

# NAWARDDEKEN NEWS

Week 4 Term Three

◆ Issue 7



## END OF TERM CELEBRATION!

Thankyou to everyone who came along to our end of term celebration! Students received reports and spoke with their families and teachers about their learning at school. A special thankyou to everyone who helped cook the delicious meal and came along to support the school. It was a fantastic evening!



## DARWIN EXCURSION

Nawarddeken Academy visits Parliament House, the Darwin Museum and more!





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Nawarddeken Academy students had some fantastic experiences during their busy week in Darwin. These included:

- Having a blast bowling and playing laser tag at King Pin



- Learning about levels of government, laws and voting at Parliament House, as well as symbols and emblems of the Northern Territory



- Visiting the museum included learning about Sweetheart, fossils, animal bones and Cyclone Tracy as well as being invited as special guests to the board room to view a collection of artworks by Wamud Namok. A real highlight!





- Connecting and making friends at Milkwood Steiner School



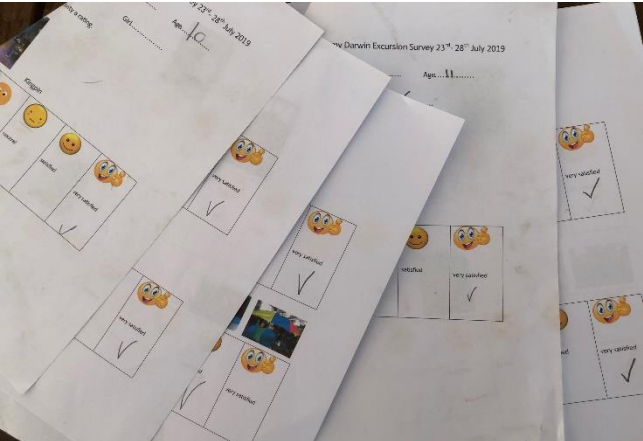
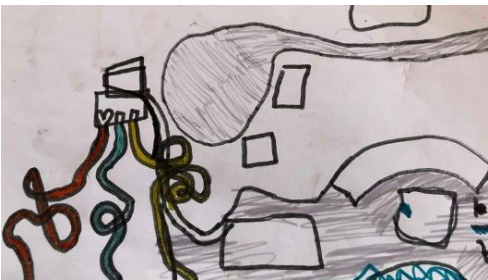
- Visiting the Michael Long Centre, learning about programs and taking part in Aussie Rules drills and a game.



- Taking part in drama and circus workshops at Corrugated Iron
- Learning about the Bombing of Darwin at the Military Museum

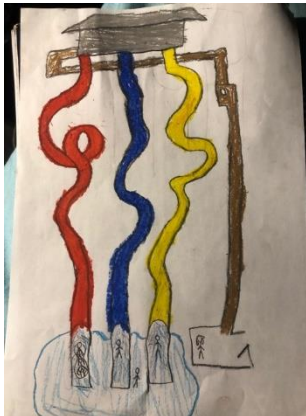


- Having plenty of fun at Crocodylus Park, Leanyer Water Park and of course, the Darwin Show!



“I liked riding the quad bikes at Darwin show and laser tag” Andrick

### Student Responses



In the holidays we went on Darwin excursion. We went to Kingpin and we played laser skirmish and it was fun. Leanyer water park was exciting. I liked swimming in the pool and going on the water slide with Natasha. By Tabitha.

Students really enjoyed the activities in Darwin and it was great to see all the positive responses in a survey about the excursion!



# Science

## Student Work

Our main focus this term is science. Students are learning about how plants and animals survive in different environments and adapt to change. We will be talking to elders and rangers in Kabulwarnamyo and learning about desert environments in Australia.

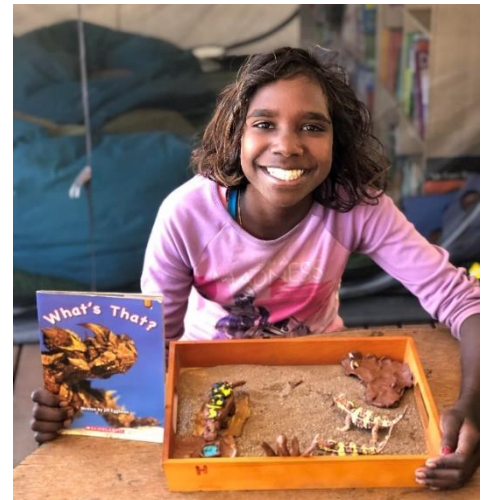
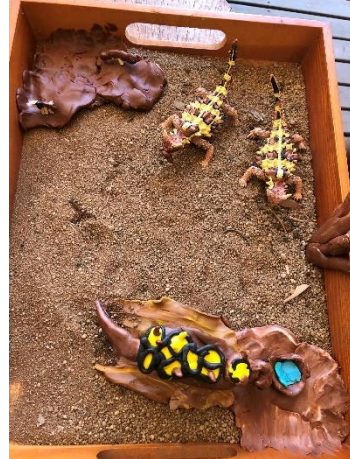
### THE Thorny Devil

The thorny devil is a lizard that lives in the desert.

