



Northern Peninsula Area State College

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Term 2

Blessing of Injinoo Junior Tuckshop



On Wednesday 7th June, it was a very special day at Injinoo Junior, when Reverend Ama Mary Eseli formally conducted the blessing ceremony of the new tuckshop. There were many traditional owners and elders present along with the Mayor, Councillor Nona, Mr Eseli's dance troupe, parents, families, students and staff. There was also the inaugural performance from the new Injinoo Choir, conducted by Miss Odette which was an absolute pleasure to watch. The blessing of the tuckshop in prayer was accompanied by the smashing of a coconut and sprinkling of holy water and a light meal afterwards. There will be a formal naming ceremony of the tuckshop in Term 3 of which we are all looking forward to as well.

Thank you Mrs Sonya Wilson and all staff for an outstanding afternoon.



Best Wishes to departing Staff



We will give thanks to all our departing staff on Tuesday at our College Staff meeting however it would be remiss of me to not make special mention and acknowledge three long standing staff members. Be Nicholas who is one of our longest serving staff members, took a transfer at the end of 2016, however extended her time with us for a further six months. Be will now leave us to take up her new school position in Cairns next term. We thank Be for all her work over the years and wish her well.

Tim Jordan will leave us after over five years in the NPA. Tim who is our substantive Head of Teaching and Learning at Injinoo Junior and more recently has been acting in the Head of Campus role, has provided us with the best of his work and a dedication in leadership under some very challenging times. Tim is a focused professional with a wonderful leadership career ahead, thank you Tim.

Karina Jordan will obviously leave us with Tim and their children this semester. Karina has taught full time here in the NPA and more recently returned from her current leave to work with some of our most vulnerable students and also contribute with covering teachers in a relief capacity. Thank you Karina. NPA will note a significant loss when your beautiful family departs.



School closes at 3.00pm Friday 23rd June and reopens Monday 10th July
Have a wonderful holiday, take care when travelling and ensure our children are safe.



Injinoo Junior Under 8s Celebrations

Our Under 8s celebrations continued at Injinoo Junior with a wonderful morning tea for community elders and traditional owners kicking off the activities. The students thoroughly enjoyed a range of challenges that provided opportunities to play and learn in a supportive fun environment. Thanks Claire and all staff at Injinoo.



Student Support Services

We have been listening to community concerns with regard to student suspensions and behaviours of some students and as a result we are reviewing our student support services processes and will be remodelling our ways of working and allocation of staffing.

In Semester 2 we will be focusing on cultural based restorative practices. These practices will be implemented through local campus site engagement. We will also develop a more individualised behavioural intervention model aligned to our departmental approved SEAR (Students Educationally At Risk) system. We will look for further consultation with parents/carers and community. Watch this space!

Early Childhood Partners

We have had our first meeting with our early childhood providers in the NPA and we will look to meet again early next term. We are excited to form this partnership to ensure that we learn all there is to know about the programs these providers give to your little tiny children so we at the schools can be best prepared to welcome them into the College. Transition from Early Childhood facilities into School is very important in ensuring students continue to grow with a love of learning. Especially when our schools teach Standard Australian English and we know our children come from a Language Background Other than English (LBOTE). We have already begun our journey with this change in mindset and there is much to do.

Education Council

Our partnership with the Educational Council has been strengthened by the recently signed Service Agreement between the Department of Education and Training and Jeffrey Aniba, Education Council Chair. There are key pieces of work making up the Service Agreement and I expect Jeffrey will be out and about working very hard in the community consultation space as he ensures that all voices are heard as we work together. Please share your interests and concerns with Jeffrey, myself or any of the Heads of Campus'.

RSAS

Mrs Michelle Tamwoy has taken up the RSAS Coordinator role for the immediacy, as Mrs Relsie Ahboo has returned to Thursday Island. We are excited to have Mrs Tamwoy in this role and leading our Purple Army staff. We also like to acknowledge all the work that Mrs Ahboo has done during her time in the leadership role and wish her all the best for now and be in hope that she will return to the NPA in the not too distant future.

School Reports

Our student school reports will be sent home during the holidays, please look out for them. If you have any concerns with regard to child's report, please contact their school teacher or the Head of Campus.

NAIDOC Celebrations

Miss Jody Warbrick and the Student Representative Council are working hard in coordinating the NAIDOC – School and Community celebrations, Saturday 29th July. Please contact the school if you would like to help.

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