

There is one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all and in all.

Ga wanganydhi yan njunhi God-Wanarnydja, Bäpany njayi njunhi limurruj bukmaaku yan, barrkuwatjku bäpurruwnydja, ga njurruuny njayi njunhi bukmaaku yan yoljuwnydja walalan; djämany njayi njuli ga dhuwal bukmaakalanuwurri yan, ga nhinany njayi njuli ga bukmaakal yan.

Ephesians 4:6



# Gäwa news

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As we focus this term on living under the Lordship of Christ, we have been thinking about what the scriptures have to say about community and partnership. It is in every way about relationship with both God, and with one another. In fact, our relationship with our heavenly father shapes and informs our relationships with one another. There is a lovely term in yolju matha which encapsulates this idea - *gumurrkunhamirr*. In part, this is

describing the way that we need to come with an open heart to one another in order to find our way together. This is the type of partnership that we find ourselves engaged in here in Gäwa as we share our lives together. God continues to do amazing things in us and through us as we partner together to serve Him in this very special place.

Karen Fletcher



## Gäwa Sports Day...

The 2014 Gäwa Sports Day was awesome. Teams competed as either the 'Blue' team or the 'Red' team. Our first and possibly most important activity of the day was body painting. Some were a little shy while others really embraced the concept of painting their entire body.

The morning session of events saw a round robin competition. The seven events were driving a golf ball as far as you could, throwing a tennis ball at a series of tin cans, putting a golf ball, high jump, javelin, AFL goal kicking and long jump. Many of our students displayed quite an amount of skill in some of these activities.

After a well-earned morning tea break it was time to hit the track. When I say 'track' I mean sand. Students and adults competed against each other in very tense and exciting egg and spoon races as well as sack and three-legged races.

Our sports day then headed to the more traditional running races over 50m and 100m. The day concluded with a sausage sizzle for lunch before the weary competitors made their way home for a well-earned rest.

Can't wait until next year to do it all again!

Geoff



## Damala News

This term we have begun to learn about *gapu* (water) and how it is a necessity, a resource and a force that shapes the world. We have also been looking at how the water erodes the earth, creating different landforms. We are amazed how God created the world to be always different, new every morning. We will be looking at a special traditional song about the freshwater's destiny to meet the saltwater. This story teaches us also about unity - the coming together of different water is like the coming together of different people.

## Dharrwar Excursion

During week 3, Damala class went to Dharrwar. This beach is about a 30 minute drive from Gäwa and is home to many landforms caused by erosion. We started the day by building a house out of blocks on the sand and on a rock. This illustrated the parable of *The wise man and the foolish man*. We talked about Christ as the rock on which we must build our lives so that the things of this world don't erode our foundation. We looked for examples of erosion and found some in sand, rock formations, cliffs and a sea cave. After a refreshing morning tea we played some games by building sand mountains and then eroding them, or stopping them from eroding, using ground cover. It was great to be out of the classroom learning about erosion in a fun, hands-on way.

Christa & Mäthiwuy



## Gäwa Garden

This term we have signed up to the Edugrow Program for schools in the NT. Our school garden is well underway and is starting to grow all sorts of vegetables including pumpkin, tomatoes, paw paw and cucumber just to name a few. Each morning, we have 2 students from Mayawa class come and help out by watering and planting. At the moment we are planting in pots due to the poor soil conditions here (sand!). We are hoping to improve this over time and plant various vegetation that will work in these conditions. Watch this space....

Stuart



## Mayawa Class

This term Mayawa class has been learning more about living in God's world. We are learning about how to use the armour of God to protect us each day. We are growing in confidence to pray to *Garray* saying thank you for the world we live in, that he is number one and to be thankful for the food he gives us. In our travels around the world we are learning how God cares for all of us no matter where we live. He loves us and looks after us.

Sue



## Bush Medicine Soap

During our 'Miyalk Marngithirr' (*Girl's Knowledge*) Program, we made our own soap which contains traditional bush medicine used for the treatment of skin infections. When our soap was cured, we had a little marketing lesson and the girls all packaged their own handmade bars. Our 'Mapudumun' soap is already a bit hit with our customers!

Salome



## Art in the Northern Territory

In our weekly art classes we have been travelling the Northern Territory looking at the work of different Indigenous artists. We have been inspired by the bark paintings from Tiwi Islands and the work of artist Mitjili Napurrula from Papunya. We also looked at soft sculptures from Yarrenyty Arltère, Alice Springs. Students learnt a few basic stitches and then constructed their own bird designs from felt. We will continue to look at the exciting and varying work of artists living in our Territory.

Salome

