

I praise you because of the wonderful way that you have created me. Everything you do is marvellous, of this I have no doubt.

Psalm 139 v 14

Narra bukugurrupan nhunan bili nhungu manymakgu dhukarrwuy n̄unhi nhe djäma n̄arran. Bukmak nhe djama manymakguṇal, n̄unhi dhiyak n̄arra yaka dhu märr'yulthun.



Gäwa news

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From the Principal...

As I sit gathering my thoughts, the children of Damala class are painting a large banner which reads "I praise you because you made me in such a wonderful way. Psalm 139:14a". This term we are exploring the truth that not only has God made us wonderfully, but that He loves us as a father loves his own child. There is nowhere I can run to hide from Him and no place where He is not present. His hand holds tightly on to me, even in the darkest place!

We have been richly blessed this term as we welcome two new interstate families to our Gäwa team, along with a wonderful new aide from our community. We are very thankful for God's perfect timing and His ongoing provision for us in Gäwa.

Please continue to pray for our new team as we partner together with the community to serve in this special place.

Karen Fletcher



What an amazing start to 2014. During the first month we have spent much of our time learning about God's creation. With the help of author Alison Lester we looked at



many places around Australia, including pretending to be tourists on Elcho Island. While touring Gäwa we observed the patterns God made in his creation and then made our own incredible patterns during art. Hosting our first assembly was a highlight, singing and learning of God's love and how to share love with others. This was the beginning of learning about the Fruit of the Spirit and our class is working hard at reflecting love, joy and peace. By Sue

Mayawa News

Damala News

It has been a great joy getting to know the students in Damala class with all their different personalities! This term we are looking at Psalm 139 and have been seeing how God has made us special, knows us completely and loves us unconditionally. In history, we are using the book 'My Place' by Nadia Wheatley. The students have been adding to a big timeline in class and we had a guest speaker come in to speak about local history as well. We saw pictures of Galiwin'ku in the 1970's on Flickr, and Damala students loved seeing places they know and looking at how they've changed - the shorts are much longer for one thing! We've also been reading and writing narratives and the students are all showing such creativity in their stories. By Christa



Gäwa is now in 'Midawarr' season—the fruiting season. We have all been enjoying the bounty of bush food, particularly 'nyik'-bush currants. Yum!



New Staff this Year



Stuart & Christa Forsyth and their daughters Emily (on left, 4 yrs) and Lilly (middle, 6 yrs). Christa is our Damala Class teacher and Stuart is running the new Gäwa Shop.



Geoff & Sue David with their son, Thomas (14yrs). Sue is our Mayawa Class teacher and Geoff is assisting with Health and Sport.



Guyathani & Dennis Garrawurra with their daughter Marcia (4 yrs). Guyathani is the Teacher's Aide in the Mayawa class. She grew up in Gäwa and attended school here in the early days!



School Assembly...

On Friday's we have commenced community reading time. We've enjoyed seeing all the students working together with older students reading to younger students, and younger students reading to older students! Each week, students from one class lead the Assembly time which follows. It has been great to see the kids enjoy singing and dancing, celebrating events of the week, and watching skits as they learn about the Fruit of the Spirit.



Marngi'thirr Program

Once a week our older students split into boys and girls groups for our 'Marngi'thirr (Knowledge and Leadership) Program'.

The girls have been learning about nutrition and healthy and unhealthy food choices. We have also discussed what activities keep your body and mind healthy and even enjoyed a Pilates class (with lots of giggles!)

The boys have been busy serving around the school grounds and community. They cleaned up our school playground and installed a new trampoline mat, put a new shade up at the school kitchen and have been pruning and clearing spaces around the community.

This time each week gives us opportunity to share with the kids how God desires us to live, ways to serve others and grow up to be



We celebrated the grand opening of the Gäwa 'Lungurra Shop' this week. Students and community members gathered to watch the performance of the 'Lungurra' (North Wind) dance and make their first purchases. We are all very excited to partner together with the community to provide essential food items to residents living here in Gäwa and neighbouring homelands.

