Welcome to 2015. As we head into what will be a challenging and busy year I would like to take this opportunity to re-introduce the WCC Council to the students and broader community. The College Council compromises both community, WCC staff and 2 elected student representatives and I am pleased to announce that this years’ students College Council representatives are; Ailie Coulta & Anna Dick.

The College Council plays and important role within the College Community. Overall the Council serves to improve student learning outcomes by helping to guide the strategic direction of the WCC. To do this we:

- Develop strategic directives and initiative
- Monitor the implementation of College policies and plans &
- Provide advice to the principal on strategic matters.

What we don’t do is become involved in the ‘everyday running of WCC’, this is a role for the Principal, Associate Principal and the many other groups and committees tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of a college with in excess of 1000 students.

In November 2014 the Council “signed off” and endorsed the ‘Good to Great schools’ program for WCC. This program aims to ensure a consistent, best practice, evidence based approach to teaching the Australian Curriculum from all staff. It is the Councils’ objective that this program will enhance the steady improvement of educational outcomes witnessed across WCC in recent times. It was encouraging to hear very positive reports from staff following the program training conducted in the last weeks of the Christmas holidays.

I would like to acknowledge the good work done by staff and most importantly last years’ senior class in respect to the attainment of a QCE (Qld Certificate of Education). I am proud to report that in 2014 we had 89% of students receive a QCE and 93% of students achieving an OP score 1-15. By comparison, in 2012 only 25.8% received a QCE and 63.6% scored an OP1-15. This improvement is a remarkable effort and everyone involved is to be congratulated. The attainment of a QCE is a very significant document for students in the search for post school employment and at a time when youth unemployment is very high is absolutely critical.

It was also decided at our last meeting for 2014 that the Council would financially sponsor the College Leadership Lounge which is a voluntary staff group committed to leadership self-development and the advancement of positive initiatives. We see the sponsorship of this group as a very positive step in the development of the staff of WCC and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

And finally, I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with the Student Leadership consortium for 2015 and I was very impressed with their enthusiasm and desire to create an inclusive, safe and productive college environment. I think it will be the best year yet.

I look forward to providing regular updates on College Council meetings and priorities.

Scott McCahon
Chair Western Cape College Council
Welcome to another school year for all our families and students. Also, an extended welcome to our many new families who have moved to Weipa, Napranum, or have children attending the Residential Campus.

As Leon Proud stated in last week’s newsletter my role has changed from Head of Weipa Campus to College Associate Principal. This role change is to enable the work focus areas undertaken by the College Principal (Leon Proud) and the Associate Principal (myself) to have a sharper focus. A major focus of my role is leading the WCC staff create a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment through the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) team and School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Framework (SWPBS).

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a framework that helps schools to plan and implement practices across the whole school, to improve educational and behaviour outcomes for all students. The SWPBS framework is founded on a positive approach to whole school wellbeing with targeted approaches for students with higher levels of need.

The primary aim of SWPBS is to improve educational outcomes for students. It achieves this through:

- prevention of behaviour problems and management of existing issues positively and consistently
- developing skills and knowledge in schools for better teaching and learning
- creating and maintaining a better school environment for students, teachers and the whole school community
- explicitly teaching positive behaviors through targeted lessons at school which is supported by families in the home environment.

Students who are choosing Positive Behaviours are rewarded firstly through increased learning, leading to higher results but also through the school SWPBS prize program.

Positive Behaviour Support for individual students through case management includes:

- concentrating primarily on preventing the occurrence of an identified behaviour by avoiding or adapting the circumstances that usually trigger this behaviour
- focusing on building skills to use or developing alternative preferred behaviours
- considers the motivation for or functions of behaviours
- values the student and their attempts at positive interaction
- uses the students strengths and interests to increase success
- increases an individual’s quality of life by supporting increased access and engagement.

Research also shows that a strong disciplined environment should not only have rules and rewards but must also contain consequences which are followed through. At school, the consequences for negative behaviour can vary from simply “fixing your wrong” through to suspensions or exclusion.

The College positive behaviour expectations are set high through the support of the College Council and P&C. One of our school priorities is to ensure every child learns in a Safe, Disciplined and Supportive environment. This creates a culture of positive behaviour for learning within our campuses and communities. Every staff member is committed to creating a positive environment where students are self-disciplined to achieve greater learning outcomes.

I ask that your family supports your children to make positive choices at school and work together with us to ensure our core business of learning is not disrupted.

Craig Law, Associate Principal

Make 2015 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.
Attendance – Every Day Counts At Western Cape College

We would like to have all of our students at school every day learning and achieving in their classroom. There will be times when they are unable to come to school for a variety of reasons eg sick.

In 2015 Western Cape College has set a target of zero unexplained absences.

If your child is away from school we would like you to inform the school by

1. Ringing the Admin office on 40906444
2. Emailing Absences@weipnortss@eq.edu.au
3. Sending a note when your child returns to school

Please provide the following information – Name of child/children, reason for absence, and expected day of return.

If your child brings a yellow absence note home – can you please fill it out and send it with your child the next school day.

