

# MURRI JARJUM NEWS

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## THE YEAR SO FAR...

It's been a very busy year in the Murri Jarjum Room and with our students so far....

There have been visits by Universities, Deadly Choices programs, participating in the ATSIAP Challenge, Cluster Sport Day Activities, QATSIF Applications for our current Year 10 students, QATSIF Graduation Ceremony for our departing Year 12 students, NIB Summer School, Kari Foundation Scholarships (Year 10), NRL School to Work Program, NRL School to Work Youth Summit, Strong and Deadly Futures Program, AIME Mentor Program, staff training in Youth Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid, Primary School visits, study groups as well as putting together our amazing NAIDOC Celebrations and activity day.

As well as our day to day running of the room, we have been keeping track of and encouraging attendance, supporting our Murri Jarjum's when they require assistance, keeping an eye on their wellbeing, keeping our kitchen stocked with healthy food choices, attending meetings with our students if they request support and just generally providing support for our students to make their educational journey the best we can.

And the year is far from over.

This Term our Strong and Deadly Futures Program continues, the updated Deadly Choices Healthy Lifestyle Program is running for our Year 8's, study groups will continue and we have some exciting excursions planned for junior and senior students.

**Murri Jarjum Room – Our top priority with our students is to have them in the classroom. They should only be in the room during class time with their teacher's permission (unless there are extenuating circumstances) and only if there is a staff member present. Please call #403 to check.**



### *Goodbye Dee*

In Term 3 we had to say goodbye and thank you to our much loved staff member - Deana Lasserre.

Deana has been a part of PBC for quite a few years, in the Murri Jarjum Room and as a teacher and will be missed. Dee has taken up a position with TAFE Queensland.



### *Cluster Sports Day*

During GC5, Trish has been teaching our jarjums about bush tucker ingredients and bush tucker cooking..



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## ACU Visit

Connor Diffey from ACU came out in March to talk to our students about Indigenous Scholarships available at ACU and the different pathways available to them if they want to get into University.



## ATSIAP Challenge

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirations Program (ATSIAP) is an initiative for high-performing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attending Queensland state schools.

ATSIAP is a state-wide academic challenge for eligible students in Years 7 to 12. The program builds upon students' critical and creative thinking skills by providing opportunities to investigate solutions for real-world challenges. ATSIAP aims to raise students' expectations of themselves as learners and enhance post-school aspirations to include tertiary pathways.

We had a team of 4 students – Shaylee, Tayah, Bryony and Will, led by Mrs Apanui, compete in the Senior section this year. They were one of the youngest there. The challenge involves speech, poetry and art around a given topic.

Thank you to Aunty Joyce Summers for being a community voice for our students to engage with in regard to the Stolen Generation and White Australia Policy for this project.

Our young team excelled themselves, gaining second place in the regional challenge, putting themselves through to the State Challenge.



## Deadly Choices

We have been running our Deadly Choices Program again this year, with Years 7 in Term 2 and 3 completing the Healthy Lifestyle Program and the Tobacco Education Program. This Term we have the Year 9's completing the new updated Healthy Lifestyle Program.

The Deadly Choices program is for a group of up to 15 students and runs during P2 on a Wednesday.





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## NRL School to Work Program

The NRL's School to Work Program encourages young Indigenous Australians to complete their schooling and transition into further education and employment.

PBC's School to Work Program is affiliated with the Gold Coast Titans. We currently have 5 students in Year 12 and 6 in Year 11 involved in the program.

## QATSIF GRADUATING CEREMONY

The graduating ceremony for our Year 12 QATSIF students was held at Bond Uni at the start of August.

This ceremony is to acknowledge and celebrate our QATSIF Scholarship students on the Gold Coast.

PBC had one of the highest numbers of participating students.



## NRL SCHOOL TO WORK YOUTH SUMMIT

Congrats to Hayley Lyons who was picked to represent PBC and the Titans at the NRL School to Work Youth Summit in Sydney earlier this year.

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Summit is an opportunity for participants to interact with other young leaders through a series of workshops, activities and discussions around leadership, culture, teamwork, positive perceptions and more.



