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FROM THE HEAD OF BOARDING

The start of every school year in a boarding school is quite unique. Not only do the students deal with new timetables, teachers, and changes in their curriculum, for a new boarder the challenge of adjusting to a whole new routine can be quite demanding. At the same time excitement abounds: the chance to meet new people and make new friends, which most do so readily and easily, the chance to do lots of things with 'brothers' from over 40 different communities is an education in itself. For some boys it can be quite demanding learning to look after themselves: making a bed, putting clothes into the wash, learning to look after their property, knowing what is happening next, and learning what is permitted and what is not is a great deal to carry around in the mind of a young person. Add to that the experience of homesickness, and yes, having to sit down and do night study...well, what a transition your boys make! Yet surprisingly most do it very well and learn very fast.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Every Monday—Youth Group @ TTC/
The Dairy 6:30pm—8:30pm

Every Tuesday—Christian Meditation
@ TTC 7:40pm—8:20pm

29th APR—Cross Country

5th MAY—Edmund Rice Day

20th—23rd MAY—Boarders Long
Weekend leave

23rd—30th MAY—Bond University
Visit

27th MAY—National Sorry Day

27th MAY—3rd JUNE—National Rec-
onciliation Week

3rd JUNE—School Photos & Mabo
Day

As family you wonder how they will go. For parents/grandparents and carers, it is a great risk that you take in entrusting your boys to our care. We deeply appreciate and acknowledge that. We thank you for entrusting your boys to our care and for beginning a partnership in their development. It is indeed for us a great privilege.

Recently, I was reading a talk that Pope Francis gave on education. He shared this insight: 'Education means taking risks. An educator who does not know how to take risks does not educate. A father and a mother who do not know how to take risks do not teach their child well. Taking risks in a reasonable way. What does this mean? Teaching how to walk. When you teach a child to walk, you teach them to take risks.' What does Pope Francis mean here? Well, in a very real way you have taken a big risk in sending your son to boarding school. You are risking that others will care for him, help him grow, seek his development and do this all within a context of safety and a place where your child will be happy.

At St. Teresa's we are absolutely dedicated to the safety and growth of your boy: spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially within the context of a happy environment. Part of their development requires communication between boys and family and family and school. This open communication strengthens the chances of your boy flourishing at St. Teresa's. We encourage you to come and stay if possible, to contact us via phone and email and to know that your boys can talk to you on the phone. Please never hesitate to contact us at any time.

We hope and pray that 2016 will be another great year for all of us, our boys, our families, and our communities. I wish you all God's blessings and every best wish.

Fr Pius SM
Head of Boarding

New students arrive

St. Teresa's College welcomes all the new students for 2016. Most have arrived now with a handful still waiting for Abstudy travel and other issues to be resolved. Hopefully by the start of term 2 all the boys will be here. Our new year 7's have settled in very well. In the first weeks of the term quite a number of boys have to make the adjustment from home to boarding school. For some it comes easy, and for others homesickness is a real challenge. The older boys have been outstanding in helping the homesick boys to adjust. It doesn't take long for the boys to overcome homesickness and settle in. Term 2 can be a time when boys feel homesickness more. The excitement of coming to a new place has settled down and boys are familiar with the routines, activities and classes and the Of course, not all boys get homesick and homesickness in itself is not a bad thing. Oftentimes the families are as homesick as the boys, they miss their boys when they return to school. Sometimes parents phone us and tell us that their son was in tears on the phone and we look outside to see them laughing, or swimming or playing football.



New Yr. 7 students, Kilas Pootchemunka with mother, Veronica and Jim Baira with mother, Sepie Baira accompanied by Principal Rob Corboy and Yr 7/8 teacher, Ms. Emily Ring



Ms. Anna Burberry with new Yr. 8 student, Kannju Bamboo with his mother Deborah



Yr. 11 student, Jaiden Baldwin with his brothers, new students Trent and Preston Baldwin



New Yr. 7 student, Brian Wason Jr. with his mother, Kelly Noble and father, Brian Wason Sr.



