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NAWARDDEKEN ACADEMY NEWS



Welcome to 2021!

Welcome to 2021 at Nawarddeken Kabulwarnamy. We have had a busy, but great start to the year, welcoming our new staff Jodi and Adelaide and working on applications to register 2 new independent schools; one at Manmoyi and one at Mamardawerre. Last week, representatives from Manmoyi and Mamardawerre, Directors and Nawarddeken staff met with the new Registrar to talk about the new schools and the applications, which will be submitted this month. The Department of Education will then assign a panel to check the applications and help the Registrar make a decision regarding the applications. At the Nawarddeken Board meeting earlier this month, directors supported changes to our constitution and the establishment of 3 School Councils (KAB, MMY and MMA) in preparation for a new Governance structure that will include Manmoyi and Mamardawerre. In the meantime, there has been some very exciting learning happening at the Academy which we are very excited to share with you all.

Olga Scholes, Executive Officer

When I was young, I grew up in Sydney with my parents and 2 sisters. Both my sisters now have children- a boy and a girl each. I absolutely love being an Auntie and having sleepover movie nights. I also have a very cheeky black kelpie dog called Lucky.

I have been a Primary teacher for over 15 years, and have worked with lots of students who have learning difficulties and behaviour challenges. I am also very lucky to have taught kids alongside Elders in Yuendumu and Wilcannia, and with community teachers in both Laos and Fiji (and over 50 kids in a class!!).

It truly is a privilege to be teaching with the staff at Nawarddeken, and to be a part of the incredible calendar project. I am also very excited to live in Kabulwarnamyo, learn about the amazing work that Warddeken is doing, and to build some wonderful new friendships along the way!

Jodi Vallak



New Staff



Adelaide Ford

In 2000 I moved to Australia from the Isle of Man and grew up in Perth, where I completed all my schooling. After graduating from university, I moved to the Kimberley, WA and spent four years on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert, Country of the Walmajarri people.

In 2020 I took the year off to travel South America, but due to covid I had to return. This gave me some great experiences back in Perth including working on a farm for a couple of months and more teaching experience, including a multicultural primary school as a Year 1 teacher and the Juvenile Prison in Perth. I am passionate about teaching using evidence-based practices whilst integrating Traditional knowledge, language and culture into the classroom.

I also thoroughly enjoy teaching and learning out on Country with Elders and community. Outside of the classroom I love camping, hiking, cooking and music. Thank you for welcoming me onto beautiful Warddeken Country!



In English, we have been working very hard at our oral language skills such as hearing all the sounds in words, saying the first or last sound and the short vowel sound in the middle. We have been learning the first 26 sounds of the alphabet through fun, fast paced lessons where we get to come up and be the teacher! Some of us beginning to learn some of the extended code, where two letters make one sound like sh and ch. We have also been working very hard on our reading skills such as sounding out words and blending words together. This helps us find out what tricky words are when we are reading them instead of guessing.

Classroom Learning

In Maths we have been doing lots of number work like writing our numbers correctly, counting forwards and backwards from 10, 20, 100 and skip counting by 2's and 5's. Some of us are learning addition strategies to help us add in different ways. We have also been learning all about patterns and have used blocks, painted pasta and uno cards to make and describe our own patterns!



Language & Culture

This term has been all about Kudjewk (wet season). In the classroom we have been studying "Collecting Colour" by Kylie Dunstan, which is a story about collecting pandanus and colour based in East Arnhem Land and even has some words in Kunwinjku! We have been learning what some of the important English words in that story mean and have been writing our own sentences using those words too. On Thursday Bush Trip days, we have seen the Daluk collecting colour and pandanus. Some of us helped as well. We have also built kodbarre (bark shelters) which are made with paperbark during Kudjewk.



Seasonal Calendar & ABC Visit

Bininj with deep Indigenous Ecological and Cultural Knowledge came from all over west Arnhem to assist in constructing the Kuwarddewardde Malkno (Stone Country Seasonal Calendar). Bininj were joined by Barb McKaige, Andy Peart and Jodi Vallak to assist with the documentation of this incredible knowledge for future generations. The first focus at the workshop was on creating a calendar with the most important plants and animals that students will learn. From there individual plant and animal calendars will be developed. We will use all three of these calendars in our teaching at Nawarddeken.



Emma Masters from the ABC News visited Nawarddeken Academy to record part of a news story with Yirrakala Bilingual School about bi-cultural learning and learning on Country. We look forward to seeing the story when it goes to air in April!



What are scabies?

They are a tiny little mite that digs under the skin to lay its eggs. It is very itchy, usually at night.

How do you get scabies?

Skin to skin contact with another person:

- Touching another person who has it
- Touching their clothes
- Sleeping in their bed

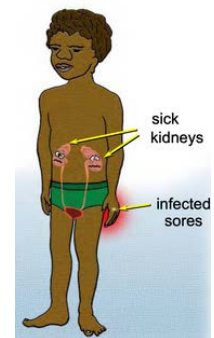
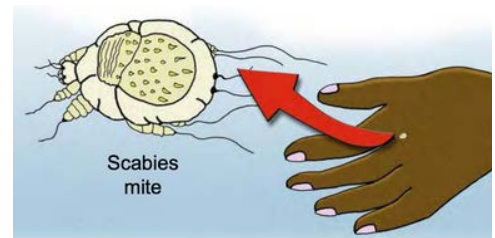
You **can't** get scabies from duruk (dogs).

Why are scabies bad?

Sometimes the skin sores can get infected with bacteria.

This can:

- poison our blood
- make our kidneys sick
- make our hearts sick



Staying Healthy – Scabies

Treatment?

Lyclear cream from the clinic. School has spares. Put cream on at night and wash off in the morning. Wash all the bedding and towels in your balabala. Put them in the sun with your mattress.



Next clinic visit: Wednesday 7th April

Dependent on staffing - the clinic is currently down 2 senior nurses.

Gunbalanya Clinic: 8979 0178

Important Dates

TERM 1 HOLIDAYS:

Friday 2nd April - Sunday 11th April

NAPLAN Practice Tests:

22nd - 26th April

TERM 2:

Monday 12th April - Friday 25th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL):

Monday 3rd May, Term 3

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Queens Birthday June 14						

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Darwin Show Day 23 July Census period starts July 12- 6 August						

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Picnic Day 2 August Census 6 August						

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