**WCC Welcomes New Staff for 2015**

Western Cape College welcomed 18 new staff across all campuses, and also welcomed back 9 staff from extended leave.

Joining us at the Weipa Campus are:-

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<td>Emily Hutchinson (Prep)</td>
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<td>Heidi Johnston (Yr 1)</td>
<td>Casey Bennett (Manual Arts)</td>
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<td>Brendon Mears (Jnr Maths/ Science)</td>
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<td>Trudy Sinnamon (Yr 6)</td>
<td>Karin Stokman (Business/ Maths/ Science)</td>
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<td>Cassandra Duykers (Yr 7)</td>
<td>Kylie Stafford (SEP)</td>
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<td>Ruth Estravis (4-6 ALP)</td>
<td>Justine Hirst (SEP)</td>
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<td>Kelly Harrison (Snr English)</td>
<td>Susan Leiter (Student Wellbeing Officer)</td>
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<td>Laura Ridolfi (Snr Maths)</td>
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The Mapoon Campus has a new Head of Campus for 2015, welcome to Jo Ross.

The Residential Campus now has a teacher employed full-time to support the students, welcome to Bronwyn (Bonnie) Jones. Also joining the Residential Campus team is Chris Brown. Chris was leading our Aurukun Secondary Program in 2014, and prior to that worked in Weipa in the PPTS program.

We also welcome existing staff to their new positions for 2015:-

- Siobhan Wilson – Head of Teaching & Learning (10-12)
- Ashley Spain – Head of VET & Employment
- Rod Wawrzyniak – Head of Teaching & Learning (7-9)
- Emma-Lee Cover (Guidance Officer Secondary)

Returning from leave are:-

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<td>Alison Stillman (P-3 ALP)</td>
<td>Cassie Lobley (Mastery)</td>
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<td>Amanda Haines (P-3 ALP)</td>
<td>Angela Hix - Head of Teaching &amp; Learning (Specialists)</td>
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<td>Erica Canuto (Yr 3)</td>
<td>Jenny Sabatino (Snr Maths)</td>
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<td>Tina Anderson (Yr 7)</td>
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<td>Cicely Baira (Sec. Drama)</td>
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**KEY CALENDAR DATES**

The following dates are correct at time of printing & may change in subsequent newsletters.

- 02/02 – Parent Orientation Jnr Secondary (7-9)
- 03/02 - P-6 Assembly
- 03/02 – Parent Orientation P-6
- 03/02 – Parent Orientation Snr Secondary (10-12)
- 12/02 – Weipa P & C Meeting
- 13/02 – 4-12 Swimming Carnival
- 23/02 – Secondary Badge Ceremony
- 24/02 – Primary Badge Ceremony
- 24/02 – Yr 8 & Yr 10 School Immunisation Program
- 03/03 - P-6 Assembly
- 11/03 – Weipa Campus Open Day
- 23-27/03 – Weipa Campus progress interviews
- 24/03 – WCC Cross Country
- 27/03-02/04 – Assessment Block
I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our students and families for 2015. The first week of the school year is always the most exciting and this year has been one of our best starts to a new school year.

Based on our continued growth in enrolments and the joining of Year 7 into the Junior Secondary sector, we have commenced the new structure of our primary and secondary areas. This change has allowed the Leadership and Management Teams to narrow their areas of focus and invest more focused time on designated areas.

The Weipa Leadership Team consists of Ms Lisa O’Malley (Head of Primary), Mrs Michelle Howe (Head of Secondary), Mrs Mary Fagan (Head of Student Wellbeing), and Mrs Nikki Schell (Head of Diverse Learning). Along with these changes, there has also been a change with the position of the Head of Weipa Campus. The Head of Weipa Campus is now the College Associate Principal. Mr Craig Law is the College Associate Principal. The focus of this position is on student well-being, positive behaviour support and attendance. My role as the College Principal is focused on Teaching and Learning.

The below organisational chart provides a basic outline of the 2015 Western Cape College Leadership structure.

These changes do not affect the process our students or parents follow when requiring assistance or if they have any concerns. The first point of call is always the classroom teacher.

