsletter article for term 3 as I sit here now in term 4 reflecting on 2013. It has certainly been a year of highs and yes, unfortunately a few minor lows. Now is the time though to acknowledge the success and achievements of our Tiwi College students as they endeavor to take on the daily challenges they face in a remote boarding school, and being involved in supportive, engaging, learning environments that our staff at the college have developed.

I take this opportunity to thank the following people and organisations for their continued efforts in developing innovative programs to cater for our students. These include;

- Our regular partners from Smith Family, Darwin Community Arts, CSIRO, and Charles Darwin University in reference to the VET Courses that challenged our students to experience success by providing guidance with models, demonstrations and feedback.
- Our regular visitors throughout the year who have engaged our students through active participation in their innovative and supportive programs such as Sister Anne and Kevin Doolan.
- The Smith family for their ongoing support for our students including assistance with our Learning to Drive course for the Senior Students, Work Experience for our Senior Young Women, the Tintern trip for our Middle School Girls and ongoing support and tuition leading up to these events. The Smith Family are also fast becoming an integral part of our successful Tiwi Ashes day, through their partnership with the Hayden-Reynold’s project.
- Ongoing visits from St. Edmunds (Canberra) and Kormilda College (Darwin). Visits to Scotch College and Tintern College in Melbourne whereby students experienced traditional cultural exchanges.
- Our Senior Girls got to write and publish a book down in Sydney in what is considered an amazing effort by all involved. Many thanks to their teachers Bronny Burger and Tictac for their organisation and supervision of the Senior Girls throughout the week in Sydney.
- VET Trainers Alf Harper and Jason Davey working with the Senior Boys; Margaret James working with the Academic Staff on ESL.
- Our girls winning the AFLNT-Ryco Cup in Darwin which was pretty special as it was the second year in a row. Great effort by all the girls and their Super Coach Tash Bennet and Assistant Tictac.
- Hard to believe for a small boarding school in a remote Aboriginal Community that we have the fastest runners in their age group throughout the Northern Territory, namely Alex Kantilla and Cecillina Mungatopi. Alex has been invited to compete in the National Athletics Championships in Townsville and Cecillina who was selected in the State Under 17 AFL Women’s Team also made the National Indigenous Women’s AFL Team.
- And last but not least a huge massive congratulations to Stephanie MacKenzie and the Primary School for their consistency in always running to class on time when it is time to go, behaving outstandingly in assembly, trying hard in class and also being rewarded and rightfully, with a trip to Darwin. The future of our young Tiwi looks pretty good.

It has been quite a challenging year with some of our students experiencing difficulty and struggling to stay focused in class. Nonetheless, the year has been one where we have seen more highs and evidence of the culture that we have developed here at Tiwi College. As I have always said from the beginning... we all make choices in life. It has been great to see all the students that made a choice to come to school. It is now about the choices we make to do the little things right, like choosing to go to class on time, choosing to apply oneself in class, choosing to have a go at sport, choosing to help out in the Family Group Homes. It is the choices in life we make that define who we are as a person and collectively as a whole.

On behalf of the school community, I thank the staff for your commitment and patience in your role trying to guide these students in the right direction. I thank the students for making right choices and decisions, and when times were tough it was good to see that you made an effort to have a go, apologizing for your actions if things got out of control. I wish to say a special farewell to our departing Seniors, Vanessa Daniels, Isadore Fernando, Kevin Portaminni and Adrian Mungatopi and best of luck in your future endeavours.

I wish you all a happy holiday and safe travels both to and from here, whether it be to the communities, to Darwin, to interstate or to overseas. I look forward to seeing you all next year. Merry Xmas and have a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Mana
Sila Pati
This year the Primary School students have taken part in a range of different activities including combined sports days with Milikapiti, interschool athletics with the other schools across Melville Island, sleepovers and more recently a camp into Darwin. We had a really lovely time on camp, it was a great way to finish off term 3. The students were well behaved and took part in a number of different activities including a visit to Government House, the Museum, Territory Wildlife Park, swimming, Mindil Market and more. My personal favourite moment from camp was when we watched a group of buskers perform at Mindil Markets. When someone went up to put money in the bucket the students asked what the reason was and I explained that it was his job and how he relied on people giving him money to survive. The students asked if they could give some of their money to him and all went up together to do so. He was so overwhelmed by their generous act that he stopped playing mid song to say thank you as we were leaving. I felt so proud of my students and their generous hearts.