Fr. Pius gives a helping hand to new Yr. 7 student, McLean Edwards of Kowanyama



Julie Baker helping her son Hendrix Lampton label clothing in the Yr. 7 dorm

New students arrive



Norah Moses going through details with TAIHS Staff member Regina



Yr. 12 student and McGuire House Captain, Izaak Toby inducting new student, Danish Ben from Mornington Island



Ezra Bolton working his locker combination while aunty, Kristen Goongarra labels his belongings with Ezra's laundry number



Fr Pius showing Yr. 7 student Glen 'Sugaray' Gagai the laundry routine in McGuire dorm



Front—Ezra Bolton

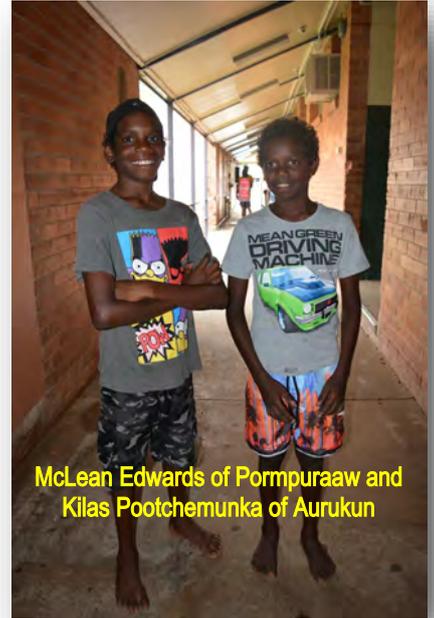


Fr Pius explaining the Residential routine

1st Week of 2016



Darby and Kirsty of Cater Care serve students in the lunch break



McLean Edwards of Pompuraaw and Kilas Pootchemunka of Aurukun



Yr. 7 students, Frank George of Mt Isa and Tyrone Mundraby of Mareeba



Yr. 11 student Jarvis Darkan



Yr. 11 students Richard Kaitap, Ezekiel Peter & Tristin Pensio



Yr. 10 students Raymond Kepa and David Esrom with photo bomber, Kelvin Gestors



Yr. 12 student, Pryce Morris



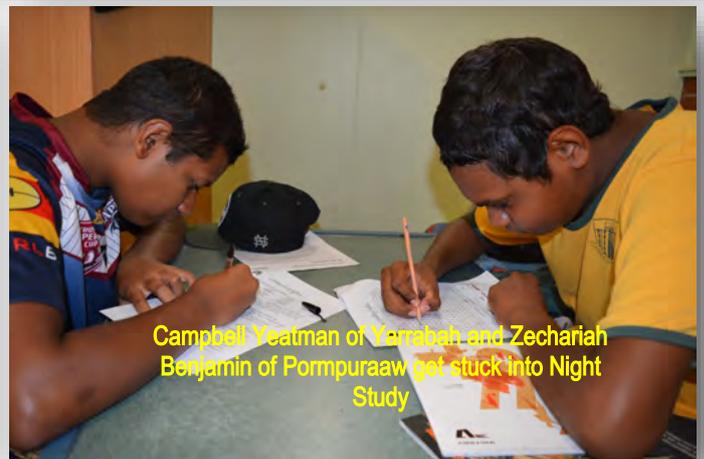
Yr. 11 students with their Residential Coordinator and 2iC for Boarding, Mr. Daniel David



Yr. 10 students, Thomas Pensio, Kailu Hankin, Jarvis Connolly-Neal and Tyrek Archer pictured with Resident Coordinator, Ben Turagabeci & Residential Supervisor, Peter Corboy



Brandyn Castors (Palm Is), Bryton Taylor (Burketown), Greg McInerney (Woorabinda)



Campbell Yeatman of Yarrabah and Zechariah Benjamin of Pompuuraw get stuck into Night Study



Yr. 8 students, Norma Mardu, Bryce Kebisu and Ben Depoma with Yr. 9 student, Maia Au



Visiting Hairdresser



As promised, we now have hairdressers who come to the College on a regular basis. This has been a huge success with up to 30 boys lining up for a haircut. We have had to ask some boys to go and have their hair cut however by and large, the majority of the boys choose to go themselves. We ask all our families to please read the handbook, both printed and on-line, regarding the policy of the College on haircuts and we thank the majority for supporting the boys in having appropriate haircuts. If any family would like a printed copy of the Residential Handbook, please contact us and we will post one out.



