

School News

PERSISTENCE & INTEGRITY

Celebrating NAIDOC Week 2023

Linah Enosa | Aboriginal Education AIEO



What a full-on week we have had with jam-packed activities celebrating this year's NAIDOC theme 'For Our Elders'. We have had a wonderful cultural celebration here at school, kicking off with our Annual Flag Raising ceremony in front of the school at the start of the week.

On Tuesday, we had our NAIDOC Staff vs Students basketball competition. Unfortunately for the students, it was the staff who were victorious this year. So good to see our fantastic students being active, enjoying their sports and having fun together.

On Wednesday, we had our 'Damper making Competition' providing our school staff with a fiercely battled opportunity to showcase their deadly dampers. 18 entries were involved and as you know there could only be one winner. Congratulations this year goes to our Careers and Vocational Education Learning Area.

On Thursday, we had our NAIDOC Assembly. Many thanks to our special guests Stephen Pigram, Kevin Puertollano and former student, Xanthier Wosomo for joining us to acknowledge culture, language and tradition at this very special school assembly.

The week of celebrations culminated on Friday at the annual Kullarri NAIDOC Festival with some of our students joining the Broome Community on the Reconciliation walk. The remaining students at school enjoyed an extended lunch with interactive activities set up by our local external agencies who came to school to show their support.



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Farewell to Mrs Winfield



In week 8 of this term students and staff bid farewell to an incredibly dedicated and determined staff member who committed a remarkable 25 years here at Broome Senior High School. Mrs Cath Winfield commenced at the school as a Health and Physical Education (HPE) teacher. She then became the HPE Learning Area Leader and has concluded her tenure here as an exceptional and valued Deputy Principal. We wish Cath the very best for her retirement and future endeavours and extend our deepest gratitude for her invaluable contributions and commitment to Broome Senior High School.

Welcoming our new deputy principal: an introduction



I am delighted to be starting here at Broome Senior High School and will be commencing as Deputy Principal in Term 3. I bring with me experience in both rural and remote contexts after first teaching in the Kimberley at Broome Senior High School, Fitzroy Valley District High School and then La Grange Remote Community School as Principal. I have also worked in Victoria for six years as a Head of English as well as a Deputy of Secondary. And for the last 13 years, I have found myself in a range of leadership positions.

Having worked here at school in the past and in The Kimberley region more recently, I am fully aware of the work we will all continue to do as a school. It is so important our focus on fantastic outcomes for students continues so that they learn of their capacity to make good choices about their future. All students who attend the school have the right to learn in a safe and caring environment. We are so well-supported by local industry and further training institutions, both here and in other regions, that this affords us the ability to support students in meaningful opportunities.

In my role here at the school I will continue to work with our staff, students and families. My door is always open to all students and their families and this is something I have always prompted in every school I have worked in. It is important that we all work together to support students through their learning here at Broome Senior High School.

Like many people in town, I have moved from interstate. Originally from Victoria, my wife and I now have two children, both of whom were born in Broome. The decision to move back to The Kimberley after 6 years away was always an easy one. Our connection to this place and its people is important to us individually and as a family, as are the outcomes and access to quality education for all students who go to school here.

Dan Walker | Deputy Principal

Principal's Pen

Ngaji Gurrjin



With the cooler temperatures and the surprising June rain, we welcome Barrgana Season. We have packed as much as we can into Term 2 with events and activities for all including:

- Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing workshops
- Cross Country and Interschool Cross Country
- Shorebird Quest
- Career Tasters
- Outdoor Education expeditions
- Youth Council at Notre Dame
- Deadly Thinking workshops
- OLNA
- Exams
- Showcase night at Divers Beach Bar
- Art Trail Exhibition as part of the Broome Fringe Festival

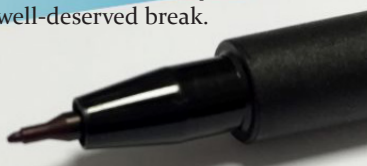
Last week we kicked off our NAIDOC celebrations with a flag-raising ceremony, staff v students basketball, staff damper cooking competition, and our NAIDOC assembly with special guests Kevin Puertollano, Stephen Pigram and former student Xanthier Wosomo. We finished the week by joining our Broome cluster schools and the wider community for the Kullari NAIDOC walk for reconciliation.

