

# SHALOM NEWS

Term 2 Week 11

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## From the Principal

What a great term we have had! We have had activities such as a boarding trip to Mungalla Station with an overnight camp. Matty Bowen presented jerseys to our senior rugby players who attended the Confraternity Rugby League Carnival in Rockhampton during the first week of the holidays.

The girls' sports camp was held at Magnetic Island, with students wanting to stay longer! The AFL Schools Cup, where Shalom were crowned triple champions, as well as interschool basketball, soccer and netball competitions.

There was the trip to the Barunga Festival, giving students an opportunity to display their culture and dance.

The primary school ukulele group performed at the Palm Creek Folk Festival, which you can read about in more detail over the page. An excitingly, the preparation courses

for students that are interested in going on to further education and study at university.

To communities which are hosting shows over the coming weeks and holidays, we hope that you and your community have a great time.

Kind regards,  
Chris England



## Important Dates

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – ABSTUDY Return to School Travel Day**

21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July – Shalom stall at Darwin Show

25<sup>th</sup> July – Peppimenarti community visit

27<sup>th</sup> July – Numbulwar community visit

30-31<sup>st</sup> August – QCS Test

**15<sup>th</sup> September – ABSTUDY Return to Community Travel Day**

## FAST FACTS

10%

The drop in smoking rates of Indigenous people between 2002-2012! Too deadly!

100,000

The amount of times your heart beats every day. Not only that, but your blood flows through 96,560 kilometers of veins, capillaries and arteries.

**Didjuda Yallorin**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, our primary ukulele group Shalom Didjuda Yallorin performed at the closing concert of Palm Creek Folk Festival. They arrived in time for a quick rehearsal with the ukestra (a method of playing where songs are broken into parts and when played all together it is an orchestra of ukuleles), which had been rehearsing on the Saturday and Sunday. Our students only knew one of the songs, but Mark and Jane from Newcastle who were running the orchestra decided to teach them the second song in half an hour even though everyone else had a whole weekend of practice.

The concert opened with just our group on stage where they played and sang Bura Fera, a traditional gospel song translated into the Yorta Yorta language of the Aboriginal tribes of northeast Melbourne and made famous by the Sapphires movie. They got a standing ovation with lots of clapping and cheering.

After that they were joined by the ukestra and a few members of the choir where we all played Vance Joy's Fire and the Flood and Norwegian Wood by the Beatles. Our students did a spectacular job

with both songs and looked amazing up on the stage with the lights on against the painted back drops.

Afterwards we had lots of people coming up and congratulating the kids individually. Mark from the ukestra had tears in his eyes because it was so spectacular and Jane said that working with our kids was her favourite part of the festival.

I'm so proud of all their hard work and effort. Please feel free to congratulate them if you see them. A special shout out to Miss Thomson and Miss Viv who came down with the students on the Monday, to Aunty Cecily for driving them; and to the kitchen for their lunch and all the other people that worked behind the scenes to make it happen.

Check out Shalom Didjuda Yallorin on the front cover!

Miss Rita - Librarian

**Triple AFL Champions**

Shalom was crowned the Townsville AFLQ Cup Champions in the Under 15 girls, Senior Girls, and Senior Boys competitions.



If the boys and girls win their next game, at the Regional Championships being held in Townsville during Term 3, the teams will be travelling to Brisbane for the State Championships! Exciting times ahead for Shalom AFL players!

**Barunga Festival**

Over the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend, a group of 20 students with Aunty Jennifer, Aunty Sandra, Uncle Tom, Miss Merwez and Aunty Faye travelled to the Barunga Festival.



Our students proudly performed gospel dances, Torres Strait Islander traditional dance, Yolngu bungul and our very own 'Shalom Funny Dancers' wowed the crowd with some members of the renowned Djuki Mala!

**SWPBS**

Shalom continues to use School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support framework to help support our young people to be the best they can be!

During Term 2, the team has assisted supporting the Year 12 Leadership meetings which now occur every week on Tuesday, giving the senior students a voice to help improve our school.

The team has also organised, through the senior leaders, diaries for students in Year 11 and Year 12 for the second half of 2016. If the program is successful, the school will look at implementing diaries more widely across the school.

Lastly, the SWPBS group is organising 'post-cards' that can keep family and community up to date with all the deadly things their young people at Shalom are up to!

## Work Experience

Term 2 was a busy one for Mr. Harvey and his crew of senior students.

Kayla Buie (Yr11) and Fred Asiba-Dau (Yr11) attended work experience at the Sealink Ferry Terminal which services Magnetic Island and Palm Island.

Kayla had the opportunity to work both at the Townsville and Magnetic Island terminal offices, while Fred worked on the boats, making a return trip to Palm Island and 3 return trips to Magnetic Island.

They both loved the experience and if the opportunity comes up, would love to go again.