This term in Primary school the students have taken part in weekly cooking classes, a highlight for all of the students. Students have learnt how to read recipes, measure ingredients, try new foods and follow kitchen rules such as not running, carrying and using knives carefully, and always washing hands to stop the spread of germs. In fact; they have caught me out not washing my hands a few times!

We have had a number of visitors help us in the kitchen this term including various staff from the school, a team from Red Dust including Hugh Minson former AFL player and a visitor from William Blue.

A group from the Michal Long Walk program in Melbourne came and shared the history of the Long Walk with us. Jenny Reynolds visited for a few days. She came as part of the Hayden Reynolds project and spent time helping the students with their reading and writing and donated some lovely books to our classroom. I was also lucky enough to have my parents visit the classroom for the third year in a row.

As the year wraps up I continue to marvel in the efforts my students have put in over the year, with all of them improving in their writing, reading and mathematics skills. They should all feel proud of themselves! I look forward to seeing them all next year.

*Stephanie Mackenzie*
The Middle School Girls have had a very busy end to the year. They have been working on their Tiwi College Café using the recipes we made in cooking class and designing their own menu. At the end of the term the girls had the opportunity to invite staff from the College to experience their cooking and café atmosphere.

During week 4 the girls worked with the SEDA program where they had the opportunity to meet Bianca Chatfield who is the captain of the Australian netball team. The girls learnt skills and coaching techniques to help them become netball coaches and to run a netball clinic at Milikapiti Primary School. It was great to see all the girls having a go at a different sport.

Over the year we have had up to 18 girls in Middle School with some consistent attendance. The girls have had the opportunity to attend trips to Darwin for football and basketball, to Melbourne in Term 3, and to play sport against Xavier and Kormilda College with convincing wins.

Books in Homes have come each term to provide the girls with books to take back to their families within the communities.

I would like to thank Gladys Puruntatmeri for her work in the Middle School Young Women’s classroom this year. She has been a great support for the girls, always encouraging them to try their best and helping out when needed.

**Literacy - Rosemary Wooley**

During this term in literacy we have been learning about spelling words in cooking. We have been doing journal writing about what we do on the weekends and participating in reading program where we all read in our groups. In class we learnt about kitchen safety and how to use equipment and utensils in the kitchen.

**Mathematics - Kathleen Cunningham**

During this term in maths we have been learning about measurement, fractions, money and mental maths. In measurement we have been learning about litres, millilitres, kilograms and grams to help with cooking. In fractions we have been learning about fraction of 1 whole, 2 halves and quarters. In money we have been learning about how to use money and how to spend money. We played fun team games about fractions, measurement and money.

**Cooking - Juliette Puruntatmeri**

In term 4 we’ve been starting cooking at the farm and we have made pizza, buffalo burgers, kangaroo spaghetti bolognaise and muffins. All the girls and the teachers of middle school are making a café at the farm so that our houseparents and staff from college can come along and have a lunch. The middle school are depending on the teachers to help buy the food so that we can cook for the visitors. Our café name is Tiwi College Café and the theme is Italian with red, white and green being our café colours.