Jodie Lino and Sasha from Jojo's Place cutting hair in the Res Office

Matty Bowen 9s

The Matty Bowen Carnival was made particularly special this year because Matty himself was here on the day. Matty brought his family up to join with the boys throughout the whole day. All games were played in great spirit.

In the end it was pleasing to see Ignatius Park College being presented with the trophy by Matty Bowen himself.





Yr. 12 student, Liam Bowen showing the changes in Boarding to his uncle, Gowrie Old Boy and Rugby League Legend, Matty Bowen and family



Matty Bowen with nephews from Hopevale who are current students at the College from Grade 8 to 12



International soccer superstar and St Teresa's College staff member, Ashley Spina being interviewed by Seven News





PALM SUNDAY

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The boys last Mass for the term was Palm Sunday. As a College community, along with the parishioners, we gathered outside the church for the blessing of the palms, after which we processed into the chapel. Mr David Andrews gathered palm branches and made little crosses out of them. These crosses were blessed by our Parish Priest, Fr Damian, and the boys were encouraged to keep them. The photo below shows the blessing of the palms.



Galiwin'ku - Elcho Island



Recently, Rob Corboy, Aaron Thaiday and Father Pius visited Elcho Island. This was the first of our visits to the Island. Although a brief visit, we conducted interviews and met quite a number of families and extended family members. The hospitality and welcome was really something. Not only did we conduct interviews, we also had the opportunity to meet many people and had a brief tour of some places on the Island. Memorable was the visit to Dumbala, the land of our boys. We were all struck by the natural beauty of the island and the warmth of the people. We certainly look forward to going back in the not too distant future. Before going to Galiwin'ku we stayed in Darwin and there met two families, both of whom have boys at the College. The main focus of our visits is to meet the families of the boys who are attending St. Teresa's College. It also helps us to appreciate the distances the boys have to travel to be with us, and give us a glimpse of the land and culture where these boys come from. Sincere thanks to the families in NT for giving us such a warm welcome and for taking the time to show us around.





Fiji Appeal

A local Fijian man is calling for community support to help his village rebuild in the wake of Cyclone Winston.

Ben Turagabeci's (Mr. T) village of Nabukadra in northwest Fiji was completely decimated after winds of more than 300km tore through the seaside community on February 20. "It was declared 'ground zero'," he said.

"It was one of the worst hit areas.

"Residents were supplied with tents and food, but all of the crops are gone. My family went diving just after the cyclone hit and there were no fish in the reef."

The small community was dealt another blow in the weeks following with Category 3 Cyclone Zena passing through. It was enough to uproot tents and soak the small amount of food they had.

Mr. Turagabeci said of the 35 homes in his village, only two withstood the powerful storms.

"The community hall is standing, and three other houses were partly damaged. Everything else is gone," he said.

"Most people are now living in the community hall, and they expect to be there for another two or three months."

While the community is slowly starting to replant its destroyed crops, it could take up to eight months before they are harvested.

With residents relying solely on canned and non-perishable food, Mr. Turagabeci is calling for local residents to dig deep.

The Abergowrie resident and his wife, Merelita, who both work at St Teresa's College with the endorsement of the College Leadership Team, have raised about \$3000 through donations, raffles and curry drives. St. Peter's School, Halifax have gotten on board by focusing on the people of Nabukadra, Fiji as their charity for 2016. The Ingham Catholic Church with the support of Fr Damian have also been collecting donations for the shipping container.

Mr. David Andrews is a Woodwork teacher at the College who has tasked his Woodwork classes to make toys for the children of Nabukadra Village. The College boys have been excited about their charity work as some have said it is great to help Mr. T and the village kids and bring a smile to their faces. *(photos featured)*.

"We're asking for donations for everything from beds, kitchenware, clothes and food," he said.

"We're trying to organise a container to be shipped to Fiji, which is going to cost about \$6000.

"If there is anyone in the Ingham district who could help us to organise this, it would be greatly appreciated."