We will be operating a text message system as well. This will send messages to you informing you of your child’s absence which will be unexplained at the time. Please contact the Admin office to inform the reason of their absence. There will be more information about the text messaging in the next newsletter.

If you have any questions about attendance and absences please contact the school and your queries can be directed to Mary Fagan – Head of Student Wellbeing.
Over the last couple of weeks, I have enjoyed getting to know our secondary students, whilst participating in a number of activities across the Campus. I will continue to build relationships with our students; through my walk-throughs of classrooms on Monday’s and Friday’s, involvement in lunch time activities and my involvement in the many events that will occur throughout the year.

In the first week of school our students participated in our Orientation Week (O-Week) program. Students were involved in a number of student wellbeing and academic activities. The activities were designed to:

- Introduce our Year 7 & 8 students to Secondary Schooling
- Provide our students with skills and the necessary knowledge to make effective choices, to allow them to engage in their learning
- Provide an opportunity for our Year 7 & 8 students to meet & get to know our Year 12 students
- Deliver our Western Cape College- Behaviour, Attendance and Learning expectations

Highlight events included:

- Enlighten Education & Oydssey Student Wellbeing workshops
- “Guard of Honour”- officially welcoming our Year 7 & 8 students to Junior Secondary
- “Getting to Know You” activities for our Yr 7 & 8 students- Facilitated by our School Based Health Nurse and Year 12 students
- Year level activities- Amazing Race- Yr 7, 8 & 12 students, Minute to Win It- Yr 9 & 10, Blind Folded Ropes Activity- Yr 11
- Finale Friday Night Event- Movie Night

In Week 2, we hosted four Parent Orientation Information Sessions. Thank you to the parents, who attended these sessions.

Key Secondary Messages:

- New Structure- Head of Primary & Head of Secondary
- Key Priorities in 2015- Reading & QCE attainment

Junior Secondary Key Messages

- What does Junior Secondary look like at WCC?
- Strategies implemented using the Six Junior Secondary Guiding Principles; Distinct identity, Quality teaching, Student wellbeing, Parent and community involvement, Leadership & local decision-making

Senior Secondary Key Messages

- Senior Secondary Expectations
- Goals for Senior Secondary
- What is the QCE?

If you would like further information, regarding these sessions please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Week Three we held our first Junior Secondary & Senior Secondary parades. Parades will be held every fortnight on a Monday. Students are encouraged to wear their formal uniforms to this parade.

Our Junior Secondary & Senior Secondary assemblies will be held once a term. They will be a celebration of the successes that have occurred over the term and we would like to invite all of our families to attend these assemblies. The first assembly will be in Week 9. I will advise you of the time, in my next Secondary Update.

Key Messages at Junior Secondary & Senior Secondary Parades

- Sun Safety- all Secondary students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat at lunch times and during Health & Physical Education classes
- Jewelry- please refer to your child’s student diary for specific details. Please ensure that your child only wears jewelry items that are listed in the diary.
- Assessment Schedule- all students in Secondary have received a copy of their assessment schedule for this semester. Please take the time to review this schedule with your child.

Michelle Howe, Head of Secondary
Out & About in the Secondary School

Year 7 Guard of Honour

Enlighten Education
New School-Based Trainees 2015

What an exciting way to start the year for four students at Western Cape College!

On return to school in 2015, Year 11 & 12 students Jacinta Markcrow, Hayden Allen, Tom Wait and Jesse Malimonenko were busy attending a recruitment process for the School-Based Traineeship Program offered by Skill360/Rio Tinto Alcan Weipa.

Since completing Staff Inductions, Drug and Alcohol Testing and the Sign-Up Process over the weeks, the new recruits commenced their first work shift on site this week......awesome job guys!

Thank you parents for providing your support for the students, we wish them a successful journey this year and throughout their School-Based Traineeship.


School Immunisation Program WCC - Weipa

The 2015 School Immunisation Program for year 8 and 10 students will be coming on the following dates:

- 24th February 2015
- 28th April 2015
- 25th August 2015
- 24th November 2015

Year 8 students are eligible for the following immunisation:
Varicella (Chicken Pox), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis (whooping Cough).

Year 10 students are eligible for the following immunisation:
Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis (Whooping Cough).

Please fill out, sign and return consent form to the School office by Monday 13th February 2015

Contact number for enquiries - 40823676

Thankyou School Immunisation Program Team
Defence Work Experience Opportunity - RAAF Flight Camp For Girls

Interested?
Please see Mrs Bradford for further details on how to apply for this amazing opportunity.

Reminder
The Weipa Campus P & C AGM is on Thursday 26th February.
7pm in the Resource Centre.

2015 Western Cape College Scholarships

Western Cape College prides itself on promoting excellence in students across the academic, cultural and sporting domains. The scholarship program aims to encourage and support students who already demonstrate excellence and outstanding achievements to further develop their talents.

Western Cape College Scholarships are available to responsible young people in years 7-12 prepared to strive for their personal best, who will become a credit to their families, and the College.