## Schoolboys State Championships - AFL

Leslie Phillips-Bangarr (Yr10) was chosen in the North Queensland Under 15 Schoolboys AFL team to play at the State Championships in Brisbane at the end of May.

Leslie was billeted with one of the local Townsville families, who also travelled down. The NQ team played against both rural and metro teams, and did exceptionally well.



Leslie had a very good carnival personally, and came very close to selection in the Queensland Country representative team.

## Interschool Sport

During Term 2, Shalom fielded teams in the Townsville region school sport competition. Basketball, netball and soccer were well represented, with Shalom coming away with a number of hard-earned wins.



Mr. Ryan, who coordinated the basketball team, said of Kevin Toby (Yr11) and Fred Asiba (Yr11) who took leadership roles within the team, 'Kev and Fred showed great leadership. They inspired the younger students.'

Mr. Jonny, who coordinated the soccer team, was equally impressed, noting the varied make-up of the team, both day and boarding students, made their success this term all the better!



Uncle Tom David, who worked together with Mr. Jonny as co-coach, noted the great spirit of the team this year, we played in a great spirit, supported each other, and showed how this school is.

'We are all about respecting everyone. Giving 100% commitment, and playing within the rules of the game.'

The open netball team, coached by Miss Tegan, Miss Di and Miss Melissa, had an impressive season. The girls came away with 4 wins out of 6 matches!

## Mungalla Station camping trip

It being an 11 week term, boarders had the opportunity to spend a long-weekend at Mungalla Station, near Ingham, north of Townsville.

The boys and girls got to spend 2 days at the station, taking part in tonnes of different activities.



The boys, ever ready for a photo!



The girls had an opportunity to work with some of the horses on the station.

While they were there, our boarders got the chance to check out some of the surrounds of the station, as well as having a boomerang-throwing competition.



Checking out some of the old farm equipment



The boomerang-throwing competition kicks off!

### AFL - Uni Hawks Indigenous Round and *Islah Sparkles* Round

Shalom and the University Hawks AFC has continued to strengthen its relationship during Term 2.

AFL Townsville's Indigenous Round was yet again an opportunity for Shalom and the Hawks to collaborate, with all boarders

attending the game day with a record 5 Shalom senior boys playing in the reserve grade team.



Still wearing the jerseys designed by a past Shalom student for Indigenous Round, we celebrated the contribution that Indigenous players have and continue to make to the game of AFL. Special congratulations to the following boys who played in the Hawks reserve grade side: Gordon Garawirtja (Yr13), Curtis Parry (Yr13), Keenan Bird (Yr11), Lazarus Edwards (Yr12) and Elliot Clarke (Yr11).

Shalom also celebrated the special 'Islah Sparkles' round with the Uni Hawks, in support of a family member of the club being diagnosed with the neuro-degenerative disorder Tay-Sachs Disease. It is fantastic that the young men and women of Shalom are able to be associated with such a family-orientated club.

Congratulations to all junior and senior students involved in AFL this term with University Hawks.

### Community Visits coming up

Keep an eye out for Jodi and her trusty team of staff who may be heading to a community near you soon!

Shalom will have a stall at the Royal Darwin Show, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Shalom will be visiting Peppimenarti community on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Shalom will be visiting Numbuar community on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July.



### Indigenous Paramedic Team visit

On the 26<sup>th</sup> May, the Queensland Ambulance Service visited Shalom, presenting to senior students involved in the Indigenous Health program.

The Indigenous Paramedics team completed skill sessions with our Cert II Aboriginal and Torres Strait Primary Health Care students, giving hands on experience for our aspiring health students.



After the skill session, the QAS team presented a 'docu-drama', a fake emergency, which our senior students had to assist with decision making based on their skills as first aiders and IHW students.

The senior students involved loved the realistic docu-drama, motivating many to continue pursuing a career in health.

Check out a few of the photos – don't worry it is all fake!



### Sports Academy Camp

The annual Sports Academy Camp was held at Magnetic Island this term, as both an opportunity to grow positive relationships between students, and as a great way to reward students on the great work they have been doing so far this term.



The girls took part in activities including orienteering, team building challenges, canoeing, tubing,



Living dangerously on the canoes!



Team walk at Magnetic Island



Tubing



Lawn Bowls at Magnetic Island

### Cowboys Program

The Cowboys Unity Program has continued to go from strength-to-strength this term. Our young men and women have been representing Shalom and their communities proudly in Townsville this term.



They continue to work towards a Certificate II in Sport and Recreation, a program which instills leadership, self-confidence and a readiness to enter the workforce.



The students have assisted local schools, as well as wider afield to Charters Towers, with NAIDOC celebrations, amongst other activities completed in Term 2.

We look forward to hearing more exciting news from the Cowboys Unity Program in Term 3.

### Delma kicking more goals!

Delma Gisu (2014) is continuing to achieve great things in the world of Women's AFL.

