NAIDOC Celebrations 2014
NAIDOC celebrations will occur during the last week of Term (15-19 September). A wide variety of activities will be organised throughout the week, ending with a kup murri on the last day of school. This feast will be held during the Cultural Fair / School Fete on the same day. These activities will be an important part of the community’s week-long celebration of the culture of the Kunjen, Kokomenjena and Kokoberra tribes.

Activities planned for the week, include:

- Weaving
- Bush Medicine and Bush Tucker
- Spear Making and Stone Axes
- Story Telling
- Language Classes
- Traditional Indigenous Games
- Painting
- Dance
- Building Shelters
- Cooking

This is not a final list, as I’m certain there will be many other ideas from the community that could also be included. For these activities to go ahead, I will need the support of the community. If you are available to help out, please contact the school. Payment may also be organised for anyone needing assistance with this.

Another meeting will be organised for Tuesday 02 September at 2.00pm in the school Library. It would be great to see you there. As mentioned earlier, we look forward to your ideas and support of this planned event.

Traditional Indigenous Games (TIG)
Traditional Indigenous Games provide the opportunity to learn about, appreciate and experience aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through physical activity. Last week, a group of our teachers attended a training session that was organised by staff from Apunipima. Teachers were shown how to deliver a wide range of Traditional Indigenous Games to our students. Traditional Indigenous Games and activities are great as skill games or lead-up games in physical education lessons or in specific sport practice sessions.

Games are played in their traditional form, but with modern equipment that has been modified for safety and ease of use. Traditional Indigenous Games will be one of the activities organised for NAIDOC Week from 15—19 September.

Breakfast Buddies Program
Thanks to Officer Renee and other officers from the Kowanyama Police Station, we will be able to start a Breakfast Buddies Program every Monday and Friday morning at the school from the start of Term 4. This breakfast is sponsored by Kelloggs and we are very grateful for their support in helping us to make sure our students are ready for school every day. With help from other volunteers in the community (including Mell from Queensland Ambulance) we may eventually be able to have the Breakfast Buddies Program on other days as well.

Regards
Ross McHutcheon
Principal

Is your child at school today?

Focus of the Week
Eat at the correct time and in the right place.

Date Claimers
Tuesday 02 September
NAIDOC Planning Meeting
25—29 August
Brighton Grammar School Visit
15-19 September
NAIDOC Week

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Brighton Grammar School’s Kowanyama Visit

For the twelve boys and three teachers who came up to Kowanyama from Brighton Grammar School, the visit has been educational and very enjoyable. From visiting Kowanyama State School on many occasions, to camping at Topsy Creek with Viv Sinnamon and Priscilla Major, the trip has opened all of our eyes to the rich Aboriginal heritage in Kowanyama. To experience various aspects of school life, and share these experiences with several year levels, has been a real highlight of our stay. Participation in core aspects of learning as well as joining the Cultural Studies class gave the group the chance to assist in teaching as well as learning ourselves. To the kids and the adults who have educated us, thank you. To accept us into community life for the week has been wonderful and we all deeply appreciate it.

At Kowanyama, learning is fun and interesting—even when we are outside with Crab, learning how to fix things like chainsaws. (Of course, we are always careful and only let the adults use this equipment.) Sometimes, we learn best when we are outside, using our hands to solve problems. Today, we are going to collect some firewood for our families with Sir Hamish who will be using our working chainsaw! We are proud of ourselves!

Over the last two weeks, we have been completing some art work as part of a new mural in the area near the Post Office. We are all very proud of our work and we can’t wait to see them on display when this new area is open.