

"We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

"Ga lakaram napurr njuli marrtji njunhi God-Wañarrwalnydja Bäpa'mirriñuwalnydja limurrungalañuwal märr-nhirrpanminyawuynydja nhumalanj, ga djämapuynydja nhumalangun manymakpuynydja, ga ñayañu-gatjpu'yunawuynydja nhumalanj njunhi nhumany dhu bäñgun djawaryun ga gulyun njula gandarrñurnydja nhanukalnydja Garraywalnydja limurrungalañuwal." (1 Dhatjalunikalil Dhäwu 1: 3)



Gäwa news

Sept 2011

Welcome to the September edition of the Gäwa news.

This month we celebrate the amazing achievements that take place in our classrooms every day. Children are working hard and are dedicated to their studies and eager to learn. We are so proud of the progress that students are making. It is clear that coming to school every day is a must and students that continually show up to classes are excelling. Well done to all the students who are doing so well and a big thank you to the teachers who encourage, love and stretch these kids every day. You continue to amaze us all with your faithfulness. God Bless.



Lara Hvala

Mayawa News

This term, Mayawa class have been working on writing their own stories modelled on the A.L text 'Meg at Sea. They have been writing in both English and Yolñu Matha. The Yolñu Matha text 'Bañadi ga Balanda Marrtji Dhawadalil' is about two people and a butterfly who get stuck in a canoe without paddles. They brave crocodiles, weather and hunger to eventually build their own sail boat and sail home. The kids put in many long hard hours working on both the story line and the pictures. Well done!



Jess Whitby

Prayer & Praise

Thank you, Lord for the wonderful students at Gäwa, and a special thank you, for those students who have chosen to live in Gäwa even when their families are in Galiwin'ku or other places. Praise you Lord for the wonderful resources that have been given to this school and the great joy they have given the students! Thank you for all the wonderful givers.

Lord, I ask for your blessing upon the staff at Gäwa for all the extra things they do beyond the role of their assigned tasks and ask that the parents and members of this community would rejoice in the quality of Education provided through such dedication. Amen

Grace Cumming

Sports Day Blurb?

Sports Day



Kenya



To celebrate a term of learning and exploring Kenya, Gawa Christian School put on one of our famous 'community dinners' with an African twist. The night began with children and adults alike getting painted up with ochre and clay, using traditional templates. We covered our hair with mud and used the white, red and yellow clay we found around Elcho Island.

A fire was built and root vegetables were cooked, whilst in the kitchen Mark was cooking up a storm with traditional African chicken and beef dishes served with ugali. After our bellies were full and our feet were tired from dancing, we headed to the library to watch some videos from the term that has been, as well as some African dance movies. The night ended on a high, with some wonderful African inspired drum compositions around the camp fire. It was another joyous night of fun!

Jess Whitby

Merit Awards

Lara's award: Gapala (For amazing effort everyday)

Jess's award: Ethan (Showing maturity in class and being a good role model)

Grace's award: Maymayju (For great progress in reading and improved participation in class activities)

Basma's award: Katinka (For great listening and participating in class)

Sal's Award: Ngaraka (For improved watching and listening and awesome drawing)



Ngaraka receiving award from Sal

Creative Writing

Damala students have enjoyed working through the process of compiling their own book based on Morris Lurie's literary style. (Author of "The Twenty Seventh Annual African Hippopotamus Race")

They keenly studied the appearance, movements and behaviour of lions as they researched information to describe their main character Fierce Simba, and then painted beautiful African hues as a background for their illustrations.

Here are some excerpts showing their fantastic adjectives –

There came into view travelling slow, a low, tough, dirty, green safari jeep, with an open roof and behind the steering wheel sat a proud lion.

He was the strongest lion Zeba had ever seen, almost orange in colour, with sharp pointy teeth fixed in scary snarl.

"I'm the Fierce Simba!" thought the brave, orange, lion, stalking through the grassland, creeping up to the waterhole.

I think Morris would be very proud, I know I am!

Grace Cumming



Student Profile

Name: Lolu Munyarryun

Age: 6

Homeland:

Ban'Thula

Bäpurru/ Clan:

Wangurri

Moiety: Yirritja

Mälk/ Skin

name: Bulany



What I like to do

in class: Learning about the book 'Meg at Sea'. I like the owl.

What I like to do at playtime: Play on the tyre swing

Favourite food: Bananas

What I don't like to eat: Hot chips

What I want to be when I grow up:

Truck Driver

New Tyre Swing

Mark Article?



Hannah and Gapala enjoying new tyre swing