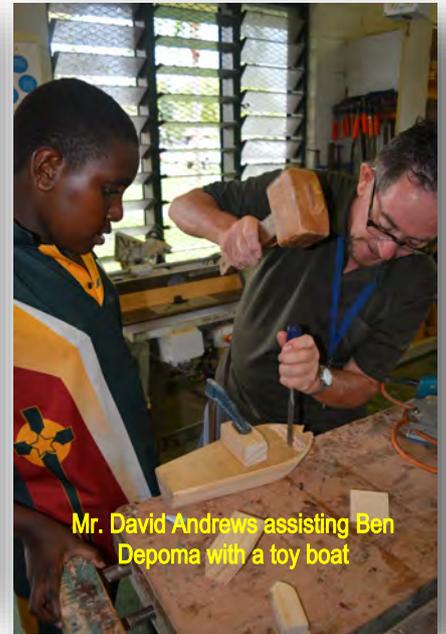
Mr. Turagabeci said he plans to visit Fiji in the June school holidays, just in time for the container to arrive.—*Article by Megan*

Groundwater for the Herbert River Express





Mr. Ben Turagabed in his traditional Fijian Chiefly attire in Nabukadra Village beside the village church



Mr. David Andrews assisting Ben Depoma with a toy boat



Bryce Kebisu fitting a tyre to a wooden toy



Just a few toys completed for the children of Nabukadra Village



The only thing left of the Village church



Jayden Foote

SOCIAL

Two weeks ago the St. Teresa's College hosted a social for our Years 8 to 12 with the girls from St. Patrick's College, Townsville. It was one of the best socials we have had in recent times. The boys, under the direction of our SRC President, Fred McIlvray, set up the hall, with lighting, decoration and sound system. The Wi, always popular, and a good ice-breaker, went very well with a variety of boys and girls getting up to dance to the direction of the video. The boy winner for the evening was Soren Pryor, and the best costume on the night went to Mark Rosendale. The boys chose the theme themselves for the evening: R&B. Mrs. T. set up a photo booth which was an enormous hit with the boys and girls. Thanks to all, most especially the boys, for a great job in preparing for the social and for the enjoyable night. Thanks also to the Residential staff involved in supervision and supper.





Kenneth Oakley, Terrence Nandy, Nibi Yasserie, William Dempsey, Gary Pearson, Darnell Donahue, Tim Yoren, Brayth McKeat



Jarvis Connolly-Neal, SRC President Frederick McGilvary, Doyle House Captain Ngithi Johnson, College Vice-Captain Mark Rosendale and Jessie Peters



Robert Baira, Buddie Baira, Wartoto Eremas, Charles Baira, Brian Baira, Philemon Baira, Peter Mene



Dylan Neal, Amelios Barry, Hector Ketchup, Liam Gibson—Kerr, Latrell James, Soren Pryor



'The Unknown' Gowrie Hip Hop Dance crew



College Captain, Nicholas Kiron and Doran House Captain, Wartoto Eremas with two friends from St Pats.



Yr. 11 and 12s in costume



Daniel Eka and Leigh Dakman



Ben Depoma, Norm Marou, Tyrese Passi



Jimmy Mestan, Sammy Bowenda, Peter Mene



David Esrom and sister



Kaia Songoa, Maali Yanner, Kaid-Yared Townson



Sammy Bowenda, Hector Ketchup, Maka James-Hankin, Dylan Neal, Malik Hunter, Joziah Arthur, Greg McInerney



Amelios Barry



Joziah Arthur, Steven Body, Hassan Seckington



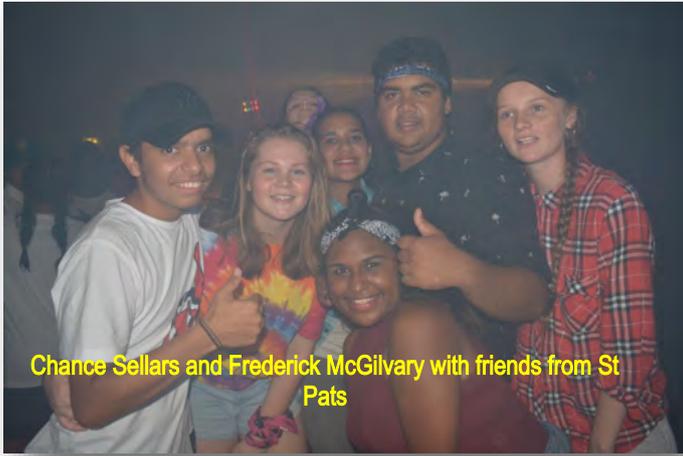
Elcho Island students, Phillip Matasia (front), Nathaniel Garrawurra, Nathan Garrawurra, Jeremiah Warrkariny



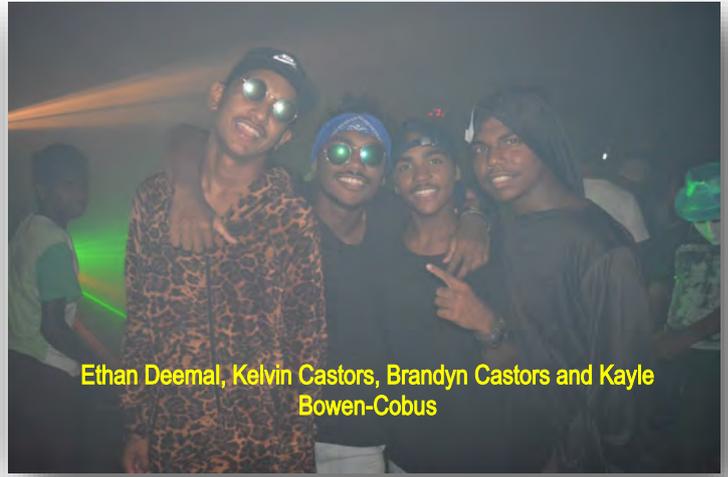
Edmund Atkinson, Zach Harris-Mundraby



St Pats student, Nilbi Yasserie, Xavier 'Biebs' Sibley, Brayth McKean



Chance Sellars and Frederick McGilvary with friends from St Pats



Ethan Deemal, Kelvin Castors, Brandyn Castors and Kayle Bowen-Cobus



Damian Mulligan, Cyrus James—Hankin



Brothers, Nasonah and Tariq Ase





Ryan Nona and Paul Getawan



Mata Au, Brian Baira, Harry Pitt- Pilot, Philemon Baira



Costume winners, Mark Rosendale & Colleen Depoma



Tyson Stafford and Edmund Atkinson



Preston Baldwin and James Dunstan



Soren Pryor and Cyrus James--Hankin

Achievements



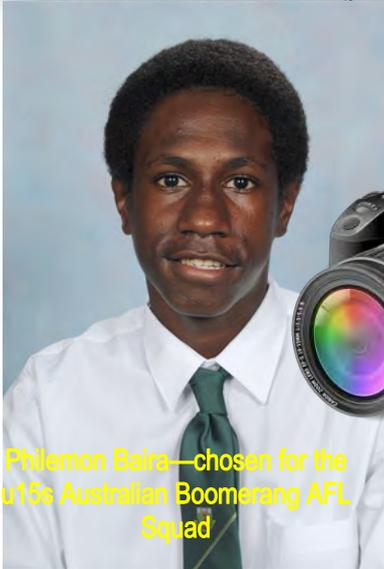
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TO THE
GOWRIE BOYS

FOR THE
2016 QUEENSLAND MUSIC AWARDS

NOMINATED FOR
SONG OF THE YEAR - SCHOOL
SONG OF THE YEAR - REGIONAL



Junior Debating Champions



Philemon Baira—chosen for the
u15s Australian Boomerang AFL
Squad



Damian Mulligan—1 of 6
people in QLD
chosen to at-
tend a Film TV
workshop on the



Senior 1sts Champions
of Columba Shield 2016

Out & About



Rob Dau, Tim Yoren and Sebasio Lui



Yr. 7 student Tyrone Mundry



Maia Au, Norm Marou, Thomas Pensio, Bevan Pilot, Dylan Neal



New Yr. 8 student Steven Body accompanied by his sister, mother, Lynda Mawson and father, Gowrie Old boy Steven Body from Mt Isa

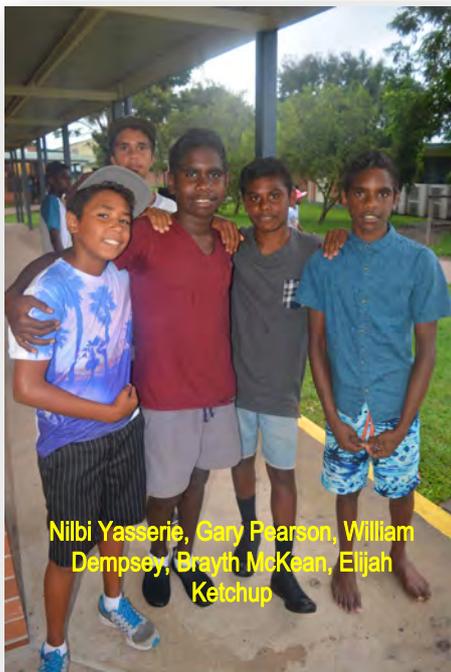


Ethan Deemal and Frederick McGilvary join Kelvin Shorey—Collins in the Wii Challenge



Bryce Kebisu, Bryce Baira, Brian Baira

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Nilbi Yasserie, Gary Pearson, William Dempsey, Brayth McKean, Elijah Ketchup



Soren Pryor and Chance Sellars



Richard Kaitap and Ezekiel Peter



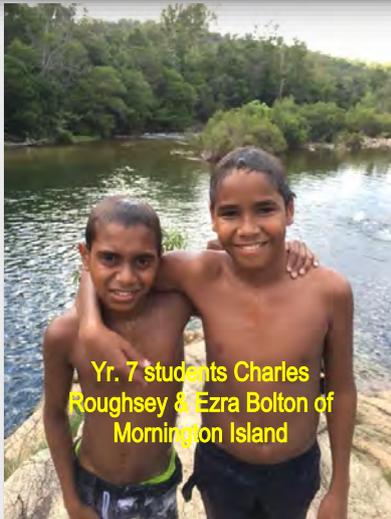
New Yr. 7 students Glen Gagai with mother, Maura Gagai and Serba Tabai with mother, Norah Moses



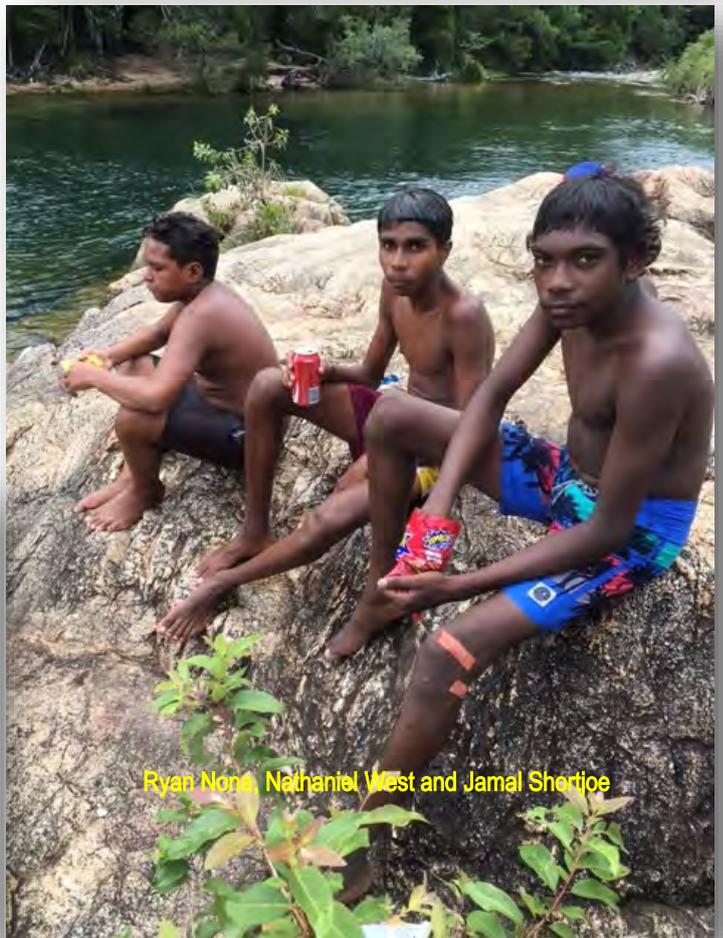
Yr. 11 students



Brandyn Castors & Paul Getawan



Yr. 7 students Charles Roughsey & Ezra Bolton of Mornington Island



Ryan Nona, Nathaniel West and Jamal Sherdjo