**Art - Helena Warrior**

During this term in Art, the girls were asked to paint and sketch a variety of things. One task was to sketch a design for the door with added Tiwi design patterns. Some students started a canvas where they painted any animal they wanted, such as barramundi. Most students added borders with Tiwi patterns. Tiwi art has been going on for a long time and these art lessons are a great way of improving so that students of Tiwi College can become future artist of the Tiwi Islands. Anne has been teaching many techniques, a technique such as blending with water colour. Tiwi art is painted with the ochre colours.
We would like to thank all the students of the Middle School Young Men for being a part of our class this year. This year we have done some wonderful things. At the forefront of our minds is our class’ interaction with Scotch College. We are proud of the way our boys welcomed the Scotch team to their country and how our boys watched and learned whilst in Melbourne. This trip was life transforming for our students and they should treasure it, as not many people get such an experience in their schooling life.

Also in our memories are the culture days in first semester. Watching our students interact with respected people from their community was a great privilege and something that will be treasured in our memories forever.

You should all be very proud of your achievements this year. We hope you all have a very safe and enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to catching up with you when school returns in January 2014.

Josh Mackenzie #2 and Austin (Superstar) Wonaeamirri #39

A Year With The Middle School Young Men

By Daniel Portaminni

This year we did many fun things in the Middle School Young Men’s Class.

We went to Milikapiti and made spears with Glen Farmer, Jason Palipuaminni and Robert Cook. We made the spears for the Scotch College boys that came over to our school for a camping trip out to Jessie River.

In the second term we went to South Beach and made a camp site with John Ross and Roy Famer. We split in three groups and all helped each other to make our shady camp sites.

In the third term we went to Darwin to play two games of footy, but it was sad because we lost both games.

In the third term we also went to Melbourne to visit a school called Scotch College. In Melbourne we played football, visited the Eureka tower, had a book launch with Cyril Rioli and went to the MCG. We also did lots of other cool stuff. This was the highlight of my year.

In the fourth term we spent some time in the Hayden-Reynolds farm. We learnt how to cook and cooked for our houseparents in the second last week of term.

Overall I had a great year and I will miss the Middle School Class, but I look forward to being in the Senior Class in 2014.
What a fantastic year for the Senior Young Women’s Class with term 4 being the absolute highlight. This term has been a jam packed with lots of adventures in and out of the school. We have had a camp to Sydney and written a book, presented our year’s work with CSIRO to students from Tiwi College and Milikapiti Primary, travelled to Darwin for basketball, and had lots of NTOEC work and assignments to complete by the end of the year. However the highlight of this term, and the year for that matter, has been the production and writing of the girl’s very first book. This project not only demonstrated the wonderful talents of each and every student in class but also gave each student the experience of Sydney, and a new found confidence in public speaking, travelling and connecting with people from different walks of life.

Tictac and I are absolutely thrilled with the progress that we witnessed in all of the girls during and after Sydney, and over the entire year. Each and every one of the girls has the right to feel incredibly proud of themselves for their achievements in all areas. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and academic rigour, sets a great example for the rest of the school and both Tictac and I look forward to building further on their many skills and abilities next year. In fact we might just write another book!

Well done Senior Girls for all your hard work and persistence, you now have proof in ‘Bangs’ that hard work really does pay off! On that note we would also like to say well done on all your hard work and congratulations to Vanessa Daniels who is leaving our class to pursue work. We wish you all the best as you embark on a new journey in your life.

Happy Christmas and safe holidays and we look forward to hearing all the new stories in 2014.

Bronny Burger and Dianne (Tictac) Moore

Year 11 Maths - Alex Guy
This term in year 11 Maths the girls have increased their speed and accuracy. They have learnt how to use excel, putting together budgets and doing food shopping online. The girls have also been working out maths problems on the smart board each day.

Year 11 English - Natalie Lorenzo
This term in English the year 11 girls have been learning about persuasive letter writing and how to write and prepare an oral presentation about our opinions on a topic. We have also been learning about formal and informal language and learning how to research a topic.

Year 10 English - Bobette Minniecon
This term in English we have been learning about different songs and how they have rhythm, rhyme, repetition and alliteration. The songs we wrote about were ‘Clancy of the Overflow’, ‘From Little Things Big Things Grow’ and ‘The Countryside’. We also had to pick our own songs so we could write about it. I picked ‘My Island Home’ because the song has a good meaning.