This week we have student representatives from the school at Country Week, Kimberley Cup and with the support of our local community work placements in Broome. It has been a busy term.

Congratulations to all our students and staff for your hard work and focus so far during 2023. You have all been fantastic and when challenged, you all continue to impress with maturity and commitment to learning. Have a wonderful holiday. We will see you all again in Term 3, after a well-deserved break.

Mat Burt | Principal

Gala Mabu



Deadly Thinking workshops

David Winter | Student Services Manager

We had the National Wellbeing Alliance come to Broome Senior High School recently to run sessions with selected students to help build skills in mental health and wellbeing, positive mental and social wellbeing, and resilience. The workshops ran over three days, with the feedback from both staff and students being very positive.



Students engaged in wellbeing session

David Winter | Student Services Manager

Brayden Ainsworth from the Happiness Company visited our school recently, to share his story with our students and build student understanding of self-worth and empowerment thinking. Brayden shared the story of his journey growing up, the challenges he faced and his experiences playing AFL. The many elements and aspects of his life were very relatable to all the students and led to an attentive and highly engaged student session. Brayden's energy and a clear commitment to building student capacity, for understanding their journeys and wellbeing were evident throughout the presentation, and the atmosphere was very positive throughout.



Broome Bushranger Cadets taking care of country

Candice Malcolm | Education Assistant

Large amounts of plastics, metals, rubber, paper, textiles, derelict fishing gear, derelict vessels and other lost or discarded items enter the marine environment everyday. This makes marine debris one of the most widespread pollution problems facing our world's oceans and waterways.

Therefore, Broome Bushranger Cadets are actively involved in the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMD), an on-ground network of volunteers, communities and organisations that contribute data to the AMDI database, and then work on solutions to stop the flow of litter at the source.

The AMDI helps communities look after their coastal environment by providing resources and support programs and collaborates with industry and government to create change on a large scale.

Keep up the good work cadets!



School Board News

Ngaji Gurrjin,

The Broome Senior High School Board met this term and welcomed our new Deputy Principal, Dan Walker. The Board were taken through some of the presentations that were delivered at the Cluster Conference recently and looked at the impact that this is having on teaching and learning in our Broome Cluster Schools.

A big focus for The Board and the region is improving attendance in schools to pre-Covid levels. The board has been monitoring our attendance levels and discussing strategies to improve attendance here at school.

Another discussion point at this term's meeting, was the impact of the recent solar panel installation here at school. The Board looked at the recent data from the installation and is very keen to do some comparative analysis in the future.

The Board finished with discussion about the direction of the school and target setting for the next strategic plan, with future school focus looking at:

- Behaviour
- Student Wellbeing
- Curriculum
- Quality Teaching
- Leadership
- Engagement
- Cultural Responsiveness

A Blueback review

By Year 7 students Hannah Tucker and Adelaide De Bruyn

The Year 7 students were treated recently, to a puppet performance by the Spare Parts Puppet Theatre of Tim Winton's novel, Blueback. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to consolidate their study and analysis of the novel this term.

Year 7 students Hannah Tucker and Adelaide De Bruyn have written a small review of the experience of watching the play and reading the novel. Here is what they wrote:

Blueback

"When we first began learning about the story Blueback, we started with the novel because we were reading it in English. We then got the privilege of seeing the play and now we are watching the movie

We both agree that the book was the best, mainly because it has the most detail and description of everything that happens in the story. It also tells us about Abel Jackson's journey throughout his life with Blueback as his companion and everything that affected him and his fish friend.