Academic, Sporting, VET, Spirit, and Community & Leadership Scholarships are available in 2015. Applications and further information can be obtained from the WCC Website, www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au

Applications must be received by Friday 20th February.

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.

Please contact the Trust office on 4069 7945 for further information and application forms.
Our College musical has now kicked off rehearsals and we are well underway for our 3 performance evenings June 11, 12, 13 in term 2. We are proud to announce we will be performing The Wiz, a musical re-telling of L. Frank Baum’s ‘The Wizard of Oz’ with dashes of soul and funk thrown in. We are very proud of our cast and crew! Rehearsals are every Monday and Wednesday with a few weekend rehearsals as we get closer to the show.

We are still looking for many helpers for sewing and creating costumes and sets, as well as on the night helpers for backstage and set-up. Please let Ang Hix ahix1@eq.edu.au or Cicely Baira cbair24@eq.edu.au know if you are able to help out. Cheers!! The Arts Team 😊

THE WIZ CAST 2015

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Congratulations Duyifken!

2015 Winners of the WCC Years 4-12 Swimming Carnival. First time in 10 years, well done!!

Photos & full results will be in the next newsletter
Western Cape College, Weipa Campus is once again offering a free After School program - Sporting Schools for students in Years 1-3 and 4-7. This involves teachers and/or experienced/qualified community members providing a fun and active school program of varied games and sports. Afternoon tea will be provided free as soon as the children arrive.

Please return permission notes as soon as possible!

**Sporting Schools Term 1 2015**

**Students in years 1-3 are invited to participate**
- **Day:** Wednesday
- **Activity:** Mixed Ball Sports
- **Facilitators:** Miss Danielle Ray, Miss Elizabeth Killalea
- **Time:** 3-4pm
- **Dates:** 11/2, 18/2, 25/2, 4/3, 11/3, 18/3, 25/3, 1/4
- **Meeting Place:** WISH Building WCC
- **Parent Collection Place:** WISH Building WCC

**Students in years 4-7 are invited to participate**
- **Day:** Thursday
- **Activity:** Mixed Ball Sports
- **Facilitators:** Miss Lauren Fripp, Miss Kelly Harrison
- **Time:** 3:15-4:15pm
- **Dates:** 12/2, 19/2, 26/2, 5/3, 12/3, 19/3, 26/3, 2/4
- **Meeting Place:** WISH Building WCC
- **Parent Collection Place:** WISH Building WCC

**Library Message**

Dear Parents,

If your children still have books at home from last year, can you please bring them to the library as soon as possible. Replacement invoices will be issued later in the term for any books not returned.

Thank you in advance,
WCC Library Staff

**Student Resource Scheme**

Parents & Caregivers are asked to confirm whether or not they are participating in the 2015 Student Resource Scheme.

The participation agreement was distributed last week to all students.

Thank you to those parents & caregivers who have returned the form.

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the scheme.

**AUSTRALIAN AIRFORCE CADETS**

**Squadron 112 WEIPA QLD**

**CADET ENROLMENT**

(AAFC cadets are to be 13 years of age on enrolment)

Enrolment will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday 20 February, 9am - 1pm
- Tuesday 24 February, 4pm – 7pm

**Venue:** Western Cape College, Resource Centre (entry via front gate of the College; first building on left side as you walk through the gate).

The AAFC acknowledges Western Cape College for allowing the use of their facilities.

Parents or guardians must attend with their children to complete the enrolment forms on their nominated date.

The **first CADET PARADE and information evening** will commence on **Monday 2 March from 5-8pm** at the Army Reserve, 51 Battalion, Evans Landing. Parents and/or guardians and enrolled cadets must attend this evening to receive an introduction to cadet life and what can be expected each week during the first year of recruit and basic training (regular parade nights will be held every Monday during the school term from 5-8pm, with one Tuesday evening each month).

**Enquiries, or to receive an enrolment pack if you cannot attend on one of the above dates:**
Lyn Russell (Training Officer 112SQN Weipa)  
M: 0408 248 852  
E: lynruss24@gmail.com
Do's

- Only drop off and collect from designated parks.
- Remember the speed limit in the school zone is 40km/hour.
- Acknowledge the 5 minute parking signs out the front of the school. This allows others to park and safely drop off/collect their child.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.

Don'ts

- Don't stop or drop/collect from the roadway or crossing. This is very unsafe and is illegal.
- Don't stop or drop/collect in front of driveways or entrances. This prevents others from entering/exiting.
- Don't encourage your child to wait for you by the side of the road.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school. Use the roundabout, or if necessary, drive around the block.

Date Correction

The WCC Cross Country is on Tuesday 17th March, not the 24th March as showing on the calendar magnet.

Community News

RELIEF TEACHERS WANTED!

Western Cape College is seeking both primary and secondary relief teachers for 2015.

Please provide the following:

- Full contact details
- Days that you would be available in Term 1 and Term 2
- Teaching preferences, ie primary, secondary or specialist classes
- If you have not worked at the School previously, a copy of your resume will be required.

Email Craig Law, Associate Principal with your details on claw55@eq.edu.au

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 and

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.