The thorny devil likes to eat ants. Sometimes it eats 3000 ants in one meal. The thorny devil grows to about 11 centimetres long. It has spikes on its skin to scare away predators.

It is a strange and interesting animal that has learned to survive in the desert.

By Tabitha



## HOT WATER DONKEY UPDATE!

In term 2, students did a survey to find out how many balabbalas needed hot water donkeys. The data the students collected was used to order parts for hot water donkeys. A big thankyou to Valerio for making and installing hot water donkeys where needed!



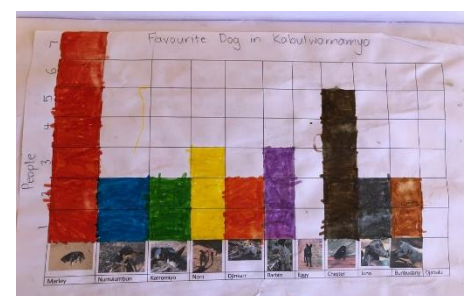
Kerrida has been working hard on learning her name and numbers!

# Mathematics

Students have been learning about data and graphing. This has included collecting and using data to create graphs and answer questions. Students graphed data on AFL wins and used this information to make the AFL ladder. Students used their graphs to order teams by their number of wins for the season from most to least.



Students surveyed the community about their favourite dogs in Kabulwarnamyo and graphed the results





# Welcome Shannon

Welcome and a big thank you to Shannon for supporting the holiday program and Nawarddeen Academy students. The students have had a fantastic time with Shannon on country and in the classroom!



## Holiday Program



Students enjoyed spending time out on country in the holidays finding mankung (honey), fishing, swimming and looking for manbulgung (a fern to make a flour paste).



## Puliima Conference

Over 500 people attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Languages and Technology Conference (Puliima) in Darwin on the 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> of August, during the United Nations year of Indigenous Languages.



Puliima means *making voice* in the Awabakal language of the Newcastle area in New South Wales. Most of the presenters were Indigenous people talking about the language projects that they are developing in their communities. One of the main areas for technology use was the development of language apps or applications that people can use on their smart phones. Kupu is a Maori developed mobile phone app that uses the camera in your phone to take a picture of any object then translates that thing into Te Reo Maori, Maori language. It's a way to encourage everyone to learn Te Reo Maori. We also heard about NT languages. Kunwinjku language speakers Jill Nganjmirra and Seraine Namundja told us about the Biniñj Kunwok language and culture course taught online through (CDU and ANU) universities and the Biniñj Kunwok Regional Language Centre. We will talk further about the conference at the ACNA meeting. Julie and Amber.



# THE NAWARDDEKEN ACADEMY EVALUATION

The Academy, in partnership with the Batchelor Institute, will be conducting its first data collection for the Nawarddeken Academy Evaluation.

**When:** Sunday the 22nd September to Thursday the 26th September (Just after the Nawarddeken Board meeting)

**Who:** John Guenther from Batchelor will be working with our community based researchers: Dean Yibarbuk, Serina Namarnyilk, Terrah Guymala, Rosemary Nabulwad, Conrad Maralngurra, Christella Namundja, (Sarah, Lizzie and Ross from Manmoyi to be confirmed). School staff will also be involved in the process.



**What will happen:** John and the community researchers will be talking to parents, elders, school staff and anyone who is concerned about education, in the community, to find out what they think. Some questions we might ask are:

- When you see young Biniŋ learning well, what does it look like?
- What do you think young Biniŋ **need** from education?
- How well do you think the Nawarddeken Academy works with community?
- Looking forward, what would you like to see come out of the Academy?

## ★ IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER ★

We have a busy month coming up, with plenty happening in September, including board meetings, evaluation and the 10 year celebration for Warddeken Land Management!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gunbalanya Clinic Plane
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wakadjaka sub-committee meeting <u>in Manmoyi</u>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tendril Training
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Warddeken Land Management Board Meeting <u>in Manmoyi</u>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nawarddeken Academy Board Meeting
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Evaluation of Nawarddeken Academy
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Warddeken Land Management 10 year celebration
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	AFL Grand Final - Come and watch at the school!
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> (September)- Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> (October)	Language Workshops with Steven Bird