Just as we had finished the book, we got to go see the play in the performing arts centre. We were definitely impressed by the talent that the people had, who were controlling the puppets and moving the props. The play was just as intriguing as the novel because the puppeteers were so impressive with how they showed the puppets' emotions and moved them around, as if they had their own minds

These two forms of telling the story of Blueback were very different but they covered the same events. The book had lots of details about what happened and how, but then the play had a lot of expression and showed us exactly how each character was feeling, and what was going through their mind.

We are thankful for the experience of watching the play and reading the book."

Blueback is one of Tim Winton's most personal and quintessentially Western Australian stories. It depicts the life of a young boy, Abel, and his mother, their relationship with the environment and their desire to protect and preserve the natural habitat of the place they call home.



Student Councillors speak on youth engagement

Adrienne Hinkes | Health and Phys Ed Teacher

Alongside students from La Grange Remote Community School, St Mary's College and other key stakeholders of the Broome community, our school student councillors attended the 2023 Youth Affairs Council of WA hosted by the Shire of Broome. They discussed issues relevant to the Broome youth community and used their voices to express their thoughts, opinions and suggestions on how to increase engagement with the town's youth. They wrapped up the day with a workshop on advocacy and learned how they can utilise this skill to create a positive change within their community. We are very proud and excited to see how these emerging young leaders help to shape the future of our wonderful Broome community.





Compass

COMPASS is our school management online platform that allows parents and carers to access up-to-date information about our school, your child's attendance and progress, enter absences and update your contacts. Make sure you download the App or login via the Parent portal on our school website.

For more information please contact the school on 9195 3100.

Year 10 Workplace learning

Toni Prater | VET Work Place Learning Coordinator

During our last week of Term 2 a majority of our Year 10 students attended their work experience block week. We would like to thank our amazing employers for providing such invaluable experiences and opportunities for these students. The knowledge and transferable skills gained through these work experience placements are lifelong and will give our students a valuable head start when completing resumes in preparing themselves to enter the workforce.



Footy boots dusted off for Northern Carnival

Chris Saunders | Broome Clontarf Academy Support Officer

Our year 7-9 students recently set off for a fun-filled, 5-day camping trip to Kununurra to attend the Clontarf Academy Northern Carnival.

After a big drive on day one, the students were excited to set up their swags at Doon-Doon roadhouse and tuck into a tasty burger and chips.

On day two, they were up early to pack their swags, have a quick breakfast and visit Emma Gorge, in the heart of the Cockburn Ranges. The students walked through some rocky terrain for an hour to be greeted with a stunning water-fall and refreshing swim.

On day three, the footy boots were dusted off, as the students participated in the Northern Carnival. The Carnival runs as a round robin competition, and consisted of half hour games played against numerous other Clontarf Academies from both the Kimberley and Northern Territory.

Although outmatched in the size department for most of the day, our students competed extremely well and even managed to notch up a win against local rivals, Derby. Students were kept cool in the 32-degree heat by interspersing the matches with trips to the local pool and splash park.

Our trip finished with a visit to 'The Quarry' on their last night in Fitzroy Crossing. Here the students were able to leap from the small cliff-face and bommie into the deep water below. A perfect way to break up the long drive home.

All students thoroughly enjoyed their week away and behaved extremely well. They should be proud of the feedback received from various members of the general public who were very impressed with their polite and friendly nature. Well done to all who attended the camp.



Students explore career questions with Podcast production

Anna Gavan | Career Practitioner



As part of our Year 9 Tasters Program in collaboration with The Studio, the Year 9 students have been conducting professional interviews, communicating and collaborating with mentors, exploring career questions and producing a polished podcast that they are able to highlight on their resumes. It is part of an exciting pilot program The Studio is rolling out in WA, but only in Broome at this stage.

The program ran over three days with students attending separate masterclasses on editing and producing, interviewing skills and branding.

This Taster concluded with a family showcase evening where the students were given the opportunity to play and pitch their podcast presentations.



SAVE THE DATE

NAIDOC Family Fun Day at Germanus Kent House and Bran Nue Dae

8th July 2023
11-2pm
20 Dickson Dr Broome

This year's NAIDOC theme is 'For Our Elders'. At Germanus Kent House and Bran Nue Dae, our Elders hold an important role in our community and prominent place in our home. This NAIDOC week, we welcome the community into our home to **connect with and celebrate our Elders**.

