

# TIWICOLLEGE

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## Principal's Message



**Brian Clancy**

Wow...what a fantastic start to 2011.....

Now that the *Tiwi Education Board* have taken full control over governance and operations of the *Tiwi College* it's full steam ahead.

Lots of quality new and old Tiwi and non Tiwi staff and

students have come on board the *Tiwi College* direct flight to Excellence in Education.

Student numbers are at record levels with an early attendance rate in the high 90% and an ever growing waiting list of kids wanting to enrol at the College, which is a great vote of confidence in the new direction that we have taken....with a real focus on lifting literacy

and numeracy outcomes and preparing our future leaders of the Tiwi for the many jobs that are coming on line over the next couple of years in the Tiwi Private Economy.

I'd like to welcome and thank the students, staff and Tiwi Community for their enormous support in these early and exciting days of the new look *Tiwi College* and remind everyone that we all need to work together and encourage all of our kids to get on the bus every Monday so that we can deliver some real Tiwi Magic in Education.

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## Deputy Principal's Message



**James Russell**

Starting a new year in a school is always a bit of an unknown with questions such as, 'I wonder what the new staff will be like?' and 'Which students will decide to return?' running through my mind. Thankfully the answers to both of these ques-

tions for 2011 are very positive. The team of staff assembled at Tiwi College for this year include some very talented and enthusiastic new Teachers and House Parents and some outstanding Tiwi staff who are strong leaders and excellent role models for our students.

It has been fantastic to see so many familiar faces from last year return to our student body. Even more ex-

citing than this is the number of new students full of energy and enthusiasm who have joined our College.

So far this term it has been very pleasing to have our students showing some excellent behaviour and a real eagerness to work hard and learn. I am really looking forward to what we can experience and achieve together during 2011.

## *Senior School Young Women*

Our class has been very busy so far. We have been learning how to spell university words such as conscientious, which isn't easy at all for seniors like us, but the challenge is fun as we learn the English language rules.

Another thing we have been doing is the Sound Way program. We are learning how to hold our pencils and form our letters correctly.

We also learn the proper sounds letters can make when you read them, not just their alphabet name and

the rules for spelling words. This will make us better readers, writers and spellers. The Senior Young Women will also be working with Ms. Georgie and Mr. Nico producing the Tiwi College Newsletter and looking after the school website and Blog.

Every Friday we will work on writing, collecting and editing news stories to keep

our community informed about what is happening in our school.

Mr. Nico will help us use IT for the layout and to create a school Blog which we will post all the school news on.

Last week we wrote Auto-Bio Poems and look forward to publishing them in future Newsletters.

Stanlisha, Laura, Vanessa, Cassie, Alex



## *Senior School Young Men*

The Senior Young Men have had an excellent start to the school year at Tiwi College. We have a big group of enthusiastic boys led by 2 new teachers in Mr Troy and Mr Patty. The big focus for the boys is improving their literacy through the Sound Way program. The boys are also participating in numeracy classes, VET construction, IT

& conservation land management. Tiwi College Clontarf Football Academy is back this year bigger and better with Mr Dan and Mr Tippa. Already the senior boys have been on a fishing/leadership trip and have participated in 4 training sessions. All the students are

showing a good attitude to learn in and out of the classroom which is great to see!



## *Middle School Young Women*





## Middle School Young Men

The Middle School Young Men arrived at school on the first day with plenty of enthusiasm. The first two weeks the class has been getting to know each other.

We have been to the creek on numerous occasions, with the students launching themselves into the water, time and time again. Students have worked hard at most areas of their work. The students are also looking forward to getting stuck into The Sound Way program.

This week the students are headed to Darwin for a footy tournament. Richard Djorlom and Kim Kantilla have been elected by the class as our student leaders.

We look forward to the difference these two young leaders can make in our community.

Until Next time  
Middle School Young Men



## Junior School

The Junior students have started the year very well, we have 15 children coming to school almost every day. Our Teacher is Mr. Luke, his wife Shona and 1 year old daughter visit the classroom some days too. The ages of our students range from 5 years old through to 12

years old. We have been working really hard, setting up the classroom for the year ahead.