## WHAT IS QATSIF?

QATSIF was created to give Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families increased educational choices and life opportunities. It is an independent, not-for-profit trust managed by The Public Trustee of Queensland and operates through a small Secretariat. The funds used by QATSIF for its programs and activities are drawn from the interest earned on the original capital provided to The Public Trustee to establish the Trust.

The scholarship provides funds for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 11 and 12 students for educational expenses that are billed through the school. We have applied for scholarships for over 25 of our current Year 10 for next year. A lot of man hours go into getting these forms sorted and in. The funds are then held by the school and released when the students hit set attendance and academic targets



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## NAIDOC 2022

Week One in Term 3 we celebrated NAIDOC with our full school assembly.

The event was hosted by Tanu Nona and Bailee Whitehouse of Year 12. The Bundjalung Kunjil dancers performed with three of our students – Bella, Tia and Jakeem.

Our students also represented our school at Currumbin State Schools NAIDOC celebration at the end of Term 2.



Aunty Eulanda Simpson, Local Traditional Custodian was joined on stage by her Granddaughter Isla for our Welcome to Country.



Our NAIDOC Celebration is a chance for us to not only recognise and celebrate our Indigenous culture, but to also recognise and acknowledge our students and their achievements.

Students were recognised for outstanding attendance, high Academic results, sporting achievement, excellence in The Arts and contributions to community.



It was an honour to have Aunty Joyce Summers, Local Community Elder and Aunty Eulanda Simpson, Local Traditional Custodian at the ceremony, plus local Federal and Council Members, representatives of the P&C, representatives from Deadly Choices and NRL School to Work and teachers and students from our local Primary Schools attend.





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After the ceremony and a beautiful morning tea, our Indigenous students were then invited to the Clontarf room for an afternoon of traditional games and arts and crafts.



## STRONG AND DEADLY FUTURES

Strong and Deadly Futures is a school-based alcohol and drug prevention program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students that is culturally inclusive, incorporates cultural strengths and focuses on empowerment.

Currently this Term our Year 8 students are participating in this program at the school, which runs on Wednesdays.



# AIME

## AIME GLOBAL AMBASSADORS OF EQUALITY

Congratulations to Harpa Whittnall (Year 8) for representing Palm Beach Currumbin High School in the AIME Global Ambassadors for Equality program.





# KALWUN

Every six to twelve months, we invite Kalwun Health Service to the school to conduct regular health checks with the students.

The students must be over 14 years age and a client of Kalwun Health Service to participate.

## STUDENT HEALTH CHECKS



## FAREWELL YEAR 12

We said farewell to our Year 12 students, as they had their last official day of classes. We are very proud of the 27 students we have graduating this year.

Some of the students called past the room to say goodbye – and we even had a visit from a few of our past students.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

Trish Borg and Andy Lovell have been visiting local primary schools, to introduce themselves to the students who are coming to Palm Beach Currumbin next year, and make them aware of Clontarf and the Murri Jarjum Room and the support available at the school.

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## YOUTH ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER TRAINING COURSE

During August PBC Staff members Trish, Naomi, Kylie, Janette, Paul, Ethan and Elaine were joined by staff from Robina and Miami State High Schools and staff from Dunwich State School on Stradbroke Island in a 2-day Youth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aider Training with Aunty Margaret Saunders.

The course involved learning how to assist Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander young people who may be developing a mental illness, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves.



## FAREWELL ANDY

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Andy Lovell from Clontarf. It has been a pleasure to work with him and the relationship between the Murri Jarjum Room and Clontarf has grown so much stronger under his care.

The work he does with the boys is amazing, and we know he will be greatly missed by the students and staff. We wish him all the best on the next stage of his journey at Bond Uni.

**STUDENT ARTWORK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**  
The artwork featured on Page 1 is by Tia and Bella, created as part of our Wumgin Karulbo Excursion to Currumbin Valley.

## MURRI JARJUM TEAM

Trish Borg: Proud Bundjalung woman and Local Community Member.

Community Liaison Officer (W-F)

Naomi Apanui: Local Community Member

Teacher, House Leader, MJ Team (T-Th)

Kylie Cox:

Teacher Aide, Admin (M-T)

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