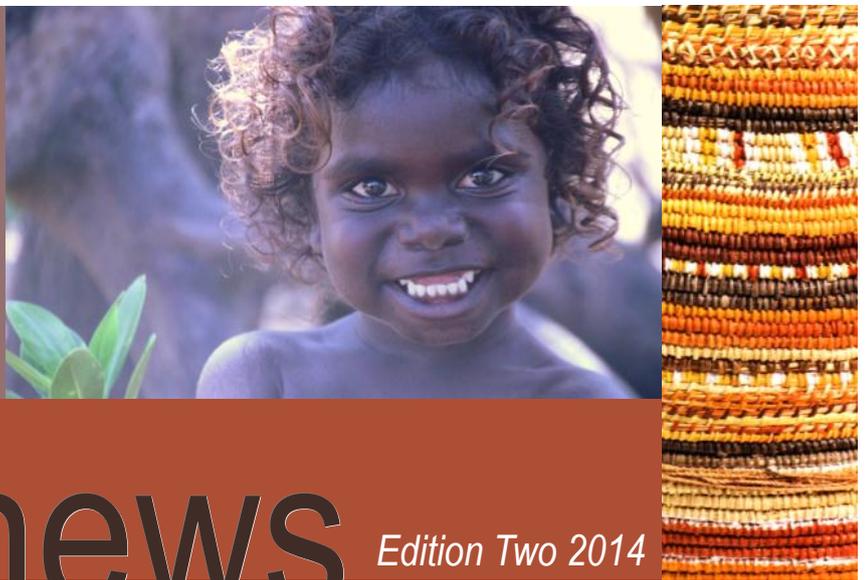


Ever since God created the world, his invisible qualities, both his eternal power and his divine nature, have been clearly seen; they are perceived in the things that God has made. So we are without excuse!

Romans 1:20



Gäwa news

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From the Principal...

We have been enjoying the wonders of God's creation here in Gäwa this term! Passing toward the end of the wet *Gupmul* season and on to the beginning of the drier *Midawarr* season, we have experienced the richness and diversity of God's imagination from beautiful lilies in the billabong to interesting reptiles, and even a near-miss cyclone! In Romans, we are reminded that our amazement and enjoyment of creation should cause us to reflect on the character of our sovereign God, and compel us to honour Him and be thankful for His mercy and grace. It is a privilege to live and work in a place where God's provision is so evident!

Please be encouraged as you read our newsletter of the many ways we continued to be blessed. Together in partnership with our community, we are learning from one another as we seek to Know and Learn the Truth.

Karen Fletcher



Mayawa News

What a blessing Term One has been in Mayawa class. Our classroom has become a place where we are teaching each other. We have laughed together, played together and cried together. We have learnt much about how 'God Loves Us' and how we are special to him. Our classroom has seen a change of heart through learning the Fruits of the Spirit. We have celebrated love, joy and peace and are working hard on gentleness and self-control. Our term ended with a greater understanding of family and where we



have come from. Each fortnight our class has the pleasure of leading assembly. With great reluctance to participate in our first assembly we have built in confidence to perform 3 dances and 3 small dramas at our final assembly for the term. We praise God for the gifts and talents he has given each of the students in Mayawa class.

By Sue

Damala News

Damala students have been working hard on writing narratives about hunting, fishing and gathering bush tucker. They typed up their stories on iPads to make ebooks, and worked with Sal to make excellent illustrations using layers of paper. When



their books were complete, they were printed and bound. We had a book launch on the last day of term and we were very excited that many people from both homelands came to the book launch! We enjoyed some refreshments while students read their stories to their friends and family, and a few brave students allowed their ebooks to be read while displaying them on the big screen. Many community members stayed to watch the last assembly which was a wonderful way to end the term!

By Christa





Picnic Day

Picnic Day for Term 1 was a beautiful sunny day at Ban'thula beach, 30 minutes drive from Gäwa Homeland. Our time was spent swimming, playing cricket and frisbee, as well as some fishing for Barramundi by the older boys. Picnic Day is always a great time of enjoying God's creation and this beautiful place he has put us in for this time; as well as community sharing and having fun together.

By Steve



Only those who look with the eyes of children can lose themselves in the object of their wonder.
Eberhard Arnold



Our world is filled with the creativity of it's Maker. Take a close look at the veins in a leaf, the patterns in coral or on a shell, the beauty in a tiny flower or the intricacy of a spider's web. We have been inspired by nature this term in our art classes as we have looked closely at the beauty of the beach and the bush. Everything we see around us shouts His praise!

By Salome

Learning Together



Building new Teaching Teams has been a focus of our staff professional development this term. We are focusing on learning, planning, teaching and praying together as we workshop our Literacy and Yolju Matha programs with wonderful support from NT Christian Schools staff.

There have been lots of laughs as the *balanda* staff have become the learners in order to refine our Yolju Matha skills with our very patient Yolju brothers and sisters!

Mathiwuy testing staff with Yolju Matha flashcards



Kinder News

We have lots of children in Kinder this year. They are learning to write, learning colours and counting in Yolju Matha. They are also learning the parts of their bodies in language and we sing songs in Yolju Matha. We get the children ready for school, make their brains ready for Mayawa class. It is important for children to learn to concentrate on their work— then when they go to Mayawa class they can continue to learn lots of other things. We teach them things they need to know as they grow up.

By Daphne Gawutjurrwuy