We have just started the Sound Way program which is a different and interesting way for us to learn to become better readers, writers

and spellers. We also have been working hard in Maths, getting our brains working fast.

We have also been doing lots of fun things like music, drama, PE, cooking, fishing and swimming in the creek. Some of the class

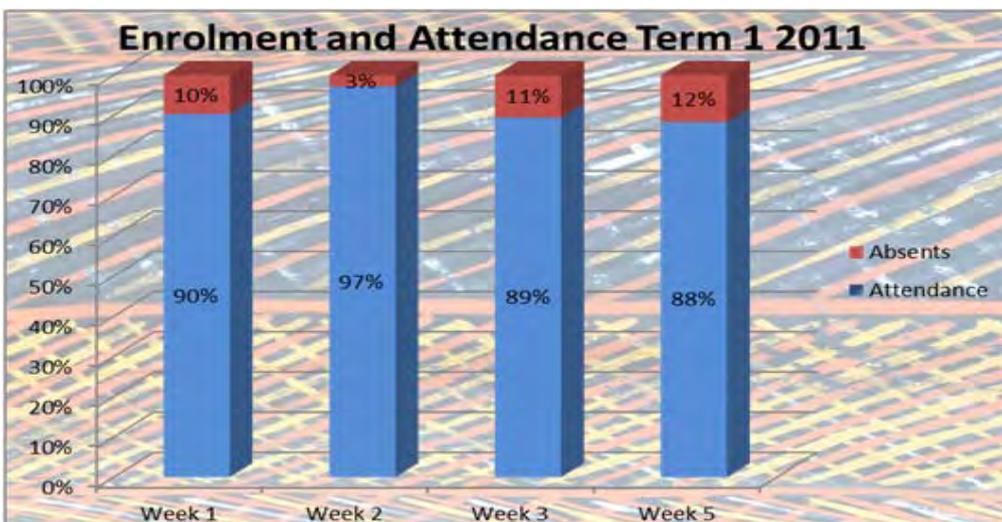
made vegetable fritters and pancakes for the Thursday night community dinner.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Written by,  
Jonas and Marie



## Attendance Report



# TIWICOLLEGE School Highlights

**REMEMBER:  
IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY!**



Happy Birthday to:

- 2 Jan Freddy Aputimi
- 9 Jan Jonas Drijver
- 17 Jan Frank Cunningham
- 26 Jan Steven Stasis
- 29 Jan Latina Puruntatameri
- 5 Feb Apisalome Ravula
- 8 Feb Chris Warlapinni
- 9 Feb Shane Tipuamantamerri
- 12 Feb Vanessa Daniels
- 13 Feb Luke Aputimi
- 19 Feb Kim Kantilla
- 19 Feb Nancy Puruntatameri



## RED DUST ROLE MODELS

On Thursday 10 February our school was visited by the team from Red Dust.

Students met and played Friday sports with Kyle Vander Kuyp. Kyle is an indigenous Australian athlete of the Wurundjeri tribe. He holds the Australian record for 110m Hurdles (13.29 sec) and the Australian record for 60m Hurdles indoors (7.73 sec), and has been National Champion 12 times. He also spoke to the students at assembly about staying healthy and the importance of finishing school.



## COMMUNITY DINNER

Sharing our meal time with all staff and students every Thursday under the covered area near the tramps is great.

We all get together for some good food and lots of fun and even dancing! All House Group Parents and staff bring some food and drinks to share. It's a good way for all of us to get to know other people.



## Interviewing Brian Clancy

Where did you come from?

*Melbourne*

Do you like it here?

*Yes because I believe that education is the key to a real life.*

What sort of job are you doing here?

*At the moment I'm principal.*

What do you like about being here?

*I like working at Tiwi College with the kids and staff. I also like it that the*

*Tiwi people are running the school.*

By Alex and Cassie



## FRIDAY HOUSE SPORTS

All students are enjoying the team sports on Friday afternoons before we go home. We are having competitions against each other in Volleyball, Touch and Basketball.

