

NAWARDDEKEN NEWS

Week 3&4 Term One

◆ Issue 1, 2019

Hi Everyone,
Although we have had a quiet start to our first term, it has been very enjoyable and we have been warmly welcomed into the community. The children have been great-working hard, happy, helpful and confident. We look forward to getting to know families as they return to Kabulwarnamyo and working together during the year.

Thank-you,

Julie Fraser (Berlinj) and Amber Whittaker
(Kalidjan)



Cultural Learning On our bush trips we have been...



Learning about Kunboy



Dean made some kunbidbok (hand stencils) with the students. He spoke about the history of kunbidbok and how the ancestors painted these on the rocks. These will be travelling to Canada with Dean.



Finding andjumdum.



Finding
Badju and Karrbilk



Swimming and having fun!!





Wamud Namok Order of Australia

As it is Australia Day this week-end it's important to remember Wamud Namok our great senior elder of the Kundedjnjenghmi and Kunwinjku people. In 2004 Wamud Namok was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to the arts and Indigenous Land Management. He did so many things which we can be proud of forever.

Here are some of the important things he achieved in his life.

He was the most experienced, knowledgeable person of his culture. He wanted his people to come back to the land and start managing the wildfire. He convinced Jeremy Russel Smith and others to start early burning. He led the movement to develop the Warddeken IPA. We can thank him for the fantastic Ranger programme we have here today.

He was a very important artist, and is known for being the last painter of rock art in Western Arnhem Land. We now care for his art. We have a very long tradition in rock art and our children can learn the knowledge from the past and take it into the future.

By Serina Namarnyilk

Order of Australia Medal



Students have been working on personal information reports and recounts in Literacy. Here is some of the students' fabulous work.

Hello, my name is Natasha Yibarbuk and I'm 13 years old turning 14. I come from Kabulwarnamyo which is a place located on the Arnhem Land Plateau. It is found 138 kilometres from Maningrida community in the Northern Territory. I'm a student in year 9 at Nawarddeken Academy. I like learning Literacy, Numeracy and Science.

I have knowledge of my culture and I speak four languages Kunwinkju, Gurrgoni, Burarra and Ndjebbana. My skin name is Kalidjan. Kunwinkju is my mother languages, Gurrgoni is Father language, Ndjebbana is my [Makkah] Grandmother's language and Burarra the language I learned at Maningrida.

I live with my family, my Two Sisters Christella and Penelope, my dad Dean, my mum Serina, and my mum's Sister Lorraine. Also my two cousins Reggina, Miles and Onenita my niece. She's 3 and a half she likes playing tips and playing on my phone. We have 2 Dogs 2 Roosters and 2 Chickens.

I love going fishing, hunting, swimming, playing sports like soccer, basketball, softball, football, baseball, and hockey.



On the holidays I went to Norne and stayed with my family.

First we went swimming at Kurruk kurrduk. We dived into the clear water. We saw lots of tiny fish. Then we ate cheese and biscuits.

When we returned from the waterfall later I watched crocodile dreaming and Tom and Jerry on the television. We had such a great day at Norne with my family.

By Reggina

Hello, my Name is Zekahlia Yibarbuk and I am 14 years old. I was born in Port Augusta on the 18th of May 2005, it's a small town that is in South Australia. It is 307 kilometres from Adelaide to Port Augusta. I've come to the Northern Territory to stay with my father's side family. I am a student and I am in year 9, I go to school in Kabulwarnamyo with my Aunty Natasha.

I speak Yolngu Martha and English. I can understand Gurrugoni which is my Grandfather's language. My skin name is Galikali.

My family is Randy Yibarbuk, Tara Buckskin, Kyaciah Yibarbuk, Jayrique Yibarbuk and Djari Yibarbuk. My Dad Randy works full time at Lirrwi tourism. My mum Tara works half a day and looks after my little brother Djari. My big sister works at Yirrkala FAFT and she also has a daughter named Azalea, who goes to FAFT as well. My older brother Jayrique plays footy in Port Lincoln South Australia for Mallee park. Djari goes to school in Port Lincoln.

I love spending time with my baby niece Azalea. I love playing sports like basketball, netball, softball and footy. I really like going camping, swimming, fishing and also dancing.



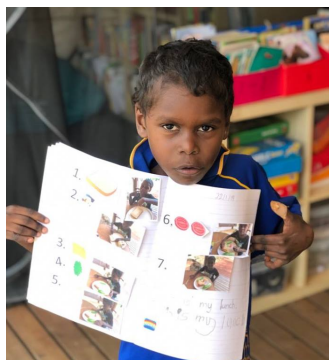
On the holidays I did lots of fun things with my friends at Gunbalanya. First I went to my aunty's house and said "today we have to go fishing" so we went to the river and we caught six fat barramundi on our hand lines.

Later we went home and my friends Dionicka and Dion Dray called out to me 'Lemaine come and ride this bike.' We had so much fun riding our bikes through the mud and over little jumps.

The next day me and all my friends played tip tip, tin tin and football. This was my best holiday ever at Gunbalanya but now I'm happy to be back at Kabulwarnamyo.

By Lemaine

Fun times at Early Learning



Miles made a recount about making his lunch.

"This is my lunch!"

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER WANTED

Nawarddeken Academy is looking for a liaison officer to work with the school and the community.

The role is to act as a liaison between the community, Nawarddeken Academy and Warddeken Land management and to assist with the delivery of education at the academy. Please see the Julie, Amber or the notice board for the job description and more information.



Independent School Registration

At 12:30pm, on the 10th of December, Minister for Education Selena Uiibo, called into the Nawarddeken Academy board meeting. At this meeting the minister advised that she has decided to approve the registration of the Nawarddeken Academy as an Independent School in the NT starting the 1st January 2019!!!

Everyone at Kabulwarnamyo community were very excited and relieved to hear this news. A magnificent early Christmas present! Being registered means that the Academy will now be receiving regular government funding that will secure the financial future of the Academy and more importantly provide Kabulwarnamyo students with the education they deserve.

The registration has come with two conditions, which the Academy will work towards fulfilling in the coming weeks.

We acknowledge Wamud "Lofyy" who's dream it was for the children of Warddeken to be educated on country. We would also like to thank the Traditional Owners, Community members, board members, Warddeken and Nawarddeken staff and students and all the other individuals and organisations who assisted us in achieving this amazing outcome.



DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

This certificate confirms that

Nawarddeken Academy

Building 2 Kabulwarnamyo

Via Jabiru NT 0886

governed by

Nawarddeken Academy Limited

ABN 31 6211 35439

is registered under Part 7 of the *Education Act 2015*

Under Section 138 of the Education Act, the school is registered to provide:

Transition to Year 7

at

Kabulwarnamyo, West Arnhem Land, NT

effective 1 January 2019

Registration is conditional on establishment of a formal mentor relationship with
Milkwood Steiner School until 31 December 2020.

The Hon Selena Uiibo MLA
Minister for Education

Certificate No. 51
Issued on 10 December 2018

Farewell

As we welcome Julie and Amber we farewell Daniel Constantinou, Danielle Ryan and their two girls Jacinda and Frances who are heading back to Bowraville in NSW. The family have spent 2 years at the Academy with Daniel here for almost 2.5 years.

Daniel and Danielle have supported the development of the Academy through the registration period that has been quite challenging with regard to constant monitoring, evaluation, panel and Ministerial visits. We very much thank Daniel and Danielle for their tremendous efforts and wish them all the best on their new adventures.