If the concern or request is related to the **ACADEMIC AREA** the following referral process is in place;

1. Classroom Teacher
2. Relevant Head of Teaching & Learning
3. Head of Primary or Head of Secondary
4. College Principal

If the concern or request is related to the **STUDENT WELLBEING AREA (behaviour)** the following referral process is in place;

1. Classroom Teacher
2. Relevant Positive Behaviour Support Teacher
3. Head of Positive Behaviour Support
4. Associate Principal
If the concern or request is related to the **STUDENT WELLBEING AREA** *(attendance and student services)*

the following referral process is in place;

1. Classroom Teacher
2. Attendance Officers or Guidance Officers
3. Head of Student Wellbeing
4. Associate Principal

If the concern or request is related to the **MORE SUPPORT WITH STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AREA**

the following referral process is in place;

1. Classroom Teacher
2. Case managing Special Needs Teacher
3. Head of Diverse Learning
4. College Principal

I know all staff are looking forward to working with families this year in ensuring every student continues to progress on the pathways of their choice. We know that we cannot do this alone and together we can provide the very best opportunity for all of our students.

Leon Proud, WCC Principal

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**2015 Australian Student Leadership Conference**

While the rest of the Western Cape College students were enjoying the end of their holiday, six of our Senior Student leaders for 2015 travelled to Townsville with Mrs Baira to complete the 2015 Australian Student Leadership Conference (ASLC).

Affectionately known as yLead, students completed 3 full days and nights of challenges and rewarding experiences for student leaders around Far North Queensland. Western Cape College has been attending yLead since 2005 and every year, the students come back more enthusiastic and ready to lead the College. They have already introduced a new form of ‘clapping’ when appreciating a speaker or acknowledging some hard work, and have plans for some after school sport and fundraising starting with Clean up Australia Day.

Thank you to Meg Emery-Gordon (College Captain), Jack James (College Captain), Kyla Barham (Flinders Head of House), Jessica Jia (Evans Head of House), Kai Bowie (Environmental Leader) and Lauren Clark (Welfare Captain) for a very memorable 5 days away. Your professionalism and willingness to participate had many of the yLead teachers and other students sitting up and wanting to know which school you were part of. Every time, you each said very proudly, WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE WEIPA.

Miss Baira

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Queensland Country Credit Union will be collecting

**SCHOOL BANKING** every Wednesday as of 28.01.15

If your child would like to open an account with us, please visit or call the Branch on 4069 7555 or Email weipa@qccu.com.au
It is with great pride that I begin the role of **Head of Primary** by welcoming all families to the new school year.

I know many will agree that the 2015 got off to an extremely smooth start, and it has to be said that we were very confident it would. With such an exceptional team of Primary Teachers, Teacher’s Aides and Support Staff, the first day of school was certain to be a success - as will be each of the days following.

This year, our priorities are very clear;
- provide high quality teaching
- improve reading, and
- improve attendance

With such a sharp focus, we expect to meet all targets that we set for student achievement and teacher performance, particularly where we have the support of each child’s first and most influential teacher – their parents.

Connecting families with education is certainly another key priority this year. We want parents to continue in their vital teaching roles, so at every opportunity, we will provide the tools that empower them to do so.

The first of many such opportunities to acquire these tools will be at the upcoming **2015 Primary Parent Orientation Evening**, beginning at 7:00pm in the Resource Centre on Tuesday the 3rd of February (Week 2). The evening will open with an **Official Welcome** by school leaders, promptly followed by ‘**Class Orientation Sessions**’ for each year level.

These sessions will provide parents/guardians with a great opportunity to meet the Classroom Teacher and learn about the teaching & learning expectations for the year level. Each teacher will conduct their session in their classroom twice, so that families are able to meet with more than one child’s teacher across the evening.

This will also be an opportunity to meet our Primary **Heads of Teaching & Learning**, Emma Marshall (P-3), Liz Hansford (4-6) and Kira Mariez (Accelerated Learning Program). Each of these leaders has very high expectations for the quality of teaching and learning that occurs in their sectors of schooling, and I am very confident that they will lead their teams with great expertise in 2015.

I look forward to meeting with parents at this event, and working closely with families across the school year to ensure every child’s success in learning.

*Miss Lisa O’Malley*
Head of Primary – Weipa Campus
The Western Cape College Performing Arts team is excited to announce the Musical for 2015, ‘THE WIZ’. The Wiz follows the story of Dorothy as she is whisked off into fantasy Munchkin land and meets Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion. Off to see the Wizard, who turns out to be a phony, but with the help of her new friends, they all live happily after.