This is an alcohol free event.



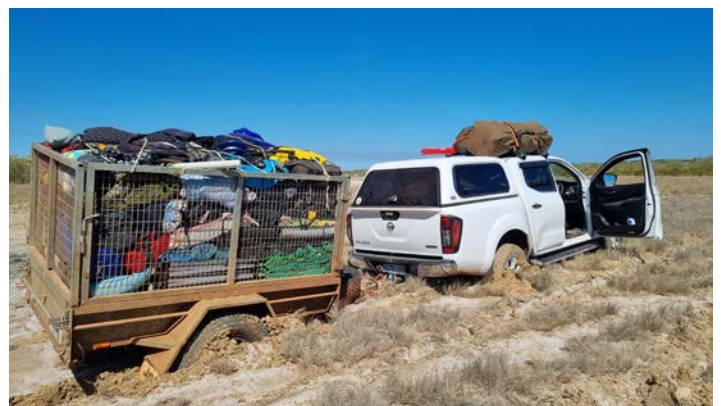
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Year 11 and 12 Survivor Camp

Our Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Education students enjoyed a fantastic and adventurous camp/expedition to Barred Creek this term. Using their class learning from Outdoor Ed, a few extra life-skills were spontaneously added in, such as getting the car and trailer out of a bog on the marsh at the start the trip and Mr Gray mistakenly driving the students on the bus to Quongdong instead of Barred Creek. Obviously Mr Gray was looking to add a bit more adventure to the expedition.

Mr Cameron and Mr Beatty along with Ms Halina and Mr Erik were very happy with the behaviour and effort of the students involved.



Soundbytes 2023: a resounding success again

Congratulations to all involved in the amazing Soundbytes Showcase that was held at the Diver's Tavern this term. Around 330 punters came to the show to support our performing students and Broome's new wave of musicians. A colossal effort! The showcase was a credit to our Broome Senior High School Arts Department and especially our dedicated and very much loved music staff Mr Pascoe and Mr Stephens. Thank you to all staff who came to assist on the night. And congratulations to all the students for their fantastic performances.



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Stay home if unwell



Keep our school community safe.

If you have cold or flu symptoms or test positive to COVID-19, please stay home until symptoms resolve.

Thank you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term THREE 2023 Weeks 1-5

Please note content on this calendar is provided in good faith, however may be subject to change without specific notice.



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JULY	17	18	19	20	21
W1	School Development Day	First Day T3 Students Return			Year 7 Two-Way Science excursion
JULY	24	25	26	27	28
W2	NETTS Program Parent Info Evening Y11/12 OLNA	Year 10 Girls PPEP talks NETTS (Students P5) Y11/12 OLNA	NETTS (Student P4-5) School Photos Y11/12 OLNA	Year 10 Vaccinations School Photos Y11/12 OLNA	Y11/12 OLNA
JULY	31	AUG 1	2	3	4
W3	Follow The Dream/Broome Clontarf Academy Camp (Bidyadanga) → → Y11/12 OLNA	Parent-Teacher Interviews P&C Meeting Y11/12 OLNA	Year 10/11/12 RAC Project Road Smart (Civic Centre) 9am to 12.45pm Y11/12 OLNA	Y11/12 OLNA	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day Y11/12 OLNA
AUG	7	8	9	10	11
W4	Year 10 Parent Night Scott Darlow – Musician and Speaker YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTIONS → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → →	YEAR 10 TAFE BLOCK WEEK	International Day of the Worlds' Indigenous Peoples		School Ball (Saturday)
AUG	14	15	16	17	18
W5	Broome Clontarf Academy Employment Forum Newsletter YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTIONS → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → →	NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK		Year 11/12 Broome Clontarf Academy Employment Forum Athletics Carnival	Athletics Carnival Day in lieu (No school for students)