Delma has been involved in a number of exhibition games this term, playing at the highest level of Women's AFL for GC Suns in the Suns vs Brisbane Lions game during May, and also playing for Brisbane Lions in their game against Melbourne Demons.

Delma is hoping to put herself in a strong position to join the Women's AFL league which will be beginning next year.

We wish Delma all the best and look forward to seeing her as front-page news soon!

### Tertiary Prep Course

Mr. Chambers has begun an offering of a Tertiary Preparation Course during Term 3, 2016.

The goal of this course is to better prepare the young men and women of Shalom who are interested in going to university to complete further study.

Run through the University of Sunshine Coast, it will be a great opportunity for our young people at Shalom to improve their academic reading and writing skills, and more generally, make a transition to university easier.

Shalom looks forward to seeing this program grow in coming years.

### Kiann's off to Sydney

Kiann Walsh (Yr12) has travelled to Sydney for the University of Sydney Wingara Mura - Bunga Barrabugu Winter Program.



Whilst a long name, the program can best be described as a follow on to the Summer Program which Kiann and a number of other senior students attended.

She has the opportunity to meet other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teens who aspire to study through the University of Sydney, and further prepare herself to tackle university next year.

Check out the next edition of the newsletter for an interview with Kiann!

### Shalom News Blog

Mr Jonny (PC teacher for Lit Men class) has started the 'Shalom News Blog'.

Check it out at

<https://shalomnewsblog.wordpress.com/>

### Confraternity Carnival 2016

Shalom Christian College travelled to Rockhampton during the first week of the Term 2 holidays to participate for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in the Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Rugby League Confraternity Carnival.

The carnival is renowned as the best schoolboy's rugby carnival in the country, if not the best amongst rugby playing nations around the world.

Whilst in the past, Shalom has fielded a team on its own, this year, as described in earlier newsletters; Shalom has joined with St Anthony's Catholic College to participate at the 2016 Carnival.

The 2016 Carnival was the most successful by Shalom to date. Coming 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 3<sup>rd</sup> division, and 35<sup>th</sup> overall, is a huge achievement when compared to the significantly larger schools competing both in our division and above.

Check out over the page for some photos from the week. We are already looking forward to the 2017 Carnival, to be held at Padua College, Brisbane.

Special mention to the award winners of the 2016 Confraternity Carnival:

Best and Fairest: John Tom (Yr13)

Spirit Award: Stewart Smith (Yr12)

Player's Player: Kyle McCarthy (SACC)

Again, huge congratulations to all that made the Confraternity Week a success, it is a fantastic opportunity, and we look forward to speaking with the Year 10s interested in being involved in the Rugby League Program for next year.



The staff: Melissa Sotheren, Katrina Booth, Tom Hughes, Steve Lansley, Harley Foley and Bree Dennis



Before the start of our first game, against St Augustine



The team after the final game against Mt Maria College



The 'Selfie King' at it again!



Stewart Smith, winner of the Spirit Award



John Tom, winner of the Best and Fairest Award



Winners are grinners after the final game against Mt Maria College

# Keep Supporting Our School

Supporting us can look like:

- Ask your young person “did they do your best at school today?”
- Ask your young person “What was your favourite class today? Why?”
- Ask your young person “What’s your favourite thing at Shalom?”
- Ask your young person “Who do you go to see if you’re worried or upset?”

Shalom would love to hear from families how their young people are doing at Shalom.

Sometimes they might feel shame or embarrassed to talk about these things with us-they might be a new student and not know staff very well.

Call and have a talk with one of our PC teachers or Health and Wellbeing Team



Miss Di Yr 7/8



Miss Mary Yr 9/10



Miss Allison CC



Miss Lorraine OC



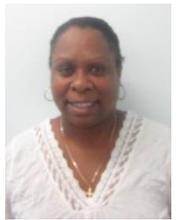
Miss Tegan Yr 11



Mr Ryan Yr 12



Miss Sharyn Yr 12



Miss Merwez Lit Women



Mr Jonny Lit Men



Mr Neil Yr 13



Mr Chambers



Miss Sue



Mr Harvey



Mr Naresh



Aunty Jenny – Liaison Officer



Uncle Tom – Liaison Officer



Miss Christine – Nurse



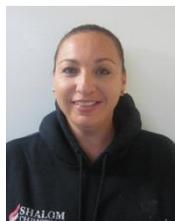
Aunty Sandra – Liaison Officer



Miss Leesha – Counselling Programs



Mr Burgess – Head of Sports Academy



Miss Melissa – Head of Sport



Miss Sandy – Deputy Principal



Mr Bruce – Liaison Officer



Mr Joe – Head of Secondary

## Want to send your family to Shalom?

Give our Registrar, Jodi McLean, a call to talk about what Shalom can do to help your young person



Changed your sim card? Call Aunty Kylie or Aunty Fiona and let Shalom know your new number!