The Musical is open to all Secondary students from Years 7 – 9, with auditions being held at the end of Week 2, with rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday afternoons to commence in Week 3.

DATE SAVER: The Wiz will be performed in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) on Thursday June 11, Friday June 12 and Saturday June 13.

Year nine student Matilda (Tilly) Rehn is going to be brave and shave for the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave on 13th March.

She also plans on donating her pony tail to Pantene Beautiful Lengths to be made into wigs for women with cancer. Her aim is to raise $2000 and she would love for you to help her achieve this goal.

The link to her website page is [http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/Tillyrehn](http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/Tillyrehn) for making donations by credit card. Otherwise she has a receipt book if you see her out and about or at school.

Eligible students & families wishing to apply for a WCCCA Education Bursary are advised that applications for the next meeting close Friday 10th April 2015.

Parents can apply for a uniform/book pack for the start of the 2015 school year making “back to school” much easier.

_Dogs on School Grounds – Important_

Western Cape College recognises that the presence of dogs on or near school grounds may represent a risk of injury to students, staff and visitors at the school. Having dogs on school grounds present a potential risk of children being bitten or injured. This uncontrolled contact with dogs is also stressful for some students. For this reason, a ‘no dogs on school grounds’ policy is in place.

Assistance animals (i.e. Seeing Eye dogs) are exempt from this policy.

The guidelines state that no dogs are to be brought onto school grounds at any time, as well as Dogs must not be tied up around the main entrances to the school grounds where children may have to walk past them.

Please contact the office for a copy of this policy if you would like further information.
From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

School land is defined as land on which a:

- state school provides education programs under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- non-state school provides primary education, secondary education or special education under the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2011
- state or non-state school provides other educational facilities, instruction or activities, for example, sports grounds, and including land that is owned or leased by the school.

**Five metre buffer**

The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.


Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding this change in law.

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**Guidance News**

**From the Guidance Officers**

_Melissa Maher (P-6) and Emma-Lee Cover (7-12)_

Welcome back to school the first days and weeks can be a mixture of emotions as students both big and little settle into new routines with new teachers and friends. Fatigue can impact on how well students settle back into school, so it is important as parents that our children are getting enough sleep, nutrition and water to sustain them. Positive conversations can assist your child to make the transition, asking “what was the best part of your day?”, rather than “how was school”. More information in relation to children transitioning into school can be found on these helpful websites


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**Introduction from Emma-Lee Cover, Guidance Officer**

This week I have spent a lot of time trying to get to know the students in the 7-12 area. Having been at Western Cape College as the Head of VET & Employment for the last 4 years I have developed solid relationships with the Year 11 and 12 students, but getting to know the other 300 Secondary students is proving to be a challenge!

I am looking forward to 2015, you can contact me on 07 4090 6474, _ebrad54@eq.edu.au_ or through the main office to make an appointment to see me.

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**New Smoking Laws & Schools**

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The Western Cape College Weipa P&C Association need you!

Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to quality education for your children, gain a clear understanding of how the school operates and make new friends.

Up Coming meetings

General Meeting

Thursday 12 February 2015
7.00pm
Western Cape College Weipa Resource Centre (Library)

Come along and find out what exciting things we completed in 2014 and what is planned for 2015

P&C Annual General Meeting

Thursday 26 February 2015
7.00pm
Western Cape College Weipa Resource Centre (Library)

Executive positions available (voted at AGM)

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
QCPCA Delegate
Grants Officer
Fundraising Coordinator
Tuckshop Secretary
Tuckshop Treasurer

If you are interested in any of the executive roles please contact Cherie Woodham 0429-389876 or Cherie.woodham@riotinto.com for more information.

P & C News

General Information

Find us on Facebook

Western Cape College would like to invite you to join us on Facebook!
The College Facebook site is used to give quick updates on activities & events happening across the College, as well as share news and reminders.

If you haven’t already, go to http://www.facebook.com/WesternCapeCollege

Download the QSchools App to receive regular WCC updates, reminders newsletters, and other important information.

Office & Finance Hours

Below for your convenience are details of our office opening hours, as well as finance window hours.

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Finance Window Hours

The finance window is open to receive payments in person Monday to Friday from 8.00am – 11.30am.

Payments can also be made by EFT, and Credit Card over the telephone.

Please contact our office staff if you have any questions.