Year 10 Maths – Daisrya Tipiloura
This term in Maths we have been learning about parallel lines, corners and faces in shapes. We have continued learning about fractions, money and decimals. At the beginning of each lesson we practise all of our operations using speed and accuracy, mental mathematics and problem solving.

Workplace Practices -
This term we have been talking about volunteering. We interviewed Anne who talked about her volunteer work. Now we are writing up a report about what volunteer work is and what work happens around Tiwi Islands.

Art
This term in art we have been doing painting. The girls made some beautiful canvases for our Sydney camp & exhibition.

Physical Education—Cecillena Mungatopi
This semester we’ve had a lot of PE as well as assignments on health and fitness. We also had the Ryco Cup competition held at TIO Stadium Darwin. The girls won their second premiership two years in a row. A few weeks ago we played a basketball tournament in Darwin. We won all games but lost the grand final against St Johns College. It’s been a good feeling knowing all of the girls went that far to compete against all schools around the NT.

Science— Kimberley Cunningham
The Senior Girls really enjoyed working with the CSIRO learning about climate change. This term we went to Milikapiti to run a science activity day with the primary kids. My activity was about the different climate found around the world and labelling animals and places on the map to show where they belong. It was fun and I really enjoyed it, my helper was Daisy Tipiloura. We also studied climate change and how pollution can effect our environment by making a video clip.
Term 4 saw the senior boys return from holidays refreshed and ready to continue their studies with a VET oriented focus. Our plan for the term had each student undertaking agriculture/construction and cooking whilst the students with their learners’ permits also participated in lessons involving driving skills in the final quarters on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons each week. Time in our classroom programs of literacy and numeracy has seen us focus on our oral language skills and in our writing skills with an emphasis on our vocational terminology, and improving our ICT skills, whilst students finishing school this year have been developing a CV and job application writing skills.

Steve & Mark

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Gary & Ben

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Student News

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The term started with Tiwi Ashes which is a major fundraiser for the school and the Hayden Reynolds project. Eighteen corporates enjoyed their ‘Tiwi’ experience with the day at the College being a great success. This year was the largest amount raised with $295,000 coming from the event. Special thanks must go to all the corporates involved for their generosity, however an equal thanks must go to the Tiwi College community, staff, students and family group home parents who put in an enormous effort to ensure the day ran smoothly.

With humidity levels rising the majority of the fruit trees are beginning to produce good quantities of fruit even though they are only in their early stages. The senior boys continued their VET program over term 4, being involved with making the water feature at the southern end of the dam, learning how to drive the CAT skid steer loader, rotary hoeing veggie plots with the John Deere and making entrance gates and paths throughout the garden. The boys had a great term and were willing to get in and have a go, even though the weather has been warm.

The kitchen on the garden has also been in the infancy stage. The middle school girls and boys as well as the primary school have been cooking in the outdoor kitchen. We recently received all our cooking equipment, pots, pans, knives, scales, etc, which will ensure the students have everything they need to succeed in the kitchen.

It has been another successful year for the Hayden Reynolds project. A special thanks to everyone involved. Have a great Christmas and holiday break and we will see you back here in 2014 for another year.

Regards Garden Crew
Art Projects - Looking forward to 2014

Next year is the 60 year anniversary of the old Tiwi bark paintings, tungas, and poles that were made on Melville Island and taken to the Adelaide Museum by the anthropologist Charles Mountford in 1954.

One of the barks inspired Tiwi artist Pedro Wonaeamirri to create an etching with master printmaker Martin King at the Australian Print workshop. From Pedro’s large etching, Tiwi College was inspired to forge their college logo for the school. A lovely story of how art can inspire people and travel on a creative journey.

- Old bark in Adelaide Museum, etching by Pedro Wonaeamirri, and the Tiwi College logo.
Art Excursion

As part of the Senior Boys Art classes, we organised an excursion to the Jilamara Art Gallery and Museum to look at traditional and contemporary Tiwi Art.

It took 40 minutes to drive from Tiwi College in our school mini bus. We made a picnic, and headed off to Milikapiti for the afternoon.

Mark, James, Pedro and Gary in the museum.

It was interesting to see the old armbands that had been over in Scotland for many years, and now have been returned and are in a glass cabinet in the museum.

Glenn Farmer showing the boys around the gallery and museum.

We looked at the old Tiwi photographs that showed ceremonial dancing and costumes. The old poles and spears had interesting patterns and colours - we copied the designs into our Visual Diaries.

We learnt to be inspired by old art.
On Tuesday we went to Darwin and we went to Casuarina and we went to the cinema and Brownie came and bought subway. We went to the water park. I had dinner at the wharf. I had fish and chips and it was nice. We saw Mrs G and Ailsa and Mr Richie and Tony and we had dinner and we had sausages at Nightcliff and after we went to McDonalds and we played at McDonalds and Marie came up and she was playing with me and we went home and we went to sleep and the next morning we went to the airport and we ate KFC and we went back to Tiwi College and Brian and Jennifer dropped us back to Nguiu.

By Sarah

At Darwin we had lots of fun and we did shopping. We also went to the wildlife park it was very fun we saw different animals.

By Dorothea Tipiloura

On Tuesday we went to the swimming pool and we went to the jumping pillow and after we went to Territory Wildlife park and we saw Snake and Crocodile and after we went to watch Smurfs 2 and after we went to get pizza and we went to sleep after morning we went to Tiwi College and we went to Bathurst.

By Ethan Ullungura

On the Darwin trip we went to the museum and the wild life park and saw a crocodile and went through the nocturnal house and we went to the Palmerston water park we had lots of fun.

By Matty

On Tuesday morning we went to the plane. It was fun and we went to the water park and after the water slide we went to the Jumping pillow and we went swimming and we went to get a change of clothes and Steph went to buy some KFC and we get some KFC and went to the snake and we hold a snake and we went to the train and we went and saw the bird and the bird cracked the egg. We ate some sausage and we play with Ethan and Mark and Marie and Sarah and Maurice and Matty and Latoya and Shanelle and me.

By Frances

On Tuesday morning all the primary kids went to Darwin for camp. First we went to the cinema to watch Smurfs 2 we were excited to watch it. Then we went back to Free Spirit Resort and we all went for a swim in the swimming pool. After that we went to McDonald’s for ice-cream. Then we went back to Free Spirit Resort. We went to bed. On Wednesday we went to government house. We went to the garden and to the Queens bedroom. Then we went to the museum.

By Marie Clancy
School Camps

On Saturday 16th November, the senior girl’s class flew to Sydney with their teachers Bronny and Tictac. Author and Indigenous Literacy Foundation Ambassador John Danalis met the Tiwi College crew in Sydney. We had met John earlier in the year and with his help we set about writing a book about a city slicker owl named Bangs.

We had three days to get the story finished, come up with a title and blurb and choose the photos that we would use. The girls worked very hard in the morning and even had to do more work at night after dinner.

During the afternoons we took in the sights of Sydney. On the ferry we cruised past the opera house and went under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. We even had a tour of the inside of the Sydney Opera House, where we were lucky enough to see the symphony orchestra rehearsing. One special moment was when we were doing a workshop inside the opera house and a cruise ship pulled out and headed off to sea. While this was happening Kate Cebrano was outside rehearsing for a show.

We also visited the aquarium, Allianz stadium, the SCG, and Facebook headquarters. At Taronga zoo we got to hold a snake, pat a koala and feed a giraffe. The bird show was amazing but I think the highlight was the seal show. Man - are they smart (and funny)!

On Friday we launched our book “Bangs 2 Jurrukuk”. It was an amazing feeling to see our young woman standing in front of a room full of people reading their story. The families of these ladies should be very proud.

While we had an amazing time (and A LOT of laughs), it was good to come home and share our stories and the book with everyone.

Well done Senior Young Women.

By Tictac

Sydney Senior Young Women’s Camp

The best thing I liked about Sydney was going there and meeting new people and making new friends. I also liked when we worked as a team on the book, putting so many great ideas and effort into it. Most of all I’m glad our class got the opportunity to go to Sydney and make our own book.

By Natalie

When we went to Sydney I got to go to the Opera House and I also got to go to the zoo and see different animals that we don’t have here. The part of the book I like the most is when Arbu spotted Bangs.

By Bobette

The things I liked about Sydney was the Opera House and the Taronga Zoo. I also enjoyed taking a tour on the home ground of the Sydney Swans. I learnt that writing a book is a hard and stressful job especially the blurb on the back page.

By Alex
By Tash Bennett

This term, the girls had Kormilda College visit our College. They brought over a number of middle school and senior girls to participate in the first Tiwi - Kormilda exchange camp. It was great to see familiar faces of past students and staff upon their return for a visit!

On the Monday, the girls lined up for their first football match, and it was a great game with fantastic efforts by both teams. Pulling away to take the first game win were the Tiwi girls with a rusty but solid win.

Day 2 was basketball competition day. The seniors match was a sound victory to Tiwi, however the middle school match was a highlight of the camp with scores neck and neck to the last minute. Some highly impressive skills by Kormilda team member Arthurina Moreen challenged our girls to fight back. Drawing into the last minute, it was Tiwi College who claimed the buzzer beater with a 1 point victory! We’ll take it ;)

Day 3 was the second footy match. A blistering start from Tiwi launched us into the lead and with consistent pace in the 2nd quarter keeping our girls in front and sailing into the 3rd. During the last quarter it was good to see Kormilda throw in some great challenges, however the siren sounded with a convincing win by Tiwi and a clean sweep had been achieved. Many thanks to the amazing sportswomen from both teams!

We were also lucky this term to have girls from SEDA, an education and training program, come to do a netball clinic and bring along a very special role model in Bianca Chatfield – Melbourne Vixens netball captain, and vice-captain for the Australian Diamonds netball team.

Ellen, Courtney and Steph did a great job teaching the girls about coaching in the sport of netball and the girls picked up the skills quickly. Our girls had the opportunity to head to Milikapiti school to then be the coaches themselves for all of the primary kids. A fun day and a great effort, and rewarding week all up!! Thanks to the girls for their hard work and commitment in coming up here!

To finish off the term, the annual basketball tournament was held in Darwin. A team consisting of the senior girls, with the help of a couple of middle school girls was entered. It was our first basketball tournament and the girls tore up the court – they were undefeated going into the Grand Final. St John’s girls were a strong opponent - eventually defeating us in a close game. Massive snaps for Tiwi College, making the GF!
By Ian Brown

The start of term 4 is also the beginning of the local football season and this year quite a number of current and former Tiwi College students have made their debut in the NTFL. Gary, Kevin, Adrian, Adam, and Jack have all played for the Bombers with Kevin and Adam both receiving Rising Star nominations. Alex has played for Palmerston and Isadore, Ben, and Clancy have all played for Waratah football club.

The inaugral Michael Long u14 cup also took place this term at Palmerston and our younger middle school boys Joey, Mikey, Anthony, and Emilio had the opportunity to take part. Competing against community teams from all over the Territory as well as the local teams from Darwin, our boys combined with other Tiwi boys from the community schools and a group of players from Wadeye.

Our final match for the season was against traditional rivals St Johns who were looking for revenge after we belted them last year. Unfortunately this year they were far too good for us but it was a good lesson for our team that ability alone is not enough to win football matches and fitness is an important component.

I look forward to developing our program next year with the introduction of strength and conditioning, a bigger focus on fitness and of course lots of football. Enjoy your Christmas break and see you all in 2014.
Highlights from the Term
I once again acknowledge the traditional owners of the Tiwi Islands both past and present. I deeply honour your wisdom, foresight and inclusiveness. I am most honoured to be a part of the outworking of your great dreams and visions; educational development of your future leaders is of paramount importance.

Our new staff that arrived this year have settled in well. They have brought warmth, joy and encouragement in our area of service. Ours is becoming more and more a home away from home for our Tiwi children and us.

We were allowed to participate in one of the island’s most sacred traditional ceremonies at Wurrumiyanga, for Mr Kerinauia. We prepared food through our own traditional method to be shared amongst relatives in mourning. We were so humbled and honoured.

We met with many challenges commonly faced by parents during the year. We are focussed and are getting to understand your children better. We do our best to keep ourselves level headed and focused. Our moral standards are guided with our faith in God. We have made a lot of good friends in your children both past and present.

The annual Tiwi Ashes according to significant observers was a step up from the mark set last year. With all the praiseworthy reports that came back to us, we would like to thank all volunteers who toiled silently behind the scene well before and on the day.

We are continuing to attract good and able people to staff our boarding facilities. We acknowledge the support of the Tiwi Education Board in securing visas for existing staff and potential new staff. Thank you for allowing us to be of service to your great people.

May you all have a joyful Christmas and a prosperous new year!

*Solomone Radaniva Tuibua*
Another year done for us here at FGH 1! This is the end of our 3rd year working at Tiwi College, and we are still loving every moment on this beautiful land and the lovely people of the Tiwi Islands! We are truly blessed to have been able to call this place home for the past 3 years, and hopefully for at least a few more years to come!

It has been an enjoyable year working with the students in our house and we have had plenty of fun and shared many stories around the dinner table, pool table, bonfire, etc. We have also enjoyed watching movies, celebrating birthdays together and having lots of ‘cuppas’ and laughs.

There is also the more serious side of Family Group Home life, including the Life Skills Program, house duties, being on time, and general day to day life within the house. We have seen a lot of growth in most of our students in these areas and love it when we see students take initiative and not have to be told or pushed to participate or be on time. We love the commitment of those who are attending regularly and would love to see the attendance rates improve for some of our students who don’t come as often, as we see it to be a major factor for growth and development in their lives and behavioral patterns.

We would like to congratulate those students who are graduating this year and commend them on making it the whole way through their schooling. In particular, a special mention goes to Isadore Fernando from our house, who has not only been here since the school opened and made it all the way through his schooling, but has also been our most consistent student when it comes to attendance! He has grown into a responsible young man and we will miss his presence in our house. Well done and congratulations Isadore!

That’s it from us, have a great Christmas and festive season! With love.

Apisalome, Meaghan, Talei and Maikeli
Term 4 started with a bang with the Tiwi Ashes. The student numbers were low initially but the boys soon managed to maintain their attendance throughout the term. This term felt like a start with our older boys moving into the seniors and younger ones moving in. The changes brought an interesting dynamic to the house and atmosphere but we managed to pull through the term thanks to the boys.

We continued to try and focus on little things in the house starting with keeping their environment and living areas clean, neat and tidy. We also tried to focus on individual hygiene this term and behaviour. Also in having the young ones moving in we had to start getting them into routines and structures which are in place which we hope will start to sink in more and would continue to the next year. Akanisi and I are so blessed to have the majority of these boys coming in week in and week out and we have also enjoyed working with them, this term.

We wish them a safe and enjoyable holiday and also a blessed Christmas.
Stay safe boys.

Mana

Isoa
Throughout the year the girls have done a fair bit of cooking for Life Skills or helping out with dinner preparation. What we have come to realize through our times spent cooking is the importance of each ingredient and the unique flavour it gives the dish. Similarities we draw from cooking to our FGH life are the fact that each girl in our house adds a different flavour—something of value and worth. No matter how spicy or sweet the flavours may have been from time to time, over the year we have come to appreciate the uniqueness of each flavour and know that FGH4 would not be the same without it.

There is no particular method to our ‘madness’ considering we take 12-14 middle and senior school-aged girls, mix them together with life skills, training, movie nights, homework, a lot of laughter, some tears, Troopy rides, countless jars of Nutella, lost cups, lost uniforms, songs and movies on repeat, bonfires and the ‘bam bam’ to name a few. But when you combine all of these things and pour them into a pan lined with our four pillars of; respect, trust, empathy and mercy something beautiful is bound to rise. And it has.

Dunstan and I would like to thank each of you girls for a wonderful and very flavourful first year here at Tiwi College. Below are the different ‘flavours’ the girls believe each other add to FGH4:

- **TYMYKA:**
  Good girl, helpful, quite at first but now loud, great smile.

- **KIM:**
  Good role model, helpful, sporty, nice, makes people laugh.

- **KATHLEEN:**
  Funny, cute, kind, beautiful, good smile.

- **ROSIE:**
  Full of energy, happy, always laughing.

- **SHANIA:**
  Creative, funny, loud, likes to play jokes, cute.

- **DOROTHY:**
  Good, polite, friendly, good at telling stories, likes to laugh.

- **JULIETTE:**
  Sport-woman, good friend, brave, happy helpful.

- **JESSIE:**
  Gets along with everyone, considerate, interactive, loves music, kind, good at sport.

- **NADINE:**
  Helpful, kind, caring, great Mother while away from parents.

- **DUNSTAN:**
  Funny, good friend, takes good care of us, helpful, really good Dad.

- **MARLEY:**
  Good friend, nice to talk to, good personality, leader, athletic.

- **NANCY:**
  Always funny, laughs a lot, caring, sporty.

- **SHANIA:**
  Creative, funny, loud, likes to play jokes, cute.

- **DOROTHY:**
  Good, polite, friendly, good at telling stories, likes to laugh.

- **TYMYKA:**
  Good girl, helpful, quite at first but now loud, great smile.

- **DELLA:**
  Gets along with everyone, good girl, nice, freakiest and most funny person.

- **AGNES:**
  Makes us laugh, funny, good friend, tries hard.

- **KATHLEEN:**
  Makes us laugh, funny, good friend, tries hard.

- **NADINE:**
  Helpful, kind, caring, great Mother while away from parents.
At the very beginning of this semester we had 11 boys altogether at Family Group Home 5. This has decreased to 8 due to some changes to other Family Group Homes and with some boys attending other schools. We want to see that our boys keep coming to school.

During this year we have seen some very good changes in the boys, especially their attitude and behaviour. This helps us understand who they are, and assists us to identify their struggles and needs as well. We are also improving how to handle their situation and problems before anything bad takes place.

We have a few photos so you can see what we do from Monday to Friday. Our Lifeskills Program involves health checks and hair washing of a Monday. The boys clean around the house, sweep and wipe the window screens and louvers. They make their beds every morning before breakfast. They have lots of fun activities to keep them happy— including AFL footy training, Xbox games, playing the computer and games using our pool table.

We wish you all parents the very Best for Xmas and New Year. Have a safe holiday. We will see you all in 2014.

God Bless.
Mr Tim & Mrs Viola Vea

Our final term for the year has been another busy one. Full house of 12+ girls almost every week and we’ve welcomed in a few new faces.

Sadly we say goodbye to Vanessa but we are so proud of what she has accomplished here at school and wish her all the very best for the future.

We wish all our girls and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year. Hope to see you all back here in 2014!

Mo, Sheree & Meleane

This term in FGH6 we have been learning about valuable life skills and maintaining a garden. The younger girls in our house learnt more about cleaning and helping the House Parents cook meals on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. The senior girls in our house also have driving lessons with Mo after footy training.

In our house the girls like to hang out tell stories by the fire place at night, listen to music on the veranda, and sometimes go for an afternoon walk up to the basketball court. We even have a little disco outside on the veranda. We also have two new girls in our house Helena & Dymphna we would also like to welcome Aurthrina & Shenaida back in our house.

By Natalie Lorenzo & Rebecca Moreen
Merry Christmas

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