Regional Cross Country

It was great to see six of our students in Cairns last week, participating in the Regional Cross Country Trials. Although our students did not win their events, they certainly were winners on the day by putting in a great effort to complete the event in front of a large crowd. Congratulations to Shania, Sheneeka, Mo, Maddison, Marcus and Juan for being great representatives of their school community. We are all so proud of you!

Thank you to Miss Nikki and Sir Jason for travelling with the students to this important activity.

Bravehearts

Yesterday, we were excited to welcome Narelle and Ditto from Bravehearts to the school. The purpose of ‘Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Show’ is to teach children protective behaviours in a fun and engaging way. Everyone had a great time, listening carefully to the important messages about personal safety and protection. Thank you to Bravehearts for doing this performance free of charge.

Great listeners at Kowanyama State School.

Connecting with Parents Day

On Monday 02 June, all family and community members are welcome to visit the school for a day of celebration, yarning and activities. The Program is on the back page of this Newsletter.

In any school, it is important for parents and community members to play a role in the school. We all want our school to be the best it has ever been and with your help, we can make this happen. Along with other schools across the Cape, four of our parents or community members will have the opportunity to travel to Bamaga next Thursday to meet with parents from other schools and to see how Parent Committees operate in other locations. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact me or speak directly to Anthony Sattrick on Monday at the school. (Anthony is the Community Engagement Officer employed by the Department of Education.)

On the day, we will also be welcoming George Otero from New Mexico who will be working with families, staff and students on community engagement and connecting parents with their children’s learning.

Even if you are only able to be at the event for a short while, it would be great to see you there. I look forward to seeing as many people as possible at school next Monday.

School Fete

Along with parents and staff, I am looking at organising the first School Fete in many years. If there is enough interest from the community, we could look at a day in August or September. At the moment, I am planning for each class to have their own stall or activity. It will also be an opportunity for families and community groups to also operate some stalls for their own benefit.

The planned Fete would be held in the school grounds. Please contact the school for more information or if you are interested in being on the planning committee.
School Attendance Officers
Thanks to our hard working School Attendance Officers for helping us to improve school attendance. The Remote School Attendance Strategy is a partnership between the Australian Government, state and territory governments, schools, the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (and other employment providers) and remote Aboriginal communities. Our school day starts at 9.20am. Students must be at school before this time or they will be marked absent as they will miss part of the day’s work.

Positions Vacant
Are you interested in the following positions? If you are, contact the school for more information and make an appointment for an interview:
1. School Attendance Officers
2. Teachers Aides
3. Cleaners

KOWANYAMA SCHOOL VISIT

Date: Monday 2 June 2014
Theme: Connecting Parents & Caregivers to their Children’s Learning a Whole School Community Approach
Place: Kowanyama State School and Church

10:00am- 1:00pm Setting the Scene at School
- Assembly
- Morning Tea with Parents
- Community Conversation (Teachers, Students, Parents) 90 mins Facilitated by George Otero
- Activities between Parents and Students

1:00pm- 5:00pm Community Interaction with Students and Parents/Elders
- Bush Tucker
- Weaving/ Damper and Scones
- Dancing
- Teaching Language from Elders
- Spear Making
- Story Telling

5:30pm- 7:30pm Community Hall
- Feasting
- Dancing
- Speeches

Respect Learning
Respect Community
Respect Culture

Remember to go on to YouTube and search for Kowanyama Ready to Learn. At this site, you will find a group of our students singing a great song! If we get enough people to like our performance, the Jimmy Little Foundation will come back again! Please help us by getting your family and friends to like